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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education: self-taught;

Activities: sculptor, stage designer, interior designer.

BIOGRAPHY

Erika Calesini was born in Morciano di Romagna (Rn) and she has always lived in San Giovanni in Marignano (Rn). She acquires her fanciful artistic ambitions when she was still a child, following her father while he was working as a smith, and immediately she becomes aware that art is her way in life. She enrolls in a School of Art and Fashion named "F. Mengaroni", in Pesaro and she specializes in 'fashion', at the "Secoli Institute", in Bologna. After having reached enough experience as a 'fashion designer', thanks to the cooperation with very important companies, she has been devoting to the activity of 'sculptor', since the year 2005. She participates and organizes both personal and collective exhibitions, in galleries, museums, private and public spaces. The result of her art derives from a deep love for 'things'. She does not consider things as they are, but like real souls. During these years, she has been very often to Milan, Rome e Barcelona, to keep up to date on the international artistic panorama. She has been invited to many art exhibitions and she received countless confirmations on her doings. Erika is famous as an artist in the show business, too. It is not rare to find one of her works of art in the house of actors or celebrities. Her art has appeared in the most popular newspapers, such as: "Il Corriere della Sera", "La Repubblica", "Il Resto del Carlino", "Il Messaggero".

SCULPTURE

Her works of sculpture are characterized by the use of salvaged materials, such as: used inner tubes, old iron, used bicycles and more. Erika really likes to recover bicycles from the iron gathering centres, to press them and to make diverse sculptures, such as, canvas, lamps, pieces of furniture, etc. Each work made by the artist takes the form of something that has already lived, that has been already used, but that is not dead, yet. She contributes to give it a new life.

MAIN MONUMENTAL SCULPTURES

May, 2011

Event: Bici Day;

Location: Ara Pacis Museum – Roma;

Name of the work: "The Black Carpet Re-cycle";

This sculpture has been entirely made of recycled inner tubes; the same work has been exhibited at Casina Valadier, during the "Rassegna Internazionale di Scultura", in Rome, on May 24th, 2011.

June 4th – November 27th, 2011

54th International Art Exhibition, Biennale di Venezia, Italia Pavilion ;
Name of the work: Warrior;
The work is made of three bicycles, completely covered with inner tubes, leaning one upon the other, lightened by bulbs, on a carpet made of recycled inner tubes, too.

PERSONAL EXHIBITIONS

March-April, 2006
Location: Atelier Ida Studio, Venice;

March, 2007
Location: Villa Guadagnini, Castel San Pietro Terme (BO);

September 20th to 22nd, 2009
Event: "BI-CY-CLE";
Location: Sala dell'Imbarcadero, inside of the Castle of Ferrara;

December, 2009
Event: "Gente comune";
Location: Teatro Massari - San Giovanni in Marignano (Rn);

January 14th, 2010
Location: Club Wodka, via Dante, 14 – Milan;

March 19th to April 30th, 2010
Event: "Ma quando arrivano i ciclisti?"
Location: Galleria Oltredimore - Bologna;

October, 2010
Event: "La mente umana?"
Location: Centro Tam Metalli – Pietrarubbia (PU).

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

November 6th, 2008
Event: "Omaggio a De Chirico";
Location: Galleria "Ca' d'oro", Piazza di Spagna, 81 - Rome;

April 1st, 2009
Event: "Dal futurismo al contemporaneo";
Location: Quirinale - Rome;

May 4th to May 29th, 2009
Event: "Scomposizioni";
Location: Palazzo Torlonia, via Bocca di Leone, 78 - Rome;

June 4th, 2009
Event: "Arte e ambiente" from the G8, in Syracuse;
Location: Spazio "Porta Mazzini", piazza Montegrappa – Rome;

September 8th, 2009

Event: "Ritratti di famiglia";
Location: Galleria "Ca' d'oro", location Étoile - Rome;

November 30th, 2009
Event: "Omaggio a De Chirico";
Location: Sala della Promoteca – Rome;

December 16th to 17th, 2009
Event: "Re-event", interactive event on the renewable energetic resources. Sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Sea.
Location: Étoile - Rome;

February 11th to 14th, 2010
Event: "Art'ambiente Motecheco". Sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea;
Location: Trade Fair Rome;

February 26th to 27th, 2010
Collective exhibition on the subject of road safety. Sponsored by the Ministry of Transport, regione Lazio, City of Rome, Italian Motorcycle Federation.
Title of the work: "Passacolverde";
Location: Auditorium – Rome;

September, 2010
Title: "Bisogni";
Location: Nhow Hotel - Milan;

September, 2010
Title: "Camere d'aria";
Location: Galleria "Ca' d'oro" - Rome;

EXHIBITIONS

September, 2007
Event: MILANOVENDEMODA;
Location: Trade Fair Milan;

November, 2007
Event: Host Hotel;
Location: Trade Fair Milan;

January, 2008
Event: Mia;
Location: Trade Fair Rimini;

February, 2008
Event: Sia;
Location: Trade Fair Rimini;

April, 2008

Event: Salone del mobile;
Location: Trade Fair Milan;

June, 2008
Event: Spazio;
Location: Trade Fair Rimini

June – July, 2008
Event: ARKITEKTONICA;
Location: Trade Fair Turin;

September 18th to 22nd, 2008
Event: Biennale internazionale d'arte di Ferrara;
Location: Ferrara;

November 5th to 8th, 2008
Event: Ecomondo;
Location: Trade Fair Rimini;

November 13th to 16th, 2008
Event: AAM, "Affordable Art Fair Milan";
Location: via Tortona, 27 – Milan;

November 22nd to 25th, 2008
Manifestazione: Sia;
Location: Trade Fair Rimini;

March – April, 2009
Location: Hotel 4, viale Masini – Bologna;

March 6th to 8th, 2009 – March 13th to 15th, 2009
Event: Fiera del lusso;
Location: Trade Fair Vicenza;

April 19th to 24th, 2009
Event: ReStart – Responsibility, Respect the Planet, Recycled (sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment). Extraordinary and unusual exhibition of sculptures made by world famous artists. Fifty works have been made for the occasion;
Location: G8 Ambiente – Syracuse;

May 7th to October 7th, 2009
Event: "Communication";
Location: Nhow Hotel, via Tortona, 35 – Milan;

May 21st to 24th, 2009
Event: Ricicl'Art;
Location: Cosenza;

October 23rd to 26th, 2009
Event: Host Hotel;
Location: Trade Fair Milan;
December 3rd to 6th, 2009

Event: Luxury on the Lake;
Location: Cernobbio (Co);

March, 2010
Event: 7th International Art Fair;
Location: Bolzano;

March 26th to 28th, 2010
Event: AAM, "Affordable Art Fair Milan"
Location: via Monterosa, 91 – Milan;

April 27th, 2010
Event: Giornata della bicicletta;
Location: Tempio di Adriano – Rome;

May 9th, 2010
Event: Giornata della bicicletta (sponsored by the Ministry of Environment);
Installazione: "Monoblocco" e "bici-lampada";
Location: Piazza del Campidoglio – Rome;

May 9th, 2010
Event: Giornata della bicicletta (sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment);
Installazione: "Monoblocco" e "Passacolverde"
Location: Piazza Duomo – Syracuse;

August 27th to October 2nd, 2011
Event: "Biblia Pauperum", sacred art review organized by Professor Armando Ginesi and Don Vittorio Magnanelli;
Name of the work: Verba Vitae Aeternae
Location: Jesi (An);

September 4th, 2011
Event: Silenzio & assenzio – 2 atti (event organized by Luca Tommassini);
Location: G&B, v.le Mazzini, 18 – Flero (Bs).

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

January to May, 2010
"Omaggio Usa a De Chirico"

Campidoglio, American tour: Miami, New York, Los Angeles.

The exhibition crossed the ocean landing in the Usa. A prestigious tour in three stages organized under the aegis of the UN and in collaboration with the Foreign Ministry, the American seat of the Dante Alighieri Society in New York, and the Italian General Consulates in New York, Miami and Los Angeles.

January 18th, 2010
Event: "Omaggio a De Chirico";
Location: Saint Thomas High School – Miami;
February 15, 2010

Event: "Omaggio a De Chirico";
Location: New York University – New York;

April, 2010

Event: "Omaggio a De Chirico";
Location: Sculpture Foundation of Bergamot Station – Los Angeles;

December, 2010

Event: Drap Art;
Location: CCCB Barcellona (Barcelona Contemporary Culture Centre) – Barcelona.

SHOP FITTINGS AND WINDOWS

December, 2010 – January, 2011

The works of the artist have been displayed in the windows of the Pollini stores in the cities of Milan, Rome, Verona, Venice, Varese, through all 2010 – 2011 Yuletide.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Design of a room inside of the Hotel "Alexander Palace Museum", in Pesaro, called "Armoniosi pensieri". This room has been designed using salvaged materials, such as, iron, wood, rubber, which create a very relaxing and evocative atmosphere.

PIECES OF FURNITURE

Lamps:

Bicycle-lamp:

It is made of old bicycles endowed with an electric light system that function as real lamps.

Armchairs, chairs, tables:

Real pieces of furniture made using recycled tires.

PRIZES AND CONTESTS

December 11th, 2010

Winner of the first prize called "Sezione Arti", desirable international prize that has been presented to her in the above mentioned day at 5.30 pm, at the Auditorium of the Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Città del Vaticano, via Urbano VIII, 16 – Rome;

PRIZE-GIVINGS AND DONATIONS

July 11th, 2007

Prize in honour of the Honourable Tiziana Maiolo during the event “La bella estate di Milano”. Name of the work: “Donne”.

February, 2008

Donation of the work named “La vita umana e le sue realtà” to the Italian Celiac Association;

May 23rd, 2008

Prize-giving on the occasion of the centenary of the Italian Red Cross, in Forlì;

June 15th, 2008

Donation of three works to Luca Zingaretti, Franco Scaglia and Lesley Mc Intyre, during the public event “Hai visto mai?”, directed by Luca Zingaretti, on the occasion of the Festival of the documentary film.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Erika Calesini and the artist Philippe Pastor, from Monaco, presented their works in favour of the environment, during the worldwide initiative “Piantiamo per il pianeta” (The Plant for the Planet), included in the programme of the United Nations for the Environment Programme (UNEP), in collaboration with the Association “Art & Environnement”. “Piantiamo per il pianeta” is the UNEP campaign for a billion of trees addressed to a reforestation programme at an international level, to launch a high ecological message against the deforestation of the forests. The name of Erika's work is “Ricicletta”.

QUOTATIONS

Quotation about the artist on the book “Cinquant'anni attorno all'arte”, written by Armando Ginesi;

quotation about the artist on the book “Alexander Museum Palace Hotel”, published by Electa Mondadori.

TV PARTICIPATIONS

October, 2009 – 'Mattino Italia', Canale Italia, Rome;

November, 2009 – 'Mattino Italia', Canale Italia, Milan.

REVIEWS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND CRITIQUES

Il Corriere della Sera, Il Messaggero, L'Espresso, La Repubblica, La Voce, il Corriere di Bologna – Cronaca di Bologna, Panorama, Velvet la Repubblica, La Sicilia, il Giornale dell'Arte, Arte In, Ddn, Business People, Mete, Motosprint, Donna Moderna, Bravacasa, Olga & Oliver, Rimini Donna, Glow Magazine, Rimini In Magazine.

MAJOR ARTICLES ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Thursday, April 23rd, 2009

“Il Messaggero” - Rome

“Opere d'arte 'ambientaliste' a Siracusa;

Tuesday, May 5th, 2009

“Il Messaggero” - Rome

“Fragole e arte, com'è goloso il vernissage tutto al femminile”;

Saturday, July 18th, 2009

“Il Messaggero” - Rome

“Le biciclette di Erika Calesini”;

Sunday, September 20th, 2009

“La nuova Ferrara” - Ferrara

“Bici opere d'arte con Erika Calesini”;

Tuesday, December 1st, 2009

“Il Messaggero” - Rome;

“Omaggio Usa a De Chirico”;

Wednesday, April 28th, 2010

“Il Messaggero” - Rome

“L'arte tira la volata al 'Bici Day'”;

Saturday, December 4th, 2010

“La Voce di Romagna” - Santarcangelo di Romagna

“Oggi si accendono le luci con le sculture di recupero di 'Econatale'”;

Thursday, May 5th, 2011

Il “Corriere della sera” - Rome

“I cani, le bici e la festa sui Fori: 400 appassionati delle due ruote sbarcano a Roma”;