## **JON KRAJA**

Descending from a family of artists, inspired by his grand father Master Kole Shiroka and raised during the communist dictatorship in Albania, Jon Kraja, has developed an original and personal style, based on autodidact research, going beyond conformity. He produces powerful and surprising artworks preoccupied by the unknown and the mystery of lifeless objects.

#painting #installation# sculpture #stagedesign Education:

BA, Akademia e Arteve te Bukura, Tirana University, Albania Events:

2019 March 7, Vernissage, Agora Gallery,

New York USA (confirmed)

2018 June Opening Event Canova Prize NYC2018,

New York, USA

2018 June Vernissage, This is the End,

The Hague, NL

2018 May Vernissage, This is the End,

Strasbourg,FR

2018 April, Art Vancouver,

Contemporary Art FAIR,CA

2017 December, Award Gala of Albanian Excellence, elected in the 50 personalities of the year,

Tirana, AL.

2017 November, ArtFair

Thessaloniki International Contemporary Art , GR 2017 November, Second Prize, Contemporary Fossils concept,

Public Art Sculpture for Vlora Waterfront project, AL

2017 May Vernissage, Dreaming Home is elsewhere,

Mediterranea of Young Artists Biennial, Collateral event, Tirana AL

## **Exhibitions:**

2019 New York, USA – March 2-22, Vernissage on March 7, Collective Exhibition , Agora Gallery , 530 West 25th Street, New York,

2018 New York, USA From Seaside with Contemporary Fossils-Pop Art space, 393 Broadway, , Canova Prize NYC2018, (group exhibition)

2018 The Hague, Netherlands This is the end - Albanian Embassy Art Gallery (personal exhibition)

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2018 Strasbourg France, This is the end - Agora Building Gallery, (personal exhibition)

2018 Tirana, Albania, I empty my body from my life... GALLERY 7O Contemporary Art (personal exhibition)

2017 Tirana, Albania, Contemporary Christmas ™ (personal exhibition)

2017 Tirana Albania, From Rome with Contemporary Fossils (personal exhibition)

2017 Strasbourg Paris Den Haag Legend of a Castle (group exhibition)

2017 Tirana, Albania Moonlight (personal exhibition)

2017 Tirana Albania, Curiosity (personal exhibition)

2017 Tirana, Albania Going home is elsewhere, dual exhibition with French artist Eleonore Josso

2017 Tirana, Albania My Shades (personal exhibition)

2016 Tirana Albania Faces, (group exhibition)

2015 Torino, Tirana, Rome "Stemperando, la Biennale de l'Arte su Carta" group exhibition ,

2015 Rome Italy, "From Rome with Contemporary Fossils trade mark", personal exhibition

2015 Tirana, Albania « Split Canvas » group exhibition, Tirana Albania

2015 Dusseldorf, Germany "Albanian journey" group exhibition, 1998, Tirana, Albania "In the name of the father " – personal exhibition, Tirana, Albania Less

Featured in national TVS : Top Channel, Klan , ABC, News 24, TVSH, Scan TV

Featured in magazines: Bordo, Elegance, Jeta, AKT Featured in main national newspapers: Balkan web, Gazeta Shqiptare, Sot, Koha Jone etc