

SIR DANIEL K. WINN

Painter | Sculptor | Curator

Biography Highlights

Name: Daniel K. Winn

Nationality: Vietnamese American

Born: Bien Hoa, Vietnam

Date of Birth: June 19th, 1966

Career:

Artist - Painter & Sculptor

International Curator

CEO | Founder of Winn Slavin Fine Art

CEO | Founder of Masterpiece

Publishing

Philanthropist

Artist Philosophy:

Existential Surrealism

Chairman of the Board:

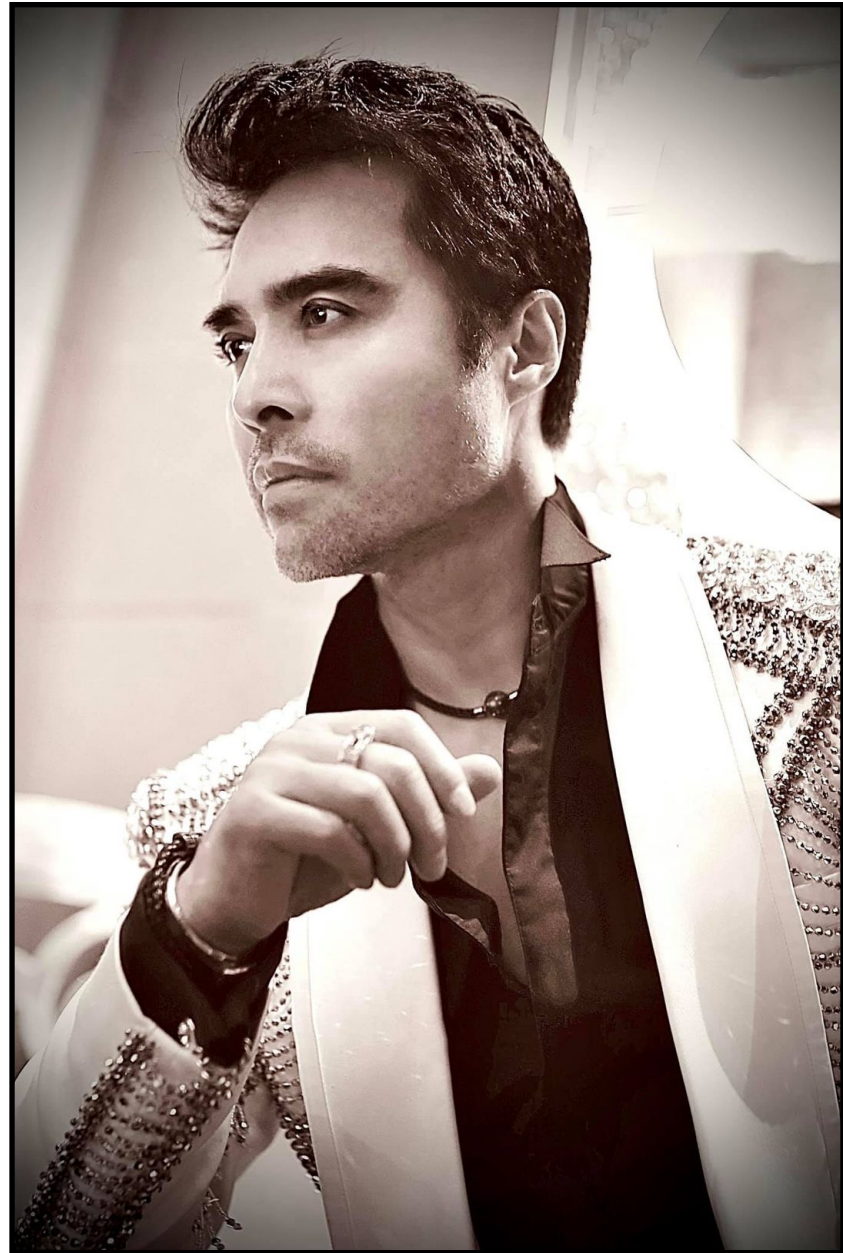
Academy of Fine Art Foundation -

Charity Program

Knighthood Recipient:

Princely House of Schaumburg-Lippe-

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Sir Daniel K. Winn - Biography

The Resilience Over Adversity

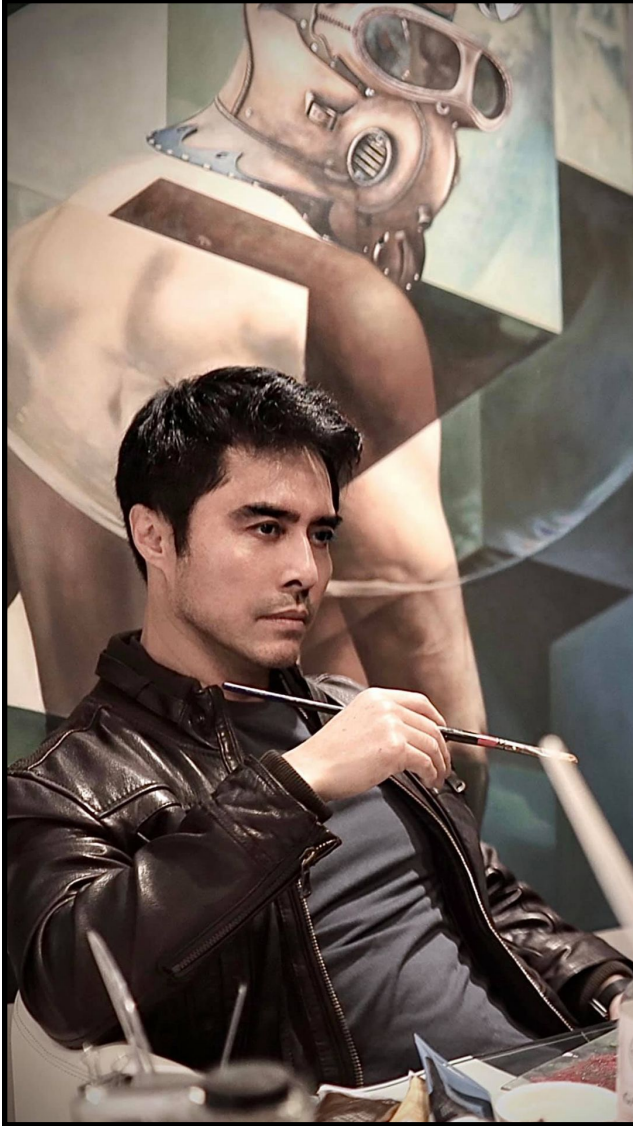
Sir Daniel K. Winn is a Vietnamese-American artist, curator, and philanthropist. His work has been exhibited in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Winn now lives in Orange County, California, and is the CEO of Winn Slavin Fine Art.



Winn was born in Biên Hòa, Vietnam, and lived there until 1975 when his family escaped to California, during the Fall of Saigon. His family settled in Greater Los Angeles where Winn eventually attended the University of California, Irvine, earning a Bachelors of Science. Winn then began medical school at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine with an intended focus in reconstructive surgery but left to pursue a career in art.

After leaving medical school, Winn began producing paintings and sculptures and opened a small frame shop and gallery in Southern California. By 1997, Winn owned galleries in Newport Beach and Laguna Beach. That same year he founded Masterpiece Publishing and spent the next 20 years mentoring and promoting blue-chip artists, curating exhibitions throughout North America and China. During this time, Winn continued to refine his own artistic style, which he dubbed, "Existential Surrealism." Since 2016, Winn's sculptures and paintings have been exhibited in





the United States, Spain, China, and Vietnam.

Existential Surrealism is an artistic style developed by Winn which draws on his life experiences as a child refugee of war and the dichotomy between integrating into a strange new country while maintaining a sense of ancestral heritage. Existential Surrealism uses a surrealistic style and subject matter to encourage the viewer to examine the nature of existence, often through dreams. There are technical and symbolic parallels between Winn's work and that of the surrealist master, Salvador Dalí. In 2019, the Shanghai Art Museum held a joint exhibit featuring the works of Winn and Dalí.

A lifelong philanthropist, Winn has raised over \$2 million for charities in the US and Asia. In 2001, Winn helped establish The Academy of Fine Art Foundation, a public charity dedicated to using art for the benefit of humanity. The charity focuses on underprivileged children and families in the US and Vietnam. In 2018, Winn was knighted by Prince Waldemar of Schaumburg-Lippe in recognition of his philanthropic works.

Since 2016, Winn's paintings and sculptures have been exhibited in art shows such as Red Dot Miami, the LA Art Show, Art Marbella, Intersect Palm Springs, and the Shanghai Art Fair, as well as locations such as the Jane Kahan Gallery, the Coral Spring

Museum of Art and the Shanghai Art Museum. No stranger to accolades, Winn was recognized by members of the California Legislature in 2009 after winning the 2009 Asian Business Association of Orange County award for Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2014, Winn was a California Senate Resolution recipient as a Publisher for Contemporary Arts. In 2019, Winn won the International Gold Medal for Best Sculpture from the Grand Jury de Mondial Art Academia, and again, in 2020, won the International Gold Medal for Best Painting and the International Silver Medal for Best Sculpture from the Grand Jury de Mondial Art Academia.



The indefatigable Winn continues to balance leading roles at both Winn Slavin Fine Art and Masterpiece Publishing while simultaneously creating award-winning art in multiple mediums. Now, with Winn Slavin galleries in Beverly Hills, Shanghai, and Ho Chi Minh City, Winn Slavin looks to continue to expand their art empire and position themselves as one of the premier galleries in the world.

Style and Philosophy



EXISTENTIAL SURREALISM

Philosophical Concept | Sir Daniel K. Winn

Artist Quotes

Sir Daniel K. Winn | 1966-
Current

"We Choose the nature of our existence but our genesis and our ability to choose are derived from universal divinity."

"Translucent figuration in my paintings reminds us that the distinction between our physical and spiritual selves is merely a matter of perception."

"The dichotomy of human existence is reflected in the visual language of my art: joy and sorrow; abundance and sparsity; thought and action."

The artistic style known as "Existential Surrealism" was developed by artist and international curator Sir Daniel K. Winn.

Philosophically, the style involves contrasts and counterpoints and examines the physical and spiritual dichotomy of existence. It juxtaposes the idea of a universal creative divinity against the concept of free will and self-determination by recognizing divinity as the genesis of autonomy and acknowledging our responsibility for universally constructive action.

Visually, Existential Surrealism uses a surrealistic style and subject matter to encourage the viewer to examine the nature of existence. The frequent use of partially translucent figures is a metaphor for the physical/spiritual duality which is at the core of the style. Fields of abstract and surreal backgrounds depict the contrasts which define existence.

Nonrepresentational elements and depictions of falling and flowing water represent a non-denominational, secular view of universal divinity.

Winn's own life experience as a child refugee of civil war, airlifted to a strange new home, and his exceptional success integrating into its distinctly different and often intolerant culture while maintaining a sense of his ancestral heritage are important influences in the development of the style.

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Background and History

CEO and Curator of Masterpiece Publishing, Inc [1997 - Current]
Board Chairman, The Academy of Fine Art Foundation [2001 - Current]
Founder of Winn Slavin Fine Art - Beverly Hills [2017 – Current]

ARTWORK EXHIBITIONS

Red Dot Miami 2016
LA Art Show 2017
Art Marbella, Spain 2017
Shanghai Art Fair 2017
Jane Kahan Gallery - Istvan Sandorfi and Daniel Winn Exhibit 2017 Art Palm Springs
2017
Winn Slavin Fine Art - Epiphany Exhibit 2017
Coral Spring Museum 2018
Shanghai Art Museum – Winn Dali 2019

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2009 Entrepreneur Award for Masterpiece Publishing, Inc
2009 California Legislature Assembly Recognition
2014 California Senate Resolution Recipient as a Publisher for Contemporary Artists
2018 Philanthropic Artist of the Year
2018 Knighthood Order by Princely House of Schaumburg-Lippe-Nachod
2020 Gold Medal in sculpture from the Mondial Art Academia
2021 Gold Medal in contemporary painting from the Mondial Art Academia
2021 Silver Medal in Sculpture from the Mondial Art Academia

CURATED GALLERIES

Addi Galleries - Las Vegas, Nevada and Lahaina, Hawaii
Addison Gallery - Boca Raton, Florida
Art by Excel - Brooklyn, New York
American Design Limited - Aurora, Colorado
Bella Epoch Fine Art Gallery - Fountain Valley, California
Chuck Jones Gallery - Costa Mesa, California
Creativeworks Galleries - Tampa, Florida
Collection Privee - Miami, Florida
Exclusive Collections Gallery (USA)
Galerie d' Orsay - Boston, Massachusetts
Gallery on 5th - Naples, Florida

Galleria Di Sorrento - Las Vegas, Nevada
Galerie Simard Bilodeau - Laguna Beach, California and Shanghai, China
Gold Room Gallery - Reno, Nevada
Larry Smith Fine Art- West Hollywood, California
Lavon Gallery - Morganville, New Jersey
Marcus Ashley Gallery - Lake Tahoe, Nevada
Marshall Galleries - Henderson, Nevada and Laguna Beach, California
Milan Gallery - Fort Worth, Texas
Miranda Galleries - Laguna Beach, California
Russek Gallery - New York, New York
Sundook Gallery -Boca Raton, Florida
Tresor Gallery - New Orleans, Louisiana
Vision Fine Art Gallery - Sedona, Arizona
White/Krauss Objects of Fine Art - San Diego, California

CURATORIAL HISTORY OF ARTISTS

André Desjardins - French Canadian Master Painter and Sculptor
M.L. Snowden -American Master Sculptor
Mark Arian - American Master Painter
Renzo- American Master Painter and Sculptor
Alexandru Daria - Romanian Master Painter
Fidel Garcia - Latin American Master Painter
Boban - Yugoslavian Master Sculptor
Michel Desroches - French Candian Master Artist
Igor Zaytsev - Ukranian Master Painter
Saturno Butto - Italian Master Painter
Tuan - Vietnamese American Master Sculptor
Carlos Torres - Latin American Master Artist
Ira Reines - American Master Sculptor
Bijan Bahar - Iranian Master Artist

CURATORIAL HISTORY OF MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Shanghai Art Museum – Shanghai, China
Coral Springs Museum of Art - Coral Springs, Florida
Duolun Museum of Modern Art - Shanghai, China
Evansville Museum of Art, History and Science, Evansville, Indiana
Museum of Contemporary Art of Hot Springs - Hot Springs, Arkansas

Southern Nevada Museum of Fine Art - Las Vegas, Nevada

Museum of Americas - Doral, Florida

The Latino Art Museum - Pomona, California

Andrews Art Museum - Andrews, North Carolina