

## Biography Stefan Radu Cretu

Stefan Radu Cretu was born in 1983, in Campina, Romania. He studied at the Art and Design University in Cluj and graduated from the Ceramic-Glass-Metal department in 2006. In 2005 he received an Erasmus grant for one year at the Fine Art Academy, Wroclaw, Poland. In 2008 he achieved his master degree in sculpture at the National University of Arts in Bucharest. In 2013 he became a PhD candidate in Visual Arts at the National University of Arts in Bucharest.

The force that has in present times the greatest impact over people's lives is technology. Still the continued progress proved to be deceiving. It didn't always coincide with the real needs of the human individual. Progress has created a complex human being, with more material needs, a human being which is more interested by the artificial and the fruitless. A complicated man, always disgruntled, less secure of himself, less free. He has renounced at that what is essential for him, to become an artificial being. This man is no longer the creator of technology, but one that is dependent and controlled by it. Stefan Cretu's works emphasize this obsession with progress, this fusion between nature and technology that seems to be more and more the final goal of humankind. The evolution obsessed man makes many errors in his attempt to improve nature and sometimes these errors are carried away to the extreme. Our return to nature and its technologies doesn't mean that we are involving to a more primitive life style or that we are giving up progress in its entirety, but reflects more a suggestion for simplicity. This Arcadian existence will give man a greater certainty, freeing him from the burden of the futile and absurd elements of everyday life.

### Solo exhibitions

#### **2016**

*Exupery*

Art Basel, Scope, Basel Switzerland

#### **2015**

*S T O N E A G E of emotional technology / Epoca de piatră a tehnologiei emoționale*  
Calina Contemporary Art Space, Timișoara, Romania

#### **2014**

*Sensus Proprio*

418 Contemporary Art Gallery, Bucharest

#### **2013**

*Disambiguation*

Palatele Brâncovenesti Mogoșoaia, Bucharest, Romania

*Oestridae Dominant, 1990 Project*

Free Press Square, Bucharest

## **2012**

*Paratarrasius Hibridus*

418 Contemporary Art Gallery, Bucharest

## **2009**

*Poarta in casa*

Stadt und Kreisbibliothek Heinrich Heine, Schmalkalden, Germany

## **2007**

*Fermuar*

Rusciori Park, Rusciori (Sibiu)

## **2006**

*Portile cuvântului*

Fedes Hall (Irecson Institute), Bucharest

*Group exhibitions*

## **2016**

*Cosmic Scenary*

Atelier 030202, Bucharest, Romania

### **Nostru Grup**

*Rezolutie pentru /despre o capital culturala, Galeria Calina Timisoara Romania*

*Escape, Teatrul Gong Sibiu Romania*

*Brancusi e al Nostru, City Hall Sibiu*

*Rosia si busiocul, Fortified Church Gusterita . Sibiu Romania*

*Route 65, Private flat, Sibiu Romania*

*Spatiu in tranzitie, Weltkultur, Sibiu Romania*

*Nostru, Casandras's studio , Sibiu Romania*

## **2015**

*Contemporary art Ruhr (C.A.R.)*  
Essen, Germany

## **2014**

*Cetate - Workshop at the Danube VII*  
418 Gallery, Bucharest, Romania  
*Transformation. Romanian Sculpture 25 Years After the Revolution*  
Museum Beelden aan Zee Harteveltstraat Scheveningen, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands 5  
November - 8 February 2015

*The Fair for Contemporary Art*  
418 Gallery at Koelner Liste, April 10-13

## **2013**

*(En)counterpoint, The Art of Living*  
Pop-up Art Gallery, Bucharest  
*The Retrospective Exhibition Cetate - Workshops at the Danube 2008-2013*  
418 Gallery, Bucharest

## **2012**

*Cetate - Workshop at the Danube IV*  
418 Gallery, Buchares

## **2011**

*Fur&Skin*  
Art Yourself Contemporary Art Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

## **2010**

*Lipsus*  
Raku 25 Gallery, Sangeorz Bai, Romania

## **2010**

*Destination moon, Piedica'n talpa group*  
The Council Tower, Sibiu, Romania

## **2009**

*Forma si dialog*  
Raku25 Gallery, Sangeorz Bai, Romania

*SYMPOSIA*

## **2015**

*Cetate - Workshop at the Danube VIII*  
Barbu Druga Castle, Cetate, Romania

## **2014**

*Cetate - Workshop at the Danube VII*  
Barbu Druga Castle, Cetate, Romania

## **2013**

*Retrospective. Cetate - Workshop at the Danube 2008-2013*  
Barbu Druga Castle, Cetate, Romania

## **2012**

*Cetate - Workshop at the Danube IV*  
Barbu Druga Castle, Cetate, jud. Dolj

## **2011**

*European music and art festival*  
Mazieres de Touraine, France

## **2011**

*Ars et sequentia, Culture Festival*  
Monchenholzhausen, Germany

## **2010**

*Caravan of culture, Regionale 10*  
Festival of contemporary art, Austria

## **2009**

*Cisart, Symposium of contemporary art*  
Cisnadie, Romania

## **2009**

*Plastic Schmalkalden, International art symposium*  
Schmalkalden, Germany

## **2007**

*The art of culture, International symposium of contemporary art*  
Rusciori, Romania

### **Works in art collections**

*Beelden aan Zee Museum Harteveltstraat Scheveningen*  
Zuid-Holland, Netherlands

Private collections in USA, Canada, Switzerland ,France ,Nederlands and Germany

### *Publications*

Stefan Radu Cretu – SENSUS PROPERO, 2014

Stefan Radu Cretu - PARATARRASIUS HIBRIDUS, 2012

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