

DARIE DUP

Darie Dup (b. 1959) is a Romanian sculptor, widely regarded as one of the most gifted and distinctive artists of his generation. His work has been featured in many group exhibitions, both in Romania and internationally. Notable appearances include the Venice Biennale, the World Expo in Seville, the International Sculptor's Drawing Biennale in Budapest, and the Contemporary Art Biennale in Tulcea.

His sculptures have been displayed at esteemed venues such as the National Gallery of Contemporary Art in Mumbai, as well as galleries in Paris, Madrid, Lisbon, Rome, Riga, and Berlin. Additionally, his art is part of prominent collections in the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Italy, France, and the USA.

As a member of the Royal Society of Sculpture, Dup is known for his tempered expressionism and profound moral insights. His work often delves into anatomical fragments and their dramatic presentation, combining a unique blend of anthropocentrism with rebellion. His style has evolved over time, transitioning from neo-expressionist figurative sculpture to a more avant-garde, Pop Art-influenced approach. In recognition of his contributions, he was awarded the Cultural Merit Order at the rank of Knight in 2004 and received the Excellence Award from the Union of Visual Artists in 2007.



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EMPLOYMENT

2018–2024	University lecturer, Faculty of Fine Arts, National University of Arts, Department of Sculpture
1993–2007	Director of the Sculpture Department, Faculty of Fine Arts, National University of Arts

EDUCATION.

2002–2004	PhD in Visual Arts, National University of Arts
1978–1983	Bachelor's degree in Sculpture, "Nicolae Grigorescu" Institute of Fine Arts.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022	The Grand Parade of Lifeless Packages, Centrul de Interes, Cluj-Napoca
2021	All Readymade, Strata Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
2020	Lorem Ipsum, Craiova Art Museum, Craiova, Romania
2016	The Pink Wheel, Oracle Building, Bucharest, Romania
	Artist Presentation, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Bucharest



ARTIST CV

Art at the Window, Simeza Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

AXIS MUNDI#4, The Romanian Peasant Museum, Bucharest, Romania

2015 AXIS MUNDI#3, The District Museum of Gorj, Târgu-Jiu, Romania

2014 AXIS MUNDI#2, The Brukenthal National Museum, Sibiu, Romania

AXIS MUNDI#1, The Brâncovenești Palaces Cultural Centre, Mogoșoaia, Romania

2011 New Sculptures, Kovalenco Gallery, Geldrop, Netherlands

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 RAD Art Fair, Bucharest, Romania

Bucharest Sculpture Days/Syzygy CFP, Bucharest, Romania

The Month of Brâncuși, Romanian Academy Galleries, Bucharest, Romania

Centaur, National Library of the Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat, Morocco

2023 #ceidelanganoi, ARCUB, CFP - SENAT Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

SNAC, SENAT Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

Residency "Eforie Colorat" Eforie Sud, Romania

Centaur, Romanian Cultural Institute (ICR), Paris, France

The Picasso Effect, MARE Museum, Bucharest, Romania

Sculpture after/after Sculpture, Cazarma U, Timișoara, Romania

Haptic Challenges. Visuality and Experiment in Contemporary Art, Cultural Harbor Cetate, Dolj, Romania



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MOBU Art Fair, Bucharest, Romania

#Situatdness, Bucharest Sculpture Days, CFP, Bucharest, Romania

Canon and Interpretation, Cluj Napoca Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

"Connections," Leilei Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

2022

SNAC, SENAT Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

Selfie, Scena 9-Goethe Institut, Bucharest, Romania

How to Explain, Cluj-Napoca Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

#Perspective 31, Bucharest Sculpture Days, Bucharest, Romania

2021

National Contemporary Art Salon, S.E.N.A.T. Gallery, Bucharest

How to explain pictures, Scena 9, Bucharest, Romania

Art Market Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

2020

RADAR Digital Art Festival, Romaero, Bucharest, Romania

2019

Construction//Deconstruction, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

Political Manifesto, Romanian Cultural Institute Budapest, Hungary

Political Manifesto, Szepharom Community Space, Budapest, Hungary

The Rhinoceros' Journey, ICR, Lisbon, Portugal

Arte Laguna World, Mogliano Vento, Italy

2018

HERITAGE//Contemporary Art/Act, Sighișoara, Romania

100 Days 100 Sculptures, Cantacuzino Castle, Bușteni, Romania

#ISDay, International Sculpture Day, Foundry Hall, CFP, Bucharest, Romania



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- Brâncuși Colloquium, Brâncuși Research Center, Târgu Jiu, România
- Arts in Bucharest, Couples, Companions, Families, CFP, Bucharest, Romania
- 2017 Dada on Tour, Bucharest City Hall, Tipografia Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- Balassi by Night, The White Night of the Museums, Bucharest, Romania
- International Drawing Biennial, Brâncoveanu Palaces, Mogoșoaia, Romania
- Romania-Korea Exhibition, Boryeong Art Museum, Boryeong, South Korea
- Out of the Box, Hazelaar Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Art Series_2, Materia Repositorium, Bucharest, Romania
- Arts and Sacrality, Cluj Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 2016 Hyperconnectivity, Many Colors Association, ICR, Germany
- Archive Collection, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Bucharest
- 2015 C.A.R. Contemporary Art Ruhr, Art Fair, Essen, Germany
- Kovalenco Gallery, Geldrop, Netherlands
- Arts in Bucharest, Man Against Life, Arthalle Gallery, Bucharest
- Transformation, National Museum of Art of Romania (MNAR), Bucharest
- 2014 Arts in Bucharest, TIPOGRAFIA Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- 2013 GBlack Trees, Les Ateliers de la Rue Ordener, Paris, France
- Trees by Nails, Cité des Arts, Paris, France
- 2011 Group exhibition, Kovalenco Gallery, Geldrop, Netherlands
- ZOomania, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Bucharest, Romania



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	The Other Body, Victoria Art Center, Bucharest, Romania
2009	The Bronze Age, Cluj Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
2008	8ART+, Dalles Hall, Bucharest, Romania,
	8ART+, International City of Arts, Paris, France
	8ART+, Romanian Cultural Institute, Lisbon, Portugal
	8ART+, Romanian Cultural Institute, Madrid, Spain
2007	Homage to Brâncuși, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, Mumbai, India
	The Trace of My Body in Space, UNA Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
2006	Group Exhibition, The Art Museum, Cluj, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
2004	Self-Portrait, Mogoșoaia Palace, Bucharest, Romania
2000	Ecce Homo, Hazelaar Gallery, Soest, Netherlands
1998	Romanian Art Abroad, Mucsarnok, Budapest, Hungary
	Contemporary Romanian Art, Leipzig Book Fair, Leipzig, Germany
1995	The Romanian Pavilion, Centenary Edition Biennale di Venezia, Venezia, Italy
	Deventer Gallery, Deventer, Netherlands
	Catacomba Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
1994	NArtexpo, Bucharest, Romania
	Simeza Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
1993	Hazelaar Gallery, Soest, Netherlands
1992	World Exhibition, The Era of Discovery, The Romanian Pavilion, Sevilla, Spain



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Sculpture Symposium, Borchel En Schaft, Netherlands

1991 Auriga, Orizont Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

1990 9+9, Dalles Hall, Bucharest, Romania

Darie Dup and Maria Cocea – Sculptures and Drawings, Simeza Gallery, Bucharest

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 Romanian Academy Grant, Bucharest, Romania.

2016 National "Brâncuși" Award, Center for Research, Documentation, and Promotion
"Constantin Brâncuși"
Award for Sculpture, The Union of Visual Artists of Romania, Romania

2014 Romanian Order of Cultural Merit in the rank of Knight

2013 Brâncuși Grant, Romanian Cultural Institute (ICR) / Cité des Arts, Paris

2012 Award for Sculpture, The Union of Visual Artists of Romania

2010 Second Prize at the International Sculpture Conference, London, United Kingdom

2008 Award of the Ministry of Culture for the Group "8 art+"

2007 Excellence Award, The Union of Visual Artists of Romania

Generalitat Valenciana Grant, Valencia, Spain

1998 Youth Prize, Drawing Biennial, Arad



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1995	Italian Governmental Grant, Rome
1992	Prize for Ambiental Art, The Union of Visual Artists of Romania Prize for Sculpture, Bucharest Municipality Award, Bucharest
1991	Dzintari Jurmala Residence, Riga, Latvia
1988	Youth Award at the Arad Drawing Biennale
1985-1987	Frederick Storck Grant, Bucharest
1983	First Prize for Sculpture, Studentfest, Sibiu

SELECTED BOOKS AND CATALOGUES

2021	Modernism.ro, <i>"A Solo Show by Darie Dup at Strata"</i> Urban.ro, <i>"Contemporary Art Exhibitions"</i> Artinfonews.ro, <i>"Axis Mundi 4 – De Arboribus – Darie Dup at the National Museum of Romanian History."</i> Observator Cultural., <i>"Lorem Ipsum by Darie Dup."</i> SensoArte.ro, <i>"Darie Dup – Axis Mundi 4 – De Arboribus."</i> Radioromaniacultural.ro, <i>"Fine Arts: A Dialogue with Artist Darie Dup."</i>
2020	Jurnalul.ro, <i>"A Solo Show by Darie Dup: A Leading Artist of the Mature Generation at the Newest Contemporary Art Gallery in Bucharest."</i>
2019	Agerpres.ro., <i>"A Personality Per Day. Sculptor Darie Dup."</i>



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- 2016 Constantin Prut, *Contemporary and Modern Art Dictionary*, Polirom, Iași.
Centrulapostu.ro. *Darie Dup – A Leading Artist of the Mature Generation*.
- 2015 Dup, Darie, *"The Man Against Life"*. Catalog, UNArte, Bucharest

Axis Mundi 3, Edited by Maiastra Publishing House, Bucharest

Radio Accent, *"Darie Dup Premieres in Târgu Jiu."*

Ceascadecultura.ro, *"Darie Dup Exhibits 'Axis Mundi 3' in Târgu Jiu."*
- 2014 Dup, Darie, *"Axis Mundi I."* Centrul Cultural Palatele Brancovenesti, Bucharest.

Arta Magazine, *Sculpture*, No. 8-9, Bucharest.
- 2011 Arta Magazine, *Art in Public Space*, No. 1, Bucharest.

Oroveanu, Mihai, *"Artists' Studios,"* Noi Media Print, pp. 47-51, Bucharest.
- 2008 Deac, Mircea, *"Critical and Documentary Lexicon. Painters, Sculptors, and Drawers from Romania."* Medro Publishing House, Bucharest.

Jecza, Sorina, *"100 Days 100 Sculptures,"* Castelul Cantacuzino, Busteni, Fundatia Triade.
- 2007 *ArtBeat in The Indian Express*, Mumbai, India
- 2006 *The 4th Boryeong International Art Exchange Exhibition*, Boryeong , South Korea
- 1997 Titu, Alexandra, *Experiment in Romanian Art Since 1960*, Soros Center for Contemporary Art, Bucharest.
- 1995 *Biennale di Venezia Ein Rundgang*, in KUNSTFORUM, No. 31, p. 159.

Babeți, Coriolan. *"L'Eredità di Brancusi in Romania: dal taglio diretto alla scultura mentale, 1965-1995,"* Arte in Padiglione della Romania Biennale – Giardini di Castello, Istituto Romeno di Cultura e Ricerca Umanistica, Venice.



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- 1992 *Beke, László, Dumitrescu, Sorin, Romanian Art Abroad*, Budapest
- 1992 *Romanian Personalities Encyclopedia*, Verlag für PersonenencyclopedienAG, Switzerland

