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Born 1967, Syracuse, New York

Lives and Works in Cedar Grove NJ/Glen Spey, NY

Education

- 1992 MFA (Painting) **Bard College**; Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
1988 **BA Fine Art**: Sarah Lawrence College; Bronxville, NY
1987 **Art History** Wadham College, Oxford University; Oxford, England
Studio Art Center International; Florence, Italy

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 [Lucky Charms](#), *Talisman of a former life* **81 Leonard Gallery**, NYC
- 2022 [Finding Sanctuary: Painting thru the Pandemic](#), **Ukrainian Museum**, NYC
- 2021 *Sacred Space: Art as Sanctuary*, **First Presbyterian Church**, Ann Arbor MI
Bless the Space Between Us, virtual
- 2020 [Longing For What Belongs to Us](#) **FreshAirMontclair**, 73 See Gallery, Montclair NJ
- 2019 *RE:create – Christina Saj’s Transformative Paintings*, **Ukrainian Museum**, NYC
- 2014 *Cruciform*, **Central Presbyterian Church**, Atlanta GA
- 2012 *Let the Angels Sing!* **5th Avenue Presbyterian**, New York, NY
- 2011 *Chorus of Angels*, **Christ Church Episcopal**, Glen Ridge NJ |
Angels, Shepherds and Kings **Central Presbyterian Church**, Atlanta GA
[On a Wing and A Prayer](#), **Columbia Theological Seminary**, Decatur, GA
- 2010 [Images of Faith](#), **Grantham Church**, Grantham, PA
[Form Seeking Expression](#), **Marian Library, University of Dayton**, Dayton OH
- 2008 [The Six Days of Creation](#), **New Brunswick Theological Seminary Chapel**, Rutgers University, NJ
- 2006 [Visions and Imaginings](#), **artspace 129**, Montclair, NJ
- 2004 *Lisova Pisnia*, **UECC Gallery**, Philadelphia PA
[The Tree of Life](#), **American Embassy**, Doha, Qatar thru 2006
- 2003 [Words and Images](#), works on paper **The Rosalind & Alfred Lippman Gallery**, Short Hills, NJ

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- 2001 [Indomitable Spirit: Paintings of Faith, Hope and Remembrance](#) **The Interchurch Center**, NY, NY
The Guiding Spirit, **The Bible Technologies Conference**, Chantilly, VA
[The Corporate Landscape](#), **Brodsky Gallery**, Chauncey Conference Center, Princeton, NJ
- 2000 [Painted Prayers](#), **St. James Chapel, Union Theological Seminary**, Columbia University, NY, NY
- 1999 [Drawing on Inspiration](#), **Midland Gallery**; Montclair, NJ
Music as Art/Art as Music, **Central Presbyterian Church**, Montclair, NJ
- 1997 [Celebration of Faith](#), **Central Presbyterian Church**; Montclair, NJ
[Remembering Myth](#), **Midland Gallery**; Montclair, NJ
- 1995 *Allegories*, **The Lobby Gallery**, Deutsche Bank, New York, NY
Saints, Kings and Prophets, **The Lobby Gallery**, Deutsche Bank, New York, NY
- 1994 [Contemporary Icons](#), **Norbert Considine Gallery**, Princeton, NJ
- 1993 *New Painting*, **Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation**, Toronto, Canada
- 1992 *Recent Works*, **The Ukrainian Institute of America**, New York, NY
- 1991 *Defining the Spirit Within*, (MFA show) **Bard College**, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *ODETTA Digital II Exquisite Codes Berlin* **Bla-Bla Projektraum** Berlin, Germany
Defending Ukrainian Cultural Heritage, **General Consulate of the Republic of Poland**, New York
MYTHOS, **The Gallery Space**, Rahway NJ
- 2022 *(De) Construct Insight Art Space* curated by Catherine Testorf, Pelham NY
The Maker's Mark, **The Gallery Space Rahway**, Rahway NJ
Serious Play, **Odetta Digital** ARTSY online
Wake Up! **ArtRat Gallery**, Grand Rapids MI 2022
Ultra Light Beam! **Pelham Art Center**, Pelham NY curated by Rebecca Mills Pelham NY
Support Ukraine: UAAL Auction for Ukraine, **ARTSY** online
- 2021 *Among gifts to the museum: The collection of I. Nosek*, **National Museum**, Lviv Ukraine
Winter Invitational, **ArtRat Gallery**, Grand Rapids MI,
[Lost and Found: A Personal Vision](#), **New York Artists Circle** (online)
[Outling the Garden](#), **Hammond Museum**, North Salem NY curated by Bibiana Huang Matheis (online)

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- 2020 *Longing for What Belongs to Us, Fresh Air Montclair*, curated by Mary Zee, **Gallery 73 See**, Montclair NJ
- 2018 *Arabesque: Contemporary Conversations*, **Albin Polasek Museum**, Winter Park, FL
Stillness, curated by Elizaeth Mead, NYArtistsCircle.com (virtual)
- 2016 *Sacred Spaces / Holy Places*, **St Lukes – Nails in the Wall Gallery**, Metuchen, NJ
- 2015 *The Ukrainian Diaspora: Women Artists 1908-2015*, **Ukrainian Museum NYC**,
curated by Adrienne Kochmann
- 2014 *AMEN: A Prayer for the World*, CARAVAN Festival of the Arts, **National Cathedral**, Washington, DC
and **St John the Divine**, NYC
- 2013 *Sacred Voices*, **Canton Museum of Art**, Canon Ohio
Windows on Heaven, Contemporary Icons, Nails in the Wall, The Gallery at St. Lukes, Metuchen NJ
- 2012 *Holy Lives*, Mahoney Gallery, **College of Saint Elizabeth**, Morristown, NJ curated by Virginia Butera PhD
Cherubs : From Imps to Angels, **Cahoon Museum of American Art**, Cotuit, MA
- 2011 *Artful Living*, **Ashenfelter, Slous McDounough & Trevenen LLP**, Montclair, NJ
- 2010 *MICAS 2010*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Genesis & Evolution, **Studio Montclair, Academy Square**, Montclair, NJ
[Fellowship and Communion](#), **Episcopal Church & Visual Arts** online
- 2009 *Fine Art / Folk Art: A Dialogue*, **The Ukrainian Museum**, New York, NY
- 2007 *A Collection Revealed: The Ukrainian Museum at 30* Paintings and Sculpture from the Permanent
Collection, **The Ukrainian Museum**, New York, NY
Flights of Fancy, **Artspace 129**, Montclair, NJ 2007
Choose Your Muse featuring 11 Women Artists **The Field School**, Washington, DC *Art Strings*, NJ
Symphony, **NJPAC Newark** traveled to **Grounds For Sculpture**, amilton NJ
What's New! **Studio Montclair**, Montclair, NJ
- 2006 *Koliada: Winter Rituals*, **Ukrainian Institute of America**, New York, NY
Art Connections 3, **George Segal Gallery, Montclair State University**, Montclair, NJ
What's New, **Studio Montclair Summer Salon, Montclair Public Library**, Montclair, NJ
Perspectives on Ukrainian Culture and Art, **Kreeger Gallery**, Potomac MD
- 2005 *Truth*, **Gallery 214**, Montclair, NJ
Landscape 4 Artists Views, **Artspace 129**, Montclair, NJ

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- 125th Anniversary Exhibit*, UCCA (Ukrainian Congress Committee of America) **Museum of Cultural Heritage, Kiev Ukraine** – traveling to Charkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro-Petrovsk and Lviv.
- 2004 *Works on Paper*, **Perkins Center for the Arts**, Moorestown, NJ
A Full Plate, **Gallery 214**, Montclair, NJ
- 2003 *Women Artist of Montclair: Black and White*, **Nandi Art Gallery**: Montclair, NJ
Art: The Ultimate Asset, **PNC Bank**, Montclair, NJ
The Art of Collecting Fine Art **The Morris Museum**, Morristown, NJ
Art In Bloom, **The Montclair Art Museum**, Montclair, NJ
Connections, **Kustlerbund**, Graz, Austria
- 2002 *Remembrance, Renewal and Reflection* – The Unity Quilt **Arts Council of the Morris Area**
The Art of Collecting Fine Art, **The Morris Museum**, Morristown, NJ
“Eggstavaganza” **The Los Angeles County Zoo**, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 *SQUARED*, **Dupre Gallery**, Montclair, NJ
Pysanka –**The White House**, Washington, DC
Double Take, **West Orange Arts Council** Invitational, West Orange, NJ
The Bigger, The Better, **Nabisco Art Gallery**, East Hanover, NJ
SMI Fourth Annual National Juried Exhibition, **Gallery 214**, Montclair, NJ
- 2000 *The Word as Art: Contemporary Renderings*, **Museum of Biblical Art**, New York, NY
Cow Parade, **Essex Green** West Orange, New Jersey
Surviving Symbols, (with Gloria Rodriguez) **Westminster Gallery, Bloomfield College**, Bloomfield, NJ
- 1999 *Cross Purposes: Traditional Symbol – Contemporary Visions*, **Korn Gallery, Drew University**, Madison, NJ
traveling to **American Academy of Religion Conference Exhibits**, Boston MA
National Five, **ALJIRA – Center for Contemporary Art**, Newark, NJ
Art at the Institute 1990-1996, **Ukrainian Institute of America**, New York, NY | catalogue
Studio Montclair: Annual Juried Exhibition **Midland Gallery**, Montclair, NJ
- 1998 Montclair State University: *National Juried Small Works Show*, **Montclair State University Gallery**; NJ
Studio Montclair: First Annual Juried Exhibition **Midland Gallery**; Montclair, NJ
Our Mother Theresa, **ArtBuilders** Gallery; Jersey City, NJ
Reflections and Projections, **Church Street**, First Night Montclair, NJ
NJCW Art Show, **Van Vleck Mansion**, Montclair, NJ
Matter of Substance, **Midland Gallery**, Montclair, NJ
- 1997 *Generations*, **A.I.R Gallery**.; New York, NY
Artistic License, **Nabisco Art Gallery**; East Hanover, NJ
The Rest of the Colony, **Midland Gallery**; Montclair, NJ

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- 1996 *25 Years of Contemporary Art*, at the **Institute The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art**, Chicago IL / *catalogue*
Signifying Love, **The Lobby Gallery**, Deutsche Bank, New York, NY
- 1995 *Myth, Form & Spirit*, (3 east coast artists) **The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art**, Chicago IL, | *catalogue*
- 1992 *NJ Arts* Ben Shahn Galleries, **William Paterson College**, Wayne, NJ
- 1991 *100 New York Artists*, **Whetherholt Galleries**, Washington, DC

Published Articles

Painting thru the Pandemic, [CIVA VOICES](#) 2020

On Art in Isolation, sheltering in place and Finding Sanctuary, [Our Life](#) Oct 2020

Ghosts of Byzantium, **Literature & Medicine**, Johns Hopkins University Press; Fall, 1997

Ilona Sochynsky – A Journey into Abstraction, **The Creative Woman**; Winter, 1993

Invited Presentations/Guest Lecturer

Episcopal Diocese of Newark Clergy Conference, “*Creativity in the Times of Crisis*” October 2022

Pelham Art Center: “Four Ukrainian American Artists: on culture and artistic practice” April 2022

The Ukrainian Museum: “Finding Sanctuary - On Creativity in the Pandemic” 2021

St. Lukes Episcopal Church, Metuchen NJ – Roundtable Discussion: on icons “...and find in them, not bonds, but wings” April 2013

Christ Church Episcopal – Glen Ridge/Bloomfield NJ, “Art in Sacred Spaces”, Feb 2012

Central Presbyterian Church – Atlanta, GA “Insights and Inspirations”, Nov 2011

Museum of Biblical Art NYC – New York, NY, “Theology in Color: Tradition, Iconography and the Art of Icon Writing” June 2010

New Brunswick Theological Seminary, St Johns Campus, NY “Six Days of Creation” April 2010

New Brunswick Theological Seminary New Brunswick, NJ “Painted Prayers” May 2008

Studio Montclair: NJ “Salons: The Joy of Conversation” Jun. 2004

Temple Bnai Jeshurun, Short Hills NJ “Words and Images” Feb. 2003

Union Theological Seminary, NYC “Painted Prayers” Feb. 2000

Caldwell College, NJ Visiting Artist Lecture Feb. 1999

Drew University, NJ “Through the eyes of icons” Mar. 1999

UAPBA NY/NJ Chapter, NYC “A Work in Progress” Sept. 1998

The Midland Gallery, NJ “On Myth & Painting” Sept. 1997

Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC “On Allegories” Apr. 1995

The Ukrainian Museum, NYC “Faces one can pray to – the icons of P. Kholodny” Nov. 1994

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October Art Gallery, Edge of Faith Magazine, October 2020

Mattera, Joanne, [Art in the time of Pandemic #2](#), *Joanne Mattera Art Blog*, May 11, 2020

Artists and Their Relationships to their Studio, [ArtofCollage.com](#), 4/30/20

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cover art: **Forward Day by Day** Quarterly Devotional Series *Forward Movement* 2015

Disney-Britton, Ernest, Alpha Omega Arts, [Inspire Me! Artist](#), March 6 2013

Interview: Mind Body Spirit Artist Series – Christina Saj, Friday, June 28, 2013 –

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Segedin, Andrew, [Artist Meshing the Old with the New](#), **Verona- Cedar Grove Times**, Dec 30 2011

interview – Works with Soul: Christina Saj, Modern Icons, [Ruminate Magazine](#) Editors Blog May 4 2011

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Baczynsky, Marta, *Exhibit focuses on 'dialogue' between Ukrainian fine and folk art*, **The Ukrainian Weekly**, June 14, 2009

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Nicholls, Rachel "Walking on Water: reflecting on Matthew 14:22-33 in the light of two paintings" *Cambridge University Senior New Testament Seminar*, Cambridge, England 2003 & *Society of Biblical Literature's International Meeting*, Cambridge, England 2003

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"Christina Saj Paintings Reflect the Spiritual Values of Our Civilization", *Montclair Times*, Dec 20, 2001 cover art:
(Nativity), *The Other Side*, December 2001

"Artwork by Christina Saj on view at Nabisco Gallery" *The Montclair Times*, March 22, 2001

"A look at the Cultural Scene" *Ukrainian Weekly*, Jan 7 2001

"A new look at religious icons", *On the Green, Bloomfield college Alumni Magazine*, Winter 2000 p 14

Burke, Marcus, B and Heller, Ena, The Word as Art: Contemporary Renderings, *The American Bible Society*, 2000
(exhibition catalog)

Turner, Patricia, "Contemporary Icons: scripture as interpreted by today's artists" *The Star Ledger*, October 8, 2000

"Making Art Out of the Word", *Bible Review*, October 2000

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"Exhibition gives religious art a modern day makeover" *Caribbean Life*, July 25, 2000

Andre, Mila, "Spread the Word: Gallery is a blessing" *New York Daily News*, Friday, June 28, 2000

"Montclair Artist Christina Saj Draws on Byzantine Tradition", Arts & Entertainment, *Montclair Times*, Thursday, June 27th, 2000

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(interview) Uilana Teliouk, "University of the Airwaves" *Voice of America*, October, 1999

Krischer, Hayley. "Artists Give Hahne's Building a Soul — or at Least a New Face" *The Montclair Times*, December 24, 1998

Martin, Antoinette. "Downtown Dazzle on 10th First Night" *The Montclair Times*, December 4, 1997 Juri,

Carmen. "Can we wrap that for you?" *The Star Ledger*, December 18, 1997

Shevchenko, Olya. "Exploring Myth through the paintings of Christina Saj" *The Ukrainian Weekly*, December 18, 1997

Karasik, Sherry. "Galleries offer Voices to Artist's in Montclair" *The New Jersey Herald*, September 12, 1997

Shevchenko, Olya. "Artscene: Allegories" *The Ukrainian Weekly*, Sept 4, 1995

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Peterson, Lisa. "Beyond Ambition, More Abstract Thinking Applied to Old World Icons" *The Star Ledger*, March 31, 1994

Collections

Saj's work is found in numerous private collections, in the US and Abroad. Selected list of public, corporate and museum collections:

American Bible Society HQ, NYC

Ascension Health: Ascension St Thomas, Nashville TN

Blanc & Otis, Austin TX

Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta GA Cigi

Gallery Assoc. St. Louis, MI

Museum of Biblical Art, Dallas TX

Museum of Cultural Heritage, – Kiev, Ukraine

National Museum, Lviv Ukraine

The Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art – Chicago, IL

The Ukrainian Museum, NYC

Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation – Toronto, CA

Publishing

Saj's work has been widely published, especially in liturgical contexts a selective list of publishers includes:

Augsburg Fortress

Christianity Today

First United Methodist Church, Amityville NY

Forward Movement

Johns Hopkins University Press

Logos Productions

Loyola Press

Middlebury University

St John on the Mountain, Bernardsville, NJ

St Luke's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis MN

St Stephens Church, Ridgefield CT

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Other Side

The Progressive Christian

This Month, Life and Leisure

Ukrainian Institute of America, NYC

Ukrainian National Association

Ukrainian Catholic Woman's League of Canada

Zoid Pictures limited

Awards & Honors

Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, (Residency) 2022

Alpha Omega Arts: *Inspire Me! Artist*, 2013

Artist In Residence, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, NJ 2008

Arts In Embassies Program, US Dept of State 2003

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The Egg Came First (selected to travel to the White House) 2001

Cow Parade 2000

Commissions

2019 - The Ukrainian Museum, NY, NY. USA Re:Create Transformative Paintings

2016 - Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis MN, USA Tree of Life Series

2014 - Caravan Festival of

the Arts National Cathedral Washington DC, St Francis

2012 - Christ Church, Glen Ridge NJ, Choir of Angels

2008 - New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Rutgers University New Brunswick NJ, 6 Days of Creation

2001 - Easter at The White House, Washington, DC, Pysanka

2000 - Township of West Orange NJ, Cow Parade

1999 - Glen Ridge Medical Associates, Glen Ridge NJ, Promenade

1998 - Blanc and Otis, Austin Texas, Beginnings

1997 - Cigi Gallery, St Louis MO, Annunciation