

Sándor Győrffy

Painter and graphic artist

Sándor Győrffy was born in the western Hungarian village of Kapolcs in 1951, into a farming family. In his formative years he lived in his native village. The nearness to flora and fauna has substantially influenced his way of thinking and living, and continues to affect his artistic work to this day. This influence appears in multiple ways during different periods: the natural forms and the motifs of vegetation are discernible to varying degrees in his works.

In 1970, Győrffy moved to Budapest. Instead of seeking an academic education, he pursued his studies of painting and graphic art in artist groups which were self-chosen, and with elder masters. Since 1976 he is exhibiting his works.

Since then he took several study trips, worked in the international artists' villages and participated in Symposiums in eleven European countries. He stayed for a longer period in West-Berlin and the US on grants.

His artistic work contains single and serial graphics, photos, paintings, sculptures, installations as well as land art. His artistic fields before: experimental theater and film.

He had 45 personal exhibitions and participated in about 170 group-exhibitions so far.

His works are on exhibition in 38 museums and public collections in 15 countries and can be found in numerous private collections

In 1979 he was co-founder of the art group art-el.

In 1997 he was foundation member of the Cultural Association Mura-District.

He is general editor of the Cultural review Muravidék.

Since 1991 he is organizer of the following cultural programs:

1991 Rézonances (french-hungarian) art-festival, Budapest (21 days, 8 places)

1992 - 1999 Valley of Arts Festival, Kapolcs (All-Arts festival, 10 days) organizer of fine arts programs

1992 - (yearly) AGORA Festival (fine arts and musical workshop) Budapest

1997 - (continuously) Exhibitions and Literary Programs of Cultural Association Mura-District in Hungary and abroad

Memberships:

- Association of Hungarian Artists
- Federation of Hungarian Fine and Applied Artists
- Studio of Young Artists (honorary member)
- Association of Hungarian Graphic Artists
- Society of Hungarian Painters,
- Society of Hungarian Illustrators
- Vajda Lajos Studio
- Mamü Society
- Cultural Association Mura-District