



BIOGRAPHY

Attila Koppány painter
(Enying, 25 February 1947)

He attended school at Székesfehérvár. He familiarized himself with painting and graphic techniques and basic processes of creation in circles of fine art. At Székesfehérvár he was a pupil of painters Lajos Áron Nagy and Imre Ballagó, in this period his works were awarded gold medals at the Keszthely Helikon Festivities on two occasions (1963, 1965).

From 1966 he continued his studies of art in courses as well as workshops of the Department of Drawing and Knowledge of Form at the Architectural Faculty of the Budapest University of Technology. His masters were the painters Géza Boross and Iván Máriássi (Masznyik).

His first one-man show was opened in 1968 by professor Dr. Frigyes Pogány, the director-general of the College of Applied Arts in Budapest. He has regularly had exhibitions since then. He was presented at the Exhibitions of Fine Artists of Fejér County from 1974 to 1977. In 1977 his graphic creations won the prize of the County Show. In 1977 he moved to Győr, where he has participated in every county show ever since. In 1982 he won a prize of the county and the Borsos Plaque. From 1981 his works were presented at numerous renowned exhibitions all over the country. His one-man show abroad took place in 1989 at the Rieth Gallery in Erfurt.

Until now his works have been presented at 23 individual and nearly 100 collective shows.

Since 1973 he has been a member of the Endowment of Fine Art and then of its legal successor, the Association of Hungarian Creative Artists (in Hungarian abbreviated to MAOE). Between 1990 and 1995 he was a member of the Association of Fine and Applied Artists of Győr. He is a foundation member of the Győr Graphic Workshop. He is a member of the Hungarian National Committee of AIC (Association Internationale de la Couleur) and Subcommittee of Colour Theory at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. His works are to be found in collections of the Hungarian National Gallery, the János Xantus Museum and the Municipal Museum of Art as well as in public buildings and numerous private collections.

His mural work in a public building is the mosaic painting entitled „Geometers” in the assembly hall of the József Jákó Vocational Secondary School at Székesfehérvár.

Internet: www.kormendigaleria.hu/muvesz/koppany_attila.html

EXHIBITIONS

One-man shows:

Budapest, University of Technology, 1968

Budapest, University of Technology, 1970

Venice, 1974

Győr, Exhibition Hall, 1976
Sárbogárd, Attila József Community Centre, 1977
Szeged, Béla Bartók Community Centre, 1977
Győr, Napoleon House, Gallery of the **János Xantus Museum**, 1978
Győr, great hall of the Technical College of Transport and Telecommunications, 1983
Győr, Gallery of the Municipal Library, 1986
Székesfehérvár, Gallery of the County Community Centre, 1978
Gyöngyös, Company of Picture Galleries, Antal Diósy Room, 1988
Győr, Company of Picture Galleries, Exhibition Room, 1989
Székesfehérvár, banqueting hall of the József Jákó Vocational Secondary School, 1989
Pécs, Mihály Pollack College of Technology, 1989
Erfurt, **Rieth Galerie**, 1989
Sopron, Exhibition Room of the Company of Picture Galleries, 1990
Győr, Exhibition Room of the Forum Studio, 1992
Szombathely, Gyula Derkovits Gallery, 1992
Győr, great hall of the István Széchenyi College, 1993
Győr, **Municipal Museum of Art** , 2000 (graphics).
Győr, Gallery of the Napoleon House, 2004
Győr, Achilles Park, 2005
Budapest, Orczy Gallery, 2005

Major collective shows:

1976 Exhibition of Fine Artists of Győr-Sopron County. Krajská Galéria v Nitre (Czechoslovakia)
1981 4th Transdanubian Exhibition, Kaposvár
1984 5th Transdanubian Exhibition, Kaposvár
1984 8th Hungarian Exhibition of Debrecen, Debrecen
1985 2nd North Transdanubian Exhibition, Szombathely Gallery
1985 1st Lublin Triennial of Fine Art, Lublin, Majdenek State Museum
1986 Exhibition of Fine Artists of Győr-Sopron County, Konin (Poland)
1987 International Exhibition of Fine Art, Berlin, Exhibition Centre
1987 14th Hungarian Graphic Biennial, Miskolc
1987 Exhibition of Fine Artists of Győr-Sopron County, Jána KoniarkaTrnava (Czechoslovakia)
1987 6th Transdanubian Show, Kaposvár
1988 Material of the graphic biennial in Tampere and Antwerpen
1988 4th Hungarian Drawing Biennial, Salgótarján
1989 Exhibition of the Győr Graphic Workshop, Oberpullendorf (Austria)
1990 7th Transdanubian Show, Kaposvár
1992 13th Hungarian Biennial of Watercolours, Eger
1994 14th Hungarian Biennial of Watercolours, Eger
2005 15th Hungarian Biennial of Potraiture, Hatvan, Győző Moldvay Gallery

Prizes, scholarships:

1977 Prize of the Fejér County Competition of Fine Art
1982 Prize of the Győr-Sopron County Show
1982 Borsos Plaque
1981-1990 Art scholarship of the Győr technical college

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