Nelu Gradeanu – Biography

I was born on April 16, 1969, in a small town in Romania called Barlad, Vaslui County. I have graduated from College “Gheorghe Rosca Codreanu”, in the same town. Afterwards I specialized myself over several years, in mural painting and restoration, within the Monumental Painting School of the Romanian Patriarchy, under the guidance of the illustrious professors Vasile Caraman and Gheorghe Raducanu. I have also graduated from the Faculty of Psychology in Bucharest. I am currently leading the Cultural Association "Light of Light" and I am also a founding member of the Association “Buna ziua, copii din Romania!”/ „Bună Ziua, Kinderen in Roemenië” Netherlands-Romania. Below are a few highlights of my work:

1999-2005 – I became collaborator and accredited painter of Bishop Ioachim Mareş of Husi

1994-2010, 1994-1996 – Personal exhibitions, entitled "The Icon of the Romanian Soul", "Saint John the Baptist in 30 instances” were organized, in cities like Barlad, Vaslui, Iasi, Suceava, Ipotesti (in the Memorial House of well-known Poet Mihai Eminescu), Roman and Bucharest. Within these exhibitions persons like PS Ioachim of Husi, Priest Constantin Galeriu, Valentin Ciuca, Gh.AM Ciobanu, DN Zaharia, Gheorghe Raducanu or Archimandrite Mina Domzeu held a speech.

Other iconography exhibitions: Portraits of great Spirituals (1997-2005) in Bucharest, Iasi, Craiova, Focsani, England, Wales, Netherlands.

I have painted about 20 churches (Dobrina Monastery, Churches in Harsova, Coroiesti, Rasesti, St.Nicholas Church in Husi, also many others in Ciurea,Negresti, Valea-Mare) with my own team, under my personal guidance. I made also 32 Portraits in real size of the former Bishops of Husi, for the Episcopal Palace of Husi.

2004 – One year after the death of the Priest Constantin Galeriu, 21 paintings were made with the title “The Gesture of the hands of the Priest Constantin Galeriu, while preaching” – all 21 were later donated to the future museum that will be dedicated to the famous cleric and humanist.

In am currently Member of the Kunstverein Coburg E.V. in Germany and I am also the first iconographer who introduces the iconographic painting on “JUG, COVATA, ROGOJINA” ( yoke, trough, mat).

Paintings of mine are now in Romania -   Museum of Romanian Literature in Iasi, Art Museum in Roman, Museum of Vaslui County, Museum of the Episcopate in Husi, in the Art Collection of Poet Adrian Paunescu, Tudor Gheorghe, Valentin Ciuca, Fuego, Adrian Porumboiu, dr. C. Teodorescu, prof. Vasile Astarastoae, Ion Iliescu, Dumitru Prunariu, Bishop of London, art lovers from Romania, but also abroad in countries like England, Holland, Wales, Germany, France, Belgium.