

Igor Shipilin was born in 1961 in Crimea, Sevastopol. After finishing the elementary school he chose his further education to be directed towards art and painting. He graduated from Sevastopol Children's Art School in 1977. He continued his studies at The Repin Institute in Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) and at The Moscow State Academy of Printing, where he graduated in 1999.

Nowadays he is considered to be one of the leading contemporary landscape masters of the region. His paintings represent the romance of Crimean landscape, contemplative scenes of historical significance and nature. Crimea that Shipilin is masterfully looking to show us is obviously real, but at the same time poeticized by the artist. There are no dramatic conflicts or psychological bursts, sometimes even sounding of sad notes of nostalgia. The picturesque old curvature of the Crimean streets, chaotic jumble of buildings, covered tiled roofs, balconies, staircases, passages through which to view the sky, the sea - themselves suggest the artist's perspective, the point of the horizon and finally, composition in accordance with the best tradition of the Crimean school of Academical Art.

Shipilin is an active and respected member in the Crimean art scene - the chairman of the regional artist's union in Sevastopol, holds a diploma merited by the Russian Academy of Art, and has a title of an Honored artist of Crimea. He is an active member of his local art scene, both as a leader, a mentor and an artist, having founded the "League of watercolors of Crimea" in 2001. He has been exhibiting actively since 1989, including a series of exhibitions in London.

He is the member of the National Artists' Union of Ukraine since 1994.

Shipilin artworks are held in The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Sevastopol Art Museum of M.P. Kroshitsky, Simferopol State Art Museum, and as well in private collections all over the world.

Awards/Recognitions | selected

2015 - Awarded the gold medal by the Union of Artists of the Russian Federation in exhibition-competition *Artists of Russia for Clean Water*

2014 - Awarded diploma by Russian Academy of Arts in exhibition-competition *Artists of Russia for Clean Water*

2011 - Honorary Diploma by the Department of Culture and Tourism of the SSGA "for contribution to the development of culture and art of the city of Sevastopol"

2007-2009 - Chairman of the Crimean Organization of the National Union of Artists of Ukraine

2008 - Award winner of the field *Fine Arts* of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, for a series of Crimean landscapes

Since 2001 - The organizer of the *League of Watercolors of Crimea*

Solo Exhibitions | selected

1992 - Watercolors *Leningrad series*, Art Museum M.P. Kroshitsky, Sevastopol, Crimea

1996 - Exhibition, Business and Cultural Center, Sevastopol, Crimea

2001 - Gallery *Art*, Art Museum M.P. Kroshitsky. Sevastopol, Crimea

2002, 2004, 2006, 2009 - Gallery *Les Oreades*, Central House of Artists, Moscow, Russia
2005 - Exhibition hall of the Union of Artists of the Crimea, Simferopol, Crimea
2007 - Gallery *Petley Fine-Art*, London, United Kingdom
2007 - Educational center *Vorontsov House*, The Academy of Sciences, Simferopol, Crimea
2008 - *Life by the Sea*, Exhibition Hall National Union of Artists of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine
2010 - *The Old New Thing*, Saratov University, an educational center “Virtual branch”,
Sevastopol, Crimea
2013 - *12 months*, Art Museum M.P. Kroshitsky, Sevastopol, Crimea
2014 - *Somewhere in the Crimea*, Gallery *MD-Art*, Moscow, Russia
2015 - *Life by the Sea*, N2N Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
2015 - *Sunny Days*, Gallery *MD-Art*, Moscow, Russia
2016 - *Seasons*, N2N Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Ara