

### *About the Artist: Valerio D'Ospina*

“As if viewing cityscapes from the vantage point of a bird swooping through the sky or from the window of a speeding car, Italian artist Valerio D’Ospina sets the world in motion through quick and expressive brushstrokes. The artist imbues the streets of Italy, New York, and Paris with a bold sense of energy that can appear both exciting and foreboding, depending on your perspective. D’Ospina also finds beauty in industrial transportation, specifically oil tankers and old locomotives that lumber into rail yards or sit docked in harbors with a captivating sense of dignity [...]”

- Colossal, Art & Visual Culture Blog

Emilio Valerio D'Ospina was born in 1980 in Taranto, Italy. After earning an artistic diploma from Liceo Artistico Statale "Lisippo" in Taranto, Valerio relocated to Florence, Italy and later Paris, France to continue his studies and absorb the work of the Old Masters. Upon returning to Florence, he continued to develop his artwork and completed his degree in Painting. In 2006, he enrolled in COBASLID, a two year program to become certified as a professor of art, at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Florence. Before even completing the program, Valerio was offered a position to teach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Therefore, upon completing the COBASLID program, he traveled to the United States and began teaching. However, after teaching for some time, Valerio began to focus solely on his painting career.

His energetic, unique style of painting cityscapes and industrial scenes has earned him numerous awards and accolades, and he has been ranked by several art publications as one of the most contemporary painters of his genre in America.

Valerio's work has been featured in prominent art magazines, online platforms, has been the subject of art lectures in universities and academies of fine art all over the world, and has been published in fine art textbooks. His work has also been acquired by significant corporate and private collections as well as international modern and contemporary art museum collections. Valerio D'Ospina currently lives and works in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## **Education:**

Artistic High School Diploma: Liceo Artistico Statale "Lisippo" in Taranto, Italy (July 1999) BFA: Accademia di Belle Arti, Florence, Italy (1999-2005)

Degree: Painting, maximum score Cum Laude

Graduate School Diploma: Accademia di Belle Arti, Florence, Italy (2006-2008)

Degree: Completed the COBASLID entitling all of the requirements to teach as a professor at all levels (equivalent to a MFA)

## **Exhibition Record:**

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

2016 "Transient Glance", Mike Wright Gallery, Denver CO

2015 "Quadri d'olio e di cemento, *un viaggio tra le icone del passato e le citta' del presente*", Barbara Frigerio Gallery, Milan, Italy

2014 "Valerio D'Ospina", Mike Wright Gallery, Denver CO

2013 "Valerio D'Ospina", Mason Murer Gallery, Atlanta GA

2012 "Valerio D'Ospina 2009-2011", Christine Frechard Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

2012 "Unknown", Zadok Gallery, Miami FL

### Two Person Exhibitions

2017 "Architectural Forms", Valerio D'Ospina & Greg Gandy, Principle Gallery, Alexandria VA

2015 "Tempo and Pause", Valerio D'Ospina & Greg Gandy, Principle Gallery, Alexandria VA

2014 "Urban Beat", with Jeremy Mann, CH Gallery, Healdsburg CA

2012 "Archimovement", HallSpasov Gallery, Bellevue, WA

2010 "The New Metropolis", Skotia Gallery, Santa Fe NM, USA

2010 "Andrey Petrov & Valerio D'Ospina", Principle Gallery, Alexandria VA, USA.

### Art Fairs, Biennals, Group Exhibitions and Prizes

2017 "City in Motion", Stanek Gallery, Philadelphia PA

2017 "Bloom", Parlor Gallery, Asbury Park, NJ

2017 "Seven", Stanek Gallery, Philadelphia PA

2017 "New Works", Mike Wright Gallery, Denver CO

2016 "The Invisible", Parlor Gallery, Asbury Park, NJ

2016 "Springtide", Haen Gallery, Asheville, NC

2015 "Summer Salon Show", Rarity Gallery, Mykonos, Greece

2015 "Inspirational Forms", Principle Gallery, Charleston, SC

2015 "Le tre anime della città", Jeremy Mann - Valerio D'Ospina - Daniele Cestari, Galleria Arte Totale, Pietrasanta, Italy

2015 "Forces of Nature", One Art Space, New York City, NY

2014 "Summer show", Barbara Frigerio Gallery, Milan, Italy

2014 "Summer salon show", Rarity Gallery, Mykonos, Greece

2014 "What Is Your Favorite City", Bonner David Gallery, Scottsdale, Arizona

2013 "The City Abstracted", Hubert Gallery NY

2013 "International Masters of Fine Art", Invitational show, Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio TX

2012 "AAF Seattle", art fair HallSpasov Gallery booth, Seattle WA

2012 "Streets", gallery artists group show, Principle Gallery, Alexandria VA

2012 "Group Exhibition", gallery artists group show, Hallway Gallery, WA

2011 "1st Opening in LA", Skotia Gallery, Culver City, CA

2011 "USArtists", Artfair PAFA, Philadelphia PA.

2011 "The Back Room", Joanne Artman Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA.

2011 "PREJA-VU", The Rosenfeld Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.

2011 "LA Art Show", Artfair Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA.

2010 "Drawings Exhibition", Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA.

2010 "Naked", Skotia Gallery, Santa Fe NM, USA.

2008 "Intimità Quotidiane", Galleria Geo Arte Contemporanea, Bari, Italy.

2005 "Espressioni dell'Arte", Masseria Belmonte, Crispiano (TA), Italy.

2004 "Profezie di Bellezza 4", Caffè Storico-Letterario Giubbe Rosse, Florence, Italy.

2004 "Alchimie Urbane", Villa Comunale "Peripato", Taranto, Italy.

2004 "4 art", Aragonese Castle, Taranto, Italy.

2004 "3rd Premio Internazionale Biennale d'Incisione", La Spirale Centre Culturel "Le Toboggan" Décines-Charpieu (Lyon), France.

2003 "3rd Premio Internazionale Biennale d'Incisione", Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art. Etching and print-making exhibited alongside Georges Rouault and Giorgio De Chirico, Villa Rnatico Martini, Monsummano Terme, Pistoia, Italy.

2003 "Profezie di bellezza 3", Caffè Giubbe Rosse, Florence, Italy.

2003 "Omaggio a Mario Mariotti", Limonaia di Villa Strozzi, Firenze, Italy.

2002 "Profezie di bellezza 2", Caffè Giubbe Rosse, Florence, Italy.

2001 "Profezie di bellezza", Giubbe Rosse, Florence, Italy.

1999 "1st Prize Hippodrome", Ippodromo di Taranto, Italy.