

# NATAN ELKANOVICH



Since 1995, Natan works as a senior costume designer in the Israeli cinema and television industry. Ever since painting became an integral part of his life, Natan has worked to develop his unique painting technique, in which he mixes all kinds of plastic materials in different quantities, which include, amongst other things silicon and acrylic, which he then applies on the canvas.

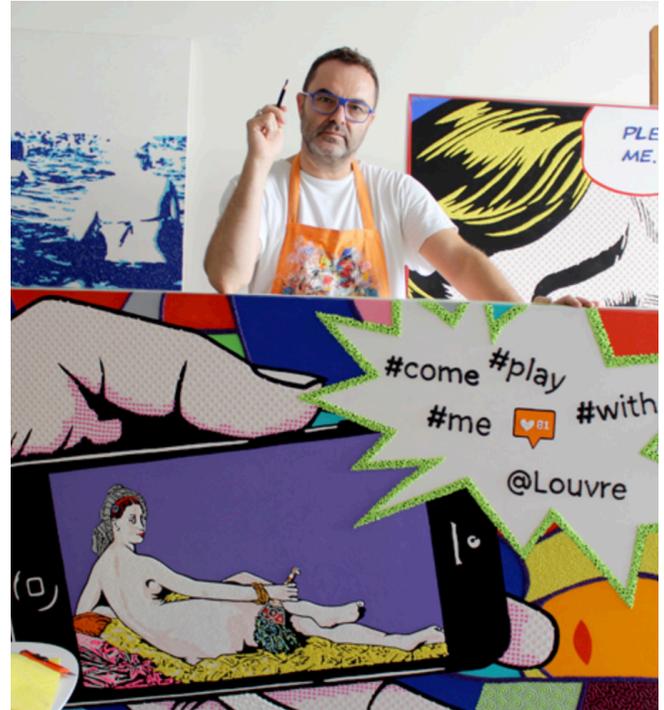
This medium creates a 3D texture on the surface. Sometimes he adds Swarovski elements and all kinds of glitter to the end result. The materials are painstakingly and entirely made by Natan, and there is no machinery involved in the process.

To date, Natan Elkanovich he has been awarded four Israeli Academy Awards for best costume design. One of the highlights of Natan's career was to design the costumes for internationally acclaimed actress Gal Gadot's last Israeli movie prior to being selected to play Wonder Woman. When their work together was done, he presented the actress with her portrait.

In addition to the paintbrush, Natan also uses kitchenware to apply these self made materials. As he recalls, this stems from his deep seated roots in the kitchen, embedded in him from early childhood.

Natan executes portraits of famous people and paints homages to famous works-of-art which have influenced and impacted his life deeply both through philosophy and Pop Culture. By painting them Natan expresses the respect he has for them and their great impact on his world. In his words: "I paint famous people and homages of art works by great masters that have had a deep impact on my life, as did my parents and teachers, who heavily contributed to my spiritual worldview and are depicted in my paintings too.

These people were my 'babysitters' and by painting them now, I express, without the slightest hint of cynicism, my great appreciation and endless thanks to them for building my inner world. My paintings come from my great appreciation and personal gratitude to the painted figure and not out of a desire to educate or preach any message other than love."



## PUBLICATIONS

"Haolam Haboker," *Guest Appearance*, Channel 13 TV Morning Show, January 2018  
"The Good Life," *Guest Appearance*, Channel 13 Life Style TV Show, November 2017  
Shamenet Magazine of Haaretz Newspaper, *Article*, Magazine, November 2017  
Maariv, *Editorial*, Magazine, September 2017  
G Magazine of Globes Newspaper, *Editorial*, Magazine, 2010  
Yediot Ahronot, *Article*, Newspaper, 2008  
The Marker Magazine, *Article*, Newspaper, December 2004  
HDL Design Magazine, *Editorial*, Magazine, 2004  
AT Magazine, *Feature*, Magazine, 2004

## PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, Ramat Gan, Israel  
Miri Bouhadana, Israeli Top Model  
Dalia Rabin, Chair of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, Tel Aviv, Israel

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2013 Blue Gallery, Miami, FL  
2012 Silversea Company, Silver Spirit Luxury Cruise Line  
2011 Theater Gallery, Holon, Israel  
2006 *Prince of Pop Art*, Simic Gallery, Palm Desert, CA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020 Gefen Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
2019 Gefen Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
2018 Gefen Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
2016 ArtStage Fair, Singapore  
2007 Fundraiser, Bank Hapoalim, Israel

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