## **Viktor Sheleg**

**Viktor Sheleg** was born in 1962 in Lomonosov, near Saint-Petersberg, Russia. His family moved to Latvia when he was three. Viktor has been drawing since early childhood and started painting at the age of twelve. Self-taught, his creativity is based on his personal worldview, which earned him a solid reputation of an independent artist. Sheleg developed his style and aesthetic preference in a country isolated from the rest of the world and known for its climate of conformity. The artist himself says that his work is inspired by chaos and that his painting is guided by emotions and energy.

He lives and works in Riga, Latvia.

Important latest solo and group exhibitions:

2005 - Basteja Pasaza Gallery, Riga, Latvia - solo exhibition

2004 - Le Siants Galerie, Prague - solo exhibition

2003 - CDHA Gallery, Moscow

2002 - Howard Alberts Gallery, Chicago, USA

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Art fairs: Art Ireland, Dublin (2004-2009); Art Zurich International (2004); Art Edinburgh (2005-2008); The Affordable Art Fair, London (Spring Collections 2006-2009); Art Melbourne (2006); Affordable Art Fair, Paris (2008); Chelsea Art Fair, London(2009); Glasgow Art Fair (2009).

Victor's works can be found in collections of famous Spanish opera singer Montserrat Caballe, actor Jack Nicholson, and Monaco Princess Stefania.