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Some quotations about Jagodič’s art from his monograph, 1989:

Jagodič’s energy is powerful enough to take modern art across the border of our millennium.
Dr Lev Menaše, Slovenia, art critic

Mocking at the vulnerability of mankind.
Dr Aaron Schaver, England, art theorist

Revolutionary beauty is not dead.
Alain Jouffroy, France, art critic

Art and vision combined in a single creation.
Sten Möllerström, Sweden, editor

Creations with a halo of subtle humor.
Robert la Palme, Canada, art critic

Images from reality, handled with dreamy playfulness.
Piero Zanotto, Italy, art critic

Today’s true illustrator.
Lee Sung Man, South Korea, editor

Poetry in black, white and red.
Ali Akdamar, Turkey, art critic

The painful and proud adherence to art.
Jože Volfand, Slovenia, editor

Cursed Fate, object montage, 2005

Fixing the Essence-Stane Jagodič (photo portrait), photomontage, 1982

Selfportrait (ink-bodygraph, 1974

Biography

Stane Jagodič (Jagodich) was born on June 15, 1943 in Cerkev (Slovenia) as an illegitimate child to his mother Julijana Jagodič and a photographer from Celje, Franjo Kunšek. He spent his youth at many places in Šmarje pri Jelšah (Šentvid, Predenca, Brecljevo). In 1964 he finished the School of Design, then he worked as a teacher at the elementary school at Ljublno, Kozjanka and in 1970 graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Ljubljana.

He is a freelance artist engaged in the fields of painting, graphics, Archie, wood art, caricature, photomontage, collage, object montage, assemblage and performance. He is also a writer, publisher. He was a member of the Slovenian Fine Artists Society, Slovenian Designers Society, Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate New York, Board Advisors of the American Biographical Institute, Kaknšek (USA) and a collaborator of the international magazine Graphic Design, Seoul (South Korea). He was the initiator and the head of the group of artists Grupa Junij (Juno Group), an international fine art movement, active in the years 1970-1985, initiator of the International Art Collection Junij (1985), the Slovenian triennial of satire and humor Artas-satirA (1995-2004) and member of many other arts unions at home and abroad.

He had more than 50 solo exhibitions and has taken part in more than 200 group exhibitions.

For different genres and techniques in his creative work he has received 45 awards. He also got 9 awards for his successful cooperation in different cultural projects.

In 1989 a monograph was published about his multimedia art work (1959-1989) and in 2006, his 800-page collection of memories the entitled Orbis Artis-Restless and Creative (1943-2004). His works have been published in numerous newspapers, magazines, catalogues and anthologies worldwide.

He is married to Greta Hrovat, a landscape designer, and has two sons: Jan (a designer) and Vid (a software engineer).

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The life path of Stane Jagodič, a multimedia artist, a versatile researcher and a cosmopolite, was not an easy one. Since his early childhood till maturity age he has been permanently fighting a Don Quixote battle with insensitive and heartless windmills. Quite often he was a solitary rider, but marked for life with humanism, idealism and optimism.

The mysterious power of some primordial harshness and the symbolism of existence, search and dialectal dissatisfaction over things discovered, and an indomitable wish for new challenges.
Drago Medved, Slovenia, art critic

Stepping down from Olympus to the people.
Franc Šetinc, Slovenia, editor, publicist
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Gala 21

21st Century Hellenism, assemblage, 2005

Passion, object montage, 1983

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