



Michel D'Anastasio

(1968) discovered the calligraphy for the first time in 1989. A year later he started to take lessons at DUCTUS - first French calligraphic association where he met famous calligraphy masters such as Claude Mediavilla, Jean Larcher and Kitty Sabatier who become his tutors. He got befriended with various styles of occidental calligraphy (English classic, chancellery and modern style writing) and discovers basics of Chinese art of writing too. In 1993 he discovered modern gestural style of writing -a very deliberate way of making calligraphy while taking lessons with Bernard Arin in Toulouse. Between 1997 and 2003 he worked closely with Kitty Sabatier – during this period he confronts his knowledge with new utensils and materials.

The turning point in his artistic carrier is summer 2004. Shortly after having discovered the fact his Maltese family origins come from Jewish background deep in history his voyage to Holy Land opens to him a way to the Hebrew letters. Ever since he has become one of two major specialists in modern Hebrew calligraphy in Europe. After some time he turns to more contemporary techniques – a photography; he writes and takes pictures of his calligraphic works in the different light moods but not only he on his turn becomes a well-known teacher of the beautiful art of calligraphy. Michel D'Anastasio is known worldwide mainly for his works with Hebrew letters he represents all around the globe from Japan via India and Russia to Canada.



EXPOSITIONS

- **“Hebrew calligraphy”** Association Hebraica - Toulouse (France)
> 30 mars au 30 mai 2016
- **“The modern calligraphy”** Centre culturel Jacques Tati - Amiens (France)
> 25 november - 2 december 2015
- **“Sacred letters, Sacred words”** Europa Scriptorium 2015 - Bayreuth county office - Bayreuth (Germany)
> 15 october - 20 november 2015
- **“The calligraphy for a culture of peace and living together”**
The City of Paris and the secular Patronage Jules Vallès - Paris (France)
> 5 to 28 november 2015
- **“Hebrew calligraphy”** Galerie du Colombier - Paris (France)
> 23 october – 1 november 2014
- **Exhibition “Calligraphies”** Palazzo Chiaramonte Steri - Palerme (Sicily)
> 12 - 26 may 2014
- **Exhibition “My word, my world”** Gallery Askøy - Askøy (Norway)
> 8 - 16 march 2014
- **Exposition “Calligraphy”** Espace Saint-Jean - Melun (France)
> 11 janvier au 9 march 2014
- **Exhibition “Marseille, European Capital of Culture”** Marseille (France)
> 6 november - 6 december 2013
- **Exhibition “A Fine Line: Calligraphy, Language, and Symbol”** Strathmore (USA)
> 21 september - november 2013
<http://www.strathmore.org>
- **Exposition “Judaica Calligraphy”** Maribor Synagogue (Slovenia)
> 27 june - 11 october 2013
- **Exposition “Joined collaboration – Successful realization”** Central Gallery, Kurashiki (Japan)
> 14-19 may 2013
- **Columbia University / Barnard's Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life** - New-York (USA)
> 11 october - 29 november 2012
- **Jewish Community Center Soloway** Ottawa (Canada)
> 22 - 25 november 2012
- **Aliyah Arts Gallery** Montreal (Canada)
> 18 november - 31 december 2012
- **Festival Sefarad** Montréal (Canada)
> 12 - 22 november 2012
- **4th International Exhibition for Calligraphy Moscow** (Russia) / 1 november - 14 december 2012
> <http://calligraphy-expo.com/eng/>
- **Cultural Center** Ormesson (France) / 13 - 23 october 2012
> www.ville-Ormesson-Sur-Marne.fr
- **Library** Bonneuil-Sur-Marne (France)
> 13 - 24 march 2012

- **Cultural Center Léo Lagrange** Amiens (France)
> 30 november - 15 december 2011
- **Library François-Rabelais** Mairie de Gennevilliers (France)
> 7 - 29 october 2011
- **Liberec Synagogue « Judaica - Calligraphy »** Židovská obec Liberec (Czech Republic)
> In permanent collection
- **Calligraphy exhibition** Fukuyama City Museum (Japan) > 3-8 may 2011
- **Group exhibition « COULEURS ET MATIERES »** Gallery ART de VOIR - 3, Rue Mirbel - 75005 Paris (France)
> 2 december 2010 - 15 february 2011
- **17th Storytelling Festival and calligraphy** - University Library Louis Aragon - 50, rue de la République - Amiens (France)
> 17 November - 8 december 2010
- **Let there be light! European Days of Jewish Culture of Lorraine 2010**
University Library "Paul Verlaine" Metz, Ile du Saulcy (France)
> 5 - 30 october 2010
> <http://www.script-sign.com/expositions/metz/exposition-calligraphie-metz.php>
- **III International Exhibition of Calligraphy, Velikiy Novgorod (Russia)**
> 10 - 12 september 2010 > <http://calligraphy-expo.com/eng/>
- **Tel-Aviv Accessible art - Gebo Art center, Tel-Aviv (Israel)**
> 2-8 september 2010
> <http://www.accessibleartfair.com/event-telavivaaf-2010.php>
- **Naissance des Alphabets sur les Rives de la Méditerranée** - Cultural Center Nicolas Peiresc, Toulon (France)
> 16 august - 17 december 2010
> <http://centreculturelnicolaspeiresc.over-blog.com>
- **Jerusalem Synagogue « Judaica - Calligraphy » Prague** (Czech Republic)
> 25 april - 3 october 2010
- **Amal Association « LIGHT, SOUND & CALLIGRAPHY »** Grenoble (France)
> 9 march - 26 march 2010
- **Urban calligraphy exhibition, Israel Palestine "The peace as utopia"**
of the year of Utopias & innovations, Besançon (France)
> 28 january - 28 february 2010
- **2nd International Exhibition for Calligraphy Moscow** (Russia) / 14 october - 14 november 2009
> <http://calligraphy-expo.com/eng/>
- **Comptoir des écritures, Paris** (France) / 2 - 30 april 2009
> www.comptoirdesecritures.com
- **Centre culturel d'Ormesson** (France) / 25 january - 8 february 2009
> www.ville-Ormesson-Sur-Marne.fr
- **Callifest 2008, Sir J. J. Institute of Applied Art, Mumbai** (India)
> 15 - 21 december 2008
> www.achyutpalav.com/calfest.htm
- **Maison des MICI - AFA, Paris** (France) / 6 - 30 november 2008
> www.afa.asso.fr
- **Art-&Miss, Paris** (France) / 4 - 31 may 2007
> www.art-et-miss.com
- **Café Culturel, Saint Denis** (France) / 27 february - 31 march 2006
> www.cafeculturel.org
- **Art-&Miss, Paris** (France) / 2 february - 28 february 2006
> www.art-et-miss.com
- **Saint James Cavalier Centre for creativity, Valetta** (Malta) / 13 october - 13 november 2005
> www.sjcav.org
- **Ministry of Gozo Island, Gozo** (Malta) / 2 september - 30 september 2005 > www.gozo.gov.mt

- **Fiap Espace Jean Monet, Paris** (France) / 21 september - 9 october 2004 > www.fiap.asso.fr/europe
- **ART O NIVEO, Brugge** (Belgium) / 3 december 2003 - 26 january 2004 > www.artonivo.be



WORKSHOPS

Workshop and calligraphy courses in colleges, kindergartens and libraries of the city of Amiens during the **22nd tale Festival and calligraphy** > november 2015

- **1st demonstration belgium Calligraphy Festival Namur (Belgique)**
> novembre 2015
- **“Modern calligraphy” 21th Storytelling Festival and calligraphy Amiens (France)**
> november 2014
- **“Modern calligraphy” 20th Storytelling Festival and calligraphy Amiens (France)**
> december 2013
- **“Modern calligraphy” 19th Storytelling Festival and calligraphy Amiens (France)**
> december 2012
- **“Modern calligraphy” 18th Storytelling Festival and calligraphy Amiens (France)**
> 30 november - 3 december 2011
- **“Hebrew calligraphy” Library to Nelson Mandela - Vitry-Sur-Seine (France)**
> 1 october 2011
- **“Modern Hebrew calligraphy” Fukuyama City Museum (Japan)**
> may 2011
- **“Modern Hebrew calligraphy” III International Exhibition of Calligraphy Velikiy Novgorod (Russia)**
> 10 - 12 september 2010
> <http://calligraphy.mvk.ru/en/>
- **“Modern calligraphy” Médiathèque des Mureaux (France)**
> may 2010
- **Maison des MICI - AFA, Paris (France)**
> 28 february 2009
> www.afa.asso.fr
- **Centre culturel d’Ormesson (France)**
> 28 january 2009
> www.ville-ormesson-sur-marne.fr
- **Callifest 2008, Sir J. J. Institute of Applied Art, Mumbai (India)**
> 15 - 21 december 2008
> www.achyutpalav.com/calfest.htm
- **Mercator - KERKCENTRUM «DE GAARDE», Bunnik (Nederlands)**
> 29 january 2005
> www.verenigingmercator.nl



TEACHING CLASSES

- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy**– Conteville (France)
> april 2016
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy** Association Hebraica - Toulouse - Paris (France)
> march 2016
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy** in association feathers and pens – Namur (Belgium)
> January2016
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy** in association feathers and pens – Namur (Belgium)
> march 2015
- **Training of Modern Calligraphy** in association feathers and pens – Namur (Belgium)
> november 2014
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy in** Palazzo Chiarmonite Steri - Palerme (Sicily)
> may 2014
- **Training of Modern Calligraphy** in association feathers and pens – Namur (Belgium)
> april 2013
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy in** Jewish Community Center Soloway - Ottawa (Canada)
> november 2012
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy in** Aliyah Arts Gallery - Montréal (Canada)
> november 2012
- **Training of Hebrew and modern Latin Calligraphy in** Centre culturel d’Ormesson (France)
> 17 / 20 october 2012
- **5 days - Formation of Modern Calligraphy** in association feathers and pens (Belgium)
> august 2012
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy** in Library – Flexicourt (France)
> april 2012
- **Training of Latin Calligraphy** in Library – Bonneuil-Sur-Marne (France)
> march 2012
- **Training of Hebrew Calligraphy** in association feathers and pens – Namur (Belgium)
> may 2011
- **Training of Modern Calligraphy** in association feathers and pens – Namur (Belgium)
> october / november 2011

Online Video

> Video on Hebrew calligraphy by Michel D'Anastasio

<https://vimeo.com/128456499>

> Calligraphy from Paper to Brick - Episode 01 - Paris, France - Documentary 2016

<https://youtu.be/ZGcW515RWmY>

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