

PORTRAIT



OF A SWIMMING PAINTER

TONI PAVICIC – DONKIC 'BRISKULA'

Born in 1968 on Vrbanj, son of this island, and well known as a talented artist, he has long been tipped by insiders

He owes a degree of popularity to his excellent reputation as a swimmer. Contributing to this are his numerous achievements such as swimming the English Channel (solo), the Strait of Gibraltar (from Europe to Africa), the Vis Canal from the island Vis to Hvar, and many national and Masters' swimming competitions. He is still Number 10 in the rankings of the best Masters' Swimmers in the world.

On the basis of this exemplary sporting career he published his first book, *Mount Everest Horizontal*, in 2009.

Toni other passion is painting. He had already devoted himself to this when a ten-year-old boy, but his artistic development intensified with his move to Switzerland twelve years ago. His inspiration was a longing for the sound of the sea and the fragrance of lavender, which are echoed in the motifs of his pictures.

'Briskula' found his own style which is between Realism and Impressionism. His oil paintings reflect his connection to, and love of, the soul of the island, the people, and to the element water. Light and shadow provide the depth and movement in his pictures: like a symphony of life. This makes the observer aware of what a great painter he is.

Toni Pavicic-Donkic is a member of the *Internationalen Kunstvereins* (Art Association of Switzerland), and he holds his first art exhibition in honour of his homeland - the island Hvar - his deep bond with his parents Marija and Dinko, and his family and friends.

The painter hopes that the inner lives of the pictures transfer to other people, so that they may also come to think of them as their own.

Vernissage, Thursday, 26.05.2011, 20.00h
Exhibition daily till 09.06.2011, 11–13h and 18- 21h

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