

CV of Levente Francisc SZÉKEDI, member of the Romanian Fine Arts Union critic section

Levente Francisc SZÉKEDI was born on 6 January 1945 in the small Hungarian village of Nemestördemicz, near lake Balaton, where his parents were evacuated from Miercurea Ciuc, Transylvania. After the II. World War the Székedi family returned to his hometown, in Romania, where he finished his high school studies (1962). He studied engineering (1963-1968) and journalism (1981-1985) in Bucharest, and completed a General Course on Intellectual Property of Geneva headquartered World Intellectual Property Organization's (2002).

Between 1971-1989 Mr. SZÉKEDI has worked as a journalist for regional daily newspaper HARGITA. Following the Romanian Revolution, he was elected the regional chairman of Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (DAHR). After six years of political activity to establish democratic structures in this country, he returned to the media, working as editor-in-chief for new founded CSIKI TV. (1996-2006). From 2006 he was invited by SAPIENTIA UNIVERSITY as associate professor for media and communications courses. He was director (1997-2010) of the cultural-centered KRITERION FOUNDATION, now activates as a member of the Directory Committee. He is a weekly commentator of the public Romanian Radio Hungarian Programs and a permanent contributor to the Hungarian weekly ERDÉLYI RIPIORT and for the hungarian news website MASZOL.RO.

Since from the beginning of his career, he was interested in cultural topics, in promoting art, artist and creativity, in opening the romanian and regional spiritual borders to the european culture. As a cultural journalist and member of the Romanian Fine Arts Union critic section, ha wrote a lot of articles, essays and studies about the the modern and postmodern european paintings and sculpture and he is a permanently speaker of visual art exhibition openings. He edited and prefaced more then 50 exhibitons catalogues and albums about visual arts and artists. Mr. SZÉKEDI published five paperbooks and one e-book selections from his public writings. He translated five romanian contemporary novels from romanian in hungarian and realised many documentaries and other TV-productions about the cultural events in Harghita county, Romania. At the present time, Mr. SZÉKEDI was elected CreArt Ambassador for Harghita County, Romania. CreArt is cultural cooperation project with the participation of 13 European cities and institutions, developed for 5 years (2012-2017) by the European Commission.

In 1996 the mayor of Miercurea Ciuc awarded him the Pro Urbe award. In 2009 he received the Silver Tree award from the DAHR for contribution to the community development. In 2011 his activity was honoured with the Spectator Prize for journalism by the Hungarian Cultural Society of Transylvania.

He has three children. Levente is a sociologist, PhD candidate, vice-dean in Partium Christian University from Oradea. Eszter is a german teacher and film critic (PhD candidate) in Miercurea Ciuc. Ágota is a student at the University of Arts Târgu Mureş, Department of Theatre and Visual Arts, Stage Design and Artistic Event.

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