

Artist Feature: Elene Chantladze



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2021 Mixed media on cardboard 36 × 44 cm (14 1/8 × 17 3/8 inches)

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Elene Chantladze (b.1946, Supsa, Georgia) is a self-taught artist based in the former balneological resort of Tskaltubo, Georgia. In contradiction to the conventional style of living in a rather pragmatic environment, Chantladze has always occupied herself with artistic affairs, such as producing diaristic entries all her life, writing poetry, and children's stories, while actively involved in a local writers' club. Her practice began later in her life, prompted by gathering beach pebble stones and other discarded materials and feeling the urge to paint them. Being extremely resourceful, reusing scraps of cardboard and paper from product packaging and old documents from an abandoned hospital, she paints with fingers or matchsticks dipped in food extracts from her garden or coffee stains. Her practice includes painting over the black & white xerox copies of her previous works. In terms of the medium and subject matter, her entire process revolves around improvisation and spontaneity; thus, Chantladze's paintings radiate an expressionistic nature and playful approach. Though the Tskaltubo-based artist has been distanced from fast-paced global narratives, she has faced and rebelled against Soviet bureaucracies and its imposed constructs. Observing the scenes of her rural daily normalcy and memories with her family, sometimes imaginary, Elene relentlessly paints daily, transforming the usual scenarios into mythical narratives on the verge of figurative and abstract.

Elene Chantladze lives and works in Tskaltubo, Georgia. Her recent solo exhibitions include Fierman, New York (2022); Modern Art, London (2021); LC Queisser, Tbilisi (2020); Gallery Nectar, Tbilisi (2018). Her work has been exhibited in group exhibitions at Ermes Ermes, Rome (2022); Lismore Castle Arts, (2022); Croy Nielsen, Vienna (2022); ADZ Gallery, Lisbon (2021); Conceptual Fine Arts, Milan (2021); Gallery Nectar, Tbilisi (2015); Ausstellungsraum Klingental, Basel (2015).



Elene Chantladze Taking a Walk In Nature, 2013 Gouache on paper 20 x 25 cm (7 7/8 x 9 7/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze თავისუფალი ბავშვა (Free Drawing) Mixed media on cardboard 21 x 15.5 cm (8 1/4 x 6 1/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2021 Mixed media on cardboard 36 x 44 cm (14 1/8 x 17 3/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze თავისუფალი ბავშვა (Free Drawing), 2022 Mixed media on cardboard 12 x 14 cm (4 3/4 x 5 1/2 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2021 Mixed media on cardboard 35.5 x 50 cm (14 x 19 5/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze უსახლკარონი (The Homeless), 2019 Watercolor, pen on paper 35.5 x 26.5 cm (14 x 10 3/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze მამუნკა (Mashenka), 2014 Mixed media on cardboard 14.5 x 19.5 cm (5 3/4 x 7 5/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Doomed Love, 2004 Mixed media on paper 29.5 x 23.5 cm (11 5/8 x 9 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze ღარიბი მხატვარი (Poor Artist), 2014 Mixed media on cardboard 27 x 21.5 cm (10 5/8 x 8 1/2 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2010 Mixed media on paper 27.5 x 20.5 cm (10 7/8 x 8 1/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze გაზაფხული და თამრიკო (Spring And Tamriko), 2010 Mixed media on cardboard 29 x 20.4 cm (11 3/8 x 8 inches)



Elene Chantladze წითელი ჯიშა (Red Riding Hood), 2010 Mixed media on paper 26 x 17 cm (10 1/4 x 6 3/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze Visitors In Tskaltubo Mixed media on cardboard 36.5 x 27.5 cm (14 3/8 x 10 7/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze The Ice Cabin, 2014 Mixed media on paper 25 x 20 cm (9 7/8 x 7 7/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled Mixed media on cardboard 20.5 x 13.8 cm (8 1/8 x 5 3/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze თავისუფალი ბავშვა (Free Drawing), 2013 Mixed media on paper 30 x 41 cm (11 3/4 x 16 1/8 inches)

Elene Chantladze 8 აგვისტო (8th of August), 2008 Mixed media on cardboard 34.5 x 24.5 cm (13 5/8 x 9 5/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze 8 აგვისტო (8th of August), 2008 Mixed media on cardboard 34.5 x 24.5 cm (13 5/8 x 9 5/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2016 Mixed media on cardboard 21 x 15.9 cm (8 1/4 x 6 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze სევა ნარმელისა, 2020 Mixed media on paper 30 x 21 cm (11 3/4 x 8 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze შემოდგომა (Autumn), 2007 Mixed media on cardboard 19 x 27 cm (7 1/2 x 10 5/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Nine-Headed Giant, 2018 Mixed media on paper 28 x 21 cm (11 x 8 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze How does the bear climb the tree, 2013 12.5 x 17.5 cm (4 7/8 x 6 7/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze მზვეები (Elderly), 2012 Mixed media on paper 20 x 28.5 cm (7 7/8 x 11 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze ავტოპორტრეტი (Self Portrait), 2010 Mixed media on paper 17 x 12 cm (6 3/4 x 4 3/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze თავისუფალი ბავა (Free Drawing), 2019 Mixed media on paper 29.2 x 24.5 cm (11 1/2 x 9 5/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2019 Mixed media on paper 20.5 x 26.5 cm (8 1/8 x 10 3/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2010 Mixed media on paper 20 x 21 cm (7 7/8 x 8 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze ვაშლის ხე (Apple Tree) Mixed media on paper 20.5 x 14 cm (8 1/8 x 5 1/2 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 1999 Mixed media on cardboard 27 x 28 cm (10 5/8 x 11 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2019 Mixed media on cardboard 25 x 15 cm (9 7/8 x 5 7/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2010 Mixed media on paper 28 x 13.5 cm (11 x 5 3/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2013 Mixed media on paper 12 x 16 cm (4 3/4 x 6 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze კახი კავსადე (Kakhi Kavsadze), 2021 Gouache on cardboard 26 x 27 cm (10 1/4 x 10 5/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze თავისუფალი ბატვა (Free Drawing), 2009 Mixed media on cardboard 28 x 21.5 cm (11 x 8 1/2 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2019 Mixed media on cardboard 32 x 30 cm (12 5/8 x 11 3/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze თავისუფალი ბატვა (Free Drawing), 2014 Mixed media on cardboard 21 x 15 cm (8 1/4 x 5 7/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze დათო ცოლ-შვილთან (Dato With His Wife And Children), 1990 Mixed Media on Canvas 30 x 20.5 cm (11 3/4 x 8 1/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2021 Mixed media on cardboard 28.5 x 21.5 cm (11 1/4 x 8 1/2 inches)



Elene Chantladze ჩივების სამფლობელო (The Domain of Birds), 2005 Mixed media on paper



Elene Chantladze ფანტაზია (Phantasia) Mixed media on paper 14.5 x 20.5 cm (5 3/4 x 8 1/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze ბატონი ოტია ოსელიანი (Batoni Otia Ioseliani), 2014 Mixed media on cardboard 11 x 17 cm (4 3/8 x 6 3/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze Untitled Mixed media on cardboard 16.5 x 12 cm (6 1/2 x 4 3/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze ოცნებას კაცი არ მოკლავს (Dreaming Won't Kill a Man), 2021 Mixed media on cardboard 20 x 13.5 cm (7 7/8 x 5 3/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze Cheli, 2020 Mixed media on cardboard



Elene Chantladze Untitled, 2021 Mixed media on cardboard 30 x 21 cm (11 3/4 x 8 1/4 inches)



Elene Chantladze მარტოხელა გედი (A Lonely Swan) Mixed media on cardboard 24.5 x 16.5 cm (9 5/8 x 6 1/2 inches)



Elene Chantladze ქეთინო, ლია, მე (Ketino, Lia, Me), 2021 Mixed media on cardboard 15 x 20 cm (5 7/8 x 7 7/8 inches)



Elene Chantladze ვიწიხის წელიწადია (It Is The Year Of The Rat), 2021 mulberry juice on cardboard 20.5 x 42.5 cm (8 1/8 x 16 3/4 inches)