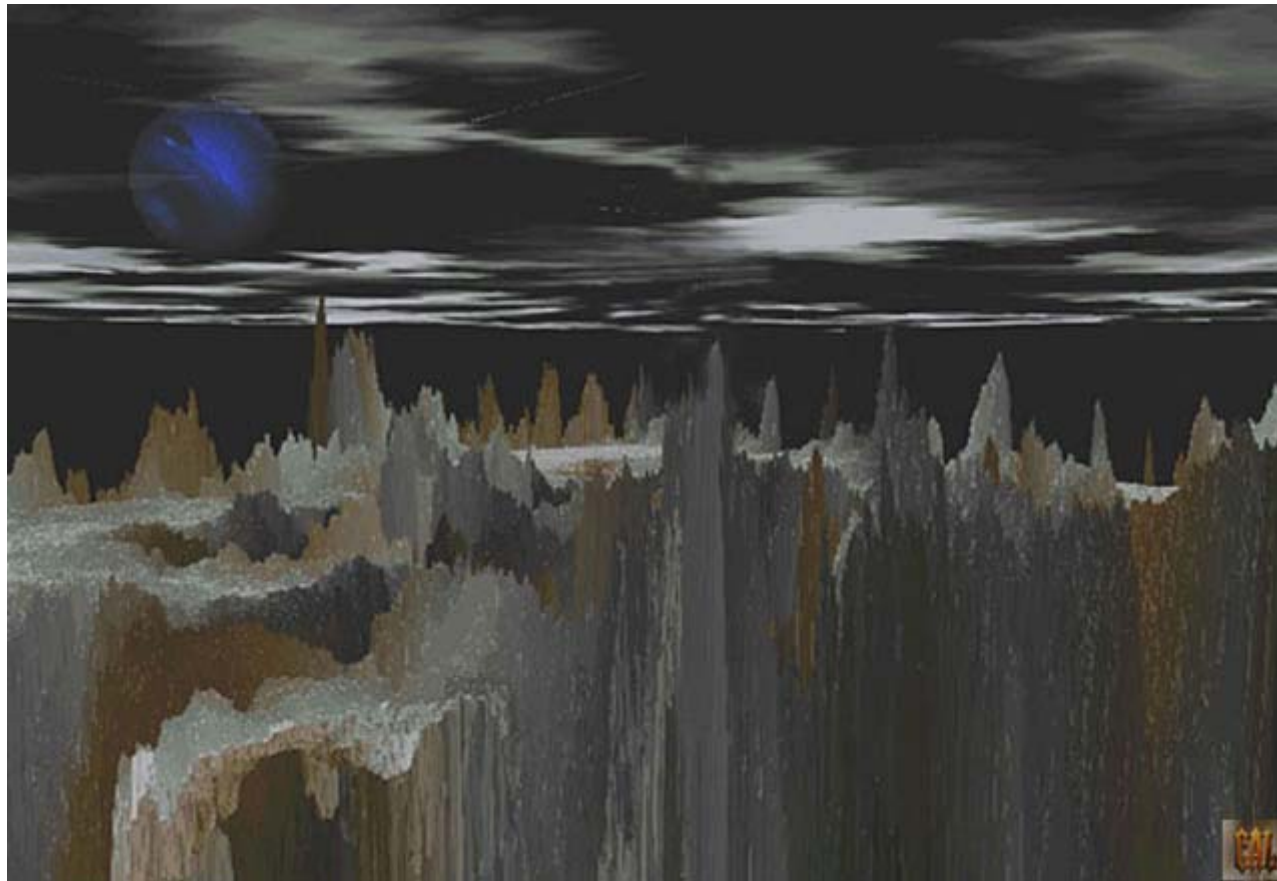


10 EDITIONS OF THE ATROPOETRY SHOW (ASTROSHOW) AT THE INTERNATIONAL METEOR CONFERENCE

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Our destiny is not to admire the falling stars

All over the Universe,
But to observe them here, on Earth,
And to dedicate to them, sometimes, a verse...

METEOR POETRY MANIFESTO 1995-2007

MICRO-COSMOS

the apparent movement;
every meteor
is a small sun

CONCERNING

The forest was concerned
by the spurs of night
which remained hanged
to the high trees.

Space was concerned
by a star
with an unmerciful shine.

Sound was concerned
by the fall of a sad meteor
which left
a strange reverberation.

ASTROPROVERB

You are not upset
when you are struck

by a quasar,
only when you are hit
by a meteorite!

CELESTIAL LOVE

I have remarked that the meteors
are the most beloved heavenly bodies.

The comets are their parent-bodies,
the Moon's phases offer various stages
for their brightness,
constellations and great stars
kindly become reference points
for their roads,
and even Venus' magnitude
(or sometimes Jupiter's)
measures them as meteors or fireballs.

All because our Terra
is kept around the Sun
by gravity -
a hot super-feeling.

DREAMER AND ECHO

Dreamer:

If you look at Quadrantids,
You can hear the heart of the Universe.

Echo:

Big-Bang... Big-Bang... Big-Bang...

Dreamer:

If you look at Virginids,
You can hear the dilemma of the Maiden.

Echo:

Who am I?
Thethis or Athena? Isis or Mary?

Dreamer:

If you look at Scorpids,
You can hear the remorse
Of the Scorpion.

Echo:

Artemis is the real killer of hunter Orion.
How sadly for me... to be her instrument!

Dreamer:

If you look at Sagittarids,
You can hear Centaur Chiron's voice.

Echo:

To throw arrows of culture is my job...

Dreamer:

If you look at Lyrids,
You can hear Orpheus' despondency.

Echo:

My celestial Lyre is animated
By the love remembrance.
Oh, my lost Euridike!

Dreamer:

If you look at Aquarids,
You can hear fascinating sounds
Of light rains.

Echo:

Eta, Delta, Gamma...

Dreamer:

If you look at Pegasids,
You can hear Pegasus' pride.

Echo:

I am the swiftest space being...

Dreamer:

If you look at Capricornids,
You can hear the melancholy
Of the she-goat Amalthea.

Echo:

To save Zeus, the greatest god,
Like an usual soul...

Dreamer:

If you look at Perseids,
You can hear brave Perseus' conclusion.

Echo:

Everybody wants to be a hero,
But without fights...

Dreamer:

If you look at Aurigids,
You can hear the Charioteer's joy.

Echo:

I drive horses of light!...

Dreamer:

If you look at Draconids,
You can hear Draco's resignation.

Echo:

My own death left free the Golden Apples
Of the Hesperides' Garden
To fly into the sky...

Dreamer:

If you look at Orionids,
You can hear hunter Orion's puzzle.

Echo:

I didn't know that to reject
Goddess Artemis' love
Can be a fatal guilt...

Dreamer:

If you look at Taurids,
You can hear Europe's consolation.

Echo:

My own tragedy was in fact
A victory for humanity.

Dreamer:

If you look at Leonids,
You can hear the Lion's sadness.

Echo:

Hercules was too strong for me,
But I tried...!

Dreamer:

If you look at Geminids,
You can hear the chorus
Of Castor and Pollux.

Echo:

Not even death can be an obstacle
For a real fraternity.

Dreamer:

If you look at Ursids,
You can hear the sound
Of the first celestial vehicles.

Echo:

To be a taxi driver among the stars...

Dreamer:

But if you are in the south
And, for instance,

Look at Phoenicids,
You can hear the Great Bird.
Echo:
Every death is a new rebirth...

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Certainly, you can see
Wonderful realms in meteor radiants,
Or an ideal in every Zenithal Hourly Rate,
You can grant quality certificates
For the fireballs' speeds and magnitudes,
But remember:
The meteors seem to come
From constellations loaded by
So many stars and deep sky objects,
And they catch light in planetary atmospheres...
And never forget the parent-bodies
Of the meteors:
Sometimes, fertile asteroids
(their magnitude at opposition =
= a so difficult solar feeling),
and almost always fascinating comets
(nucleus = diamond treasure;
mane = luminous ornament;
tail = pompous void rudder;
last perihelion = last imposed figure).

IMC 1997 PETNICA



After a musical introduction (tape recordings with two Romanian astrofolk songs by Dan Mitrut and Iulian Harsan),
Andrei Dorian Gheorghe and Gelu Claudiu Radu played
Suffering in the Universe because of the Meteors,
an astropoetic drama by the first of them.

One day after, a Bulgarian trio played a humorous sketch by Svilen Stavrev.



IMC 1998 STARA LESNA



Poets and actors:

Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Gelu Claudiu Radu and Valentin Grigore,
plus Stefan Berinde as sound operator.

Acts:

- Wonderful Fireball
- Giving Firebals
- Comet Halley and Sons
- Hero and Eclipse Dragon
- Eta Aquarid and Orionid

Musical Background:

Romanian astrofolk (Dan Mitrut, Lucian Boboc, Mihai Parlea)
and electronic music (Dan Stesco)

Post Astroshow:
A piano recital by Rainer Arlt



IMC 1999 FRASSO SABINO



Poets and actors:

-Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Gelu Claudiu Radu and Valentin Grigore,
plus three other Romanians

Acts:

-Meteoritic Falls on the Moon
-Cometary Parade
-Solar Eclipse
-Goalkeeper Earth and Fireballs
-Meteor Hunt

Musical Background:

Romanian astrofolk (Dan Mitrut, Mihai Parlea)

and electronic music



IMC 2000 PUCIOASA



This time it was an international meteor poetry festival in two evenings (the conference hall being adorned by meteor photos, artworks, poems and sculptures), in which there were read meteor contemporary verses from 4 continents, in alternation with other artistic moments.

Poets and actors:

Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Gelu Claudiu Radu, Valentin Grigore, Dan Mitrut, Danut Ionescu, Adrian Sima, Dimitrie Olenici, Cristina Tinta (Tina Visarian), Monica Nastase, Iulian Olaru,

Ionel Catalin Diaconu, Emanuela Ignatou-Sora, Elena Sorescu,
Geanina Popa, Codrin Mardare, Diana Maria Ogescu, Aura Savin, etc.

Special Guest Poet:
David Asher

Acts:
-Meteor Night
-Summer Fireballs
-Meteor Magician
-Summer Triangle
-Planets' Fashion Show
-Hercules, Lion of Nemea and Leonids
-Meteor Morgana

Musical Astrodrama:
The Ballad of a Meteor Fallen in Love, by Dan Mitrut

Singers:
Dan Mitrut (astrofolk music recital) and Adrian Sima (harmonica)

Musical Background:
Romanian electronic music

Post Astroshow:
A piano recital by Rainer Arlt



IMC 2001 CERKNO



Poets and actors:

Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Gelu Claudiu Radu, Ionut Ilesoi, Cristina Tinta, Catalin Spranceana, Adriana Nicolae, plus Alex Conu as sound operator

Poet Guests:

David Asher and Juan Martin Semegone

Acts:

-Sun, Earth, Comet, Meteoroid Stream and Meteor Shower
-Joyous Meteors

-Perseid, Alpha Capricornid, Summer Aquarid
-Cygids

Video Projection:
The Sky Legend (astrofolk song by Dan Mitrut)

Musical Background:
Romanian electronic music



IMC 2002 FROMBORK



Poets and actors:
Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Gelu Claudiu Radu, Valentin Grigore,
Ionut Ilesoi, Eliza Trandafir, Adriana Nicolae,
plus Alex Conu as sound operator

Poet Guests:
David Asher and Galina Ryabova

Acts:

- Meteor Blues
- Astropoetry Parade
- Shoemaker-Levy & Jupiter Impact
- Leonids

Video projections:

Rain of Star, and It's Snowing on the Moon (songs by Dan Mitrut)

Slide-Show:

Astroart by Calin Niculae

Musical Background:

Romanian electronic music



IMC 2003 BOLLMANNSRUH



Poets and actors:

Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Gelu Claudiu Radu, Valentin Grigore,
Ionut Ilesoi, Adriana Nicolae

Poet Guests:

David Asher, Jeremie Vaubailon and Galina Ryabova

Acts:

-Meteor-Meteorite
-IMC 2000-2002 Memories with the Speed of Light

-Meteor Queen
-Trio Faster than the Light

Video Projection:
Meteor, a film by Marius Georgescu

Musical Background:
Romanian electronic music



IMC 2004 VARNA



Poets and actors:

Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Valentin Grigore, Alexandru Sebastian Grigore,
Diana Maria Ogescu, Cristina Tinta, Diana Tampu, Adriana Nicolae,
plus Alex Conu as sound operator

Poet Guests:

Galina Ryabova, Jos Nijland, Erina Yanagida

Acts:

- Meteor Generations
- Perseids 2004
- Venus Transit 2004

The Song of the IMC 2004:
Jeremie Vaubaillon

Video projection:

Total Lunar Eclipse 2004, a photographic movie by Calin Niculae

Musical Background:

Romanian electronic music

Post Astroshow (at the Black Sea shore):
A guitar recital by Valentin Velkov



IMC 2005 OOSTMALLE



Poets and actors:

Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Valentin Grigore, Diana Maria Ogescu,
Diana Tampu, Adriana Nicolae, Galina Ryabova,
Arnold Tukkers, Jos Nijland, Casper ter Kuile, Elise Ijland,
Juan Martin Semegone, Antonio Martinez Picar...

Acts:

- Praise to Nastassia Smeets' IMMY the shooting star
- Light and Flight
- Sun, Comet and Crazy Astronaut

- Three Dragon-Men (Fireballs) and an Earthly Girl
- Earth and the Eta Aquarid-Orionid Impossible Encounter

Limerick Special Act:

Benny Geys, David Asher, Malcolm Currie, Andrei Dorian Gheorghe

Special Host Act:

Perseids 2004 (directed by Jean Marc Wislez),
with Jean Marc Wislez, Cis Verbeek, Marc Gyssens,
Paul Roggemans, Jan Verbert and other Belgians

Singers:

- Jeremie Vaubaillon (Songs of the IMCs 2004 and 2005)
- Andre Knofel (Night)

Projections:

- Lightning and Meteor, a photo-movie by Gabriel Ivanescu
- A Perseid Night, a photo-movie by Zoltan Deak
- The Best of SARM Astro-Photo-Art-Poetry (web site)

Musical Background:

Romanian electronic music



IMC 2006 RODEN



Projection:

-Leonids, an essay by Alastair McBeath,
with an astropoetic reply by Andrei Dorian Gheorghe

Poets and actors:

Andrei Dorian Gheorghe, Valentin Grigore, Paul Roggemans,
Arnold Tukkers, Jos Nijland, Lucie Maquet, Urska Pajer,
Nastassia Smeets, Amanda Hutt, Antonio Martinez Picar, Jean Marc Wislez,
Cis Verbeek, Peter Jenniskens, Hans Georg Schmidt,
Geert Barentsen, Casper ter Kuile, Adriana Nicolae,
plus Alex Conu as sound operator

Acts:

- From Big Bang to Perseids
- Light Pollution
- Pluto's Disqualification
- Fireball Dance

Special Performances:

- To Be Avoided, by Geoffrey Grayer
- Meteor Tattoo, by Arnold Tukkers

Special Haiku Act:

Nagatoshi Nogami, Galina Ryabova, Paul Roggemans,
Jos Nijland, Andrei Dorian Gheorghe

Singers:

- Jeremie Vaubailon (Song of the IMC 2005)
- Jonathan McAuliffe and Jeremie Vaubailon (Song of the IMC 2006)
- Andre Knofel (Night 2)

Musical Background:

Romanian astrofolk (Mihai Parlea) and electronic music



THE FOUR SKY PILLARS

The star Antares is a good friend
of the Scorpid meteors.
The star Fomalhaut is a good friend
of the Piscis Austrinid meteors.
The star Aldebaran is a good friend
of the Taurid meteors.
The star Regulus is a good friend
of the Leonid meteors.

I am a modest admirer
of all of them,
trying to be an acceptable friend
of the Humanid meteors.

