

[Note: the ancestry of the great Cecilia Cutescu is so exasperatingly complex and difficult to unearth that we'll leave it at this: she didn't come from nowhere.]

Carol Popp de Szathmari
(1812-1887)

Considered first war photographer in history for his documentation of the Crimean War. Shown alongside Karl Storck at Bucharest's inaugural Exhibition of Living Artists in 1865.

○ Theodor Aman *

Cecilia Cutescu-Storck † ♀
(1879-1969)

Influential painter with ties to the European elite. First female professor of art in Europe. Founded the Association of Women Painters and Sculptors. Made a Knight of the French Legion d'honneur in 1933.

Romulus Kunzer

Dashing violinist. Folly of Cecilia's youth. The two had one son, Romeo, before divorcing after just three years.

Ortansa Satmari ♀

Noted suffragette. Key member of the National Council of Romanian Women, lead by Calypso Botez (no apparent relation).

Alexandru Satmari
(1872-1933)

Landscape painter and photographer. Progenitor of the movement of painters to Balchik in the 1920's.

Gabriela Storck
Architect. Curated the Cutescu-Storck museum housed in her childhood home in Bucharest.

Romeo Kunzer Storck †
(1903-1991)
Cubist painter inspired by Andre Lhote and his mother Cecilia. Adopted brother of Lita and Ella Storck.

Julieta Orasanu
(1896-?)

Fauvist painter. Half sister of Cecilia Cutescu and collaborator with her nephew Romeo.

[Note: an extrapolation of Julieta's descendants reveals, through a confounding network of pathways, both V.G. Paleolog, the famous art writer and Brancusi biographer, and Constantin Carp, through a later marriage of his to the illustrious Filotti family, thereby growing a forest from a tree.]

Constantin Brancusi * †

○ Oscar Han †

Alvaro Botez
(b. 1944)
Material-based sculptor. Lives in Paris

[Note: the branches of the Yggdrasil tree, which unites the worlds of Norse mythology, actually served as the noose by which Odin sacrificed himself. A warning worth noting.]

Tinerimea: †
Junimea: ✱
Legion d'honneur: 🇷🇴
Naval Officer: ⚓
National Council of Women: ♀

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