

# **MATI** Mesaria

# **Artist Biography Yorgos Kypris**

# Body of Works

Yorgos Kypris was born in Cyprus in 1954. He studied painting at the Sarafianos School of Art in Athens, Greece (1973–1975) and graduated from the Istituto Statale d'Arte per la Ceramica, Faenza, Italy (1975-1978).

Through his multi-media oeuvre he tends to highlight the egocentric and cruel aspects of the human race. The issues that mostly interest him are void, loneliness, sadness, vanity, immigration, religion and applied politics. Kypris' work has been presented in numerous solo exhibitions in Europe and the USA, while he has also participated in group exhibitions in museums and foundations internationally. His works and installations can be found in public and private collections in Europe, USA and Asia.

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# SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 CONFESSIONS MATI Mesaria. Santorini, Greece
- 2016 ICONOCLASTIC EXERCISES The House of Cyprus. Athens, Greece
- 2013 30 YEARS WITH YORGOS KYPRIS IN MYKONOS Scala Gallery. Mykonos, Greece
- 2012 FISH Technochoros Art Gallery. Istanbul, Turkey
  - Naif Art Sign Gallery. Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2011 VANITY Scala Gallery. Mykonos, Greece
- 2010 VORTEX Argo Gallery. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2009 VORTEX Scala Gallery. Mykonos, Greece
- 2007 EMIGRATION Hotel Heliotopos, Imerovigli. Santorini, Greece
- 2004 CUTTINGS Argo Gallery. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2003 FISH Lovi Visual Art Gallery. Newtown, USA
- 2001 PARALLEL NOTIONS Krisal Galerie. Genève, Switzerland

PARALLEL NOTIONS Art forum Gallery. Thessaloniki, Greece

- 2000 FISH Cultural Centrum Covalenco. Heldrop, Eindhoven. The Netherlands
- 1998 ABOUT CAGES AND FLIGHTS Argo Gallery. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 1996 FISH CONDITIONS Argo Gallery. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 1995 FISH CONDITIONS 7 Gallery. Athens, Greece
- 1982 Gloria Gallery Ministry of Education and Culture. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 1976 Bottega d'Arte Ceramica. Forli, Italy

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2017 PAFOS: MYTH, HISTORY, LANDSCAPE En Plo Gallery. Pafos, Cyprus
- 2016 ART ATHINA Technochoros Art Gallery. Athens, Greece
- 2013 ART THESSALONIKI Technochoros Art Gallery. Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2016 Tis POPis My Art Box Gallery. Athens, Greece
- 2015 TAVOLA IMBANDITA / TAVOLA BANDITA Scuderie di Palazzo Chigi Albani. Soriano nel Cimino (VT). Italy
- 2013 ONCE UPON A TIME... GAME AND TOY-II EDITION Macro Testaccio Museum. Rome, Italy

RE-CULTURE 2 2nd International Visual Art Festival. Patra, Greece

2012 FRESKA KAI SPARTARISTA Technochoros Art Gallery and Iliahtina Art Space. Port of Aegina, Greece

EUROPEAN GLASS CONTEXT Bornholm Art Museum. Denmark

2011 C'ERA UNA VOLTA... Macro La Pelanda Museum. Roma, Italy

> THE OBJECT: STORIES AND REPRESENTATIONS Evagoras Lanitis Foundation Centre. Carobmill, Limassol, Cyprus

PERI MAGEIRIKIS Technochoros Art Gallery. Athens, Greece

2009 THE STORY OF A WORKSHOP Athens Engraving Centre, Cultural Organization. Athens, Greece

> NO MAN'S LAND II, STREETS OF LIFE Cultural Center Melina Mercouri. Athens, Greece

- 2008 WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Nicos Patihis Collection. Municipal Centre of Arts. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2005 ACCIDENTAL MEETINGS Nicosia, Municipal Arts Centre. Cyprus
- 2004 GLASS WITH GLASS Freed Gallery. Lincoln City, USA

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- 2004 ART'ATHINA 2004 Argo Gallery. Contemporary Art Fair. Greece
- 2003 THE NEW FRONTIERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION Technopolis. Municipality of Athens, Greece
- 2002 INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF CERAMICS School of Fine Arts. Athens, Greece

FÊTE SES DIX ANS Krisal Galerie. Geneve, Switzerland

- 2000 FROM THE CHISEL TO THE ELECTRON National Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 1999 APPROACHING THE GREEK IDENTITY, GENERATIONS OF THE'80S AND THE'90S Athens Municipal Gallery. Athens, Greece Dalarna Museum. Falun. Sweden Greek Cultural House. Stockholm, Sweden Chateau de Vianden. Luxemburg

GREEK ARTISTS: QUESTS 1950–2000 Rethymnon Center for Contemporary Art. Municipal Gallery L. Kanakakis. Rethymnon, Greece

CERAMIC ART Greek–Italian Symposium. Rocca Paolina, Perugia, Italy

- 1998 ART'ATHINA 6 7 Gallery, Exhibition Center. Athens, Greece
- 1997 MEMORIES AND CONTEMPORARY ROADS OF CYPRIOT PLASTIC ARTS Thessaloniki '97 Cultural Capital of Europe. Alaja Imaret Monument. Thessaloniki, Greece

TRAVELLING Argo Gallery. Nicosia, Cyprus

- 1996 FISH Municipal Art Center. Nicosia, Cyprus
- 1995 CYPRUS CONTEMPORARY ART, AN ITINERARY European Cultural Month. State Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 1994 CYPRUS 1960–1994: CONTEMPORARY QUESTS Art'Athina 2. Athens, Greece
- 1989 L'EUROPE DES CÉRAMISTES Auxerre, France

- 1989 CONTEMPORARY ART CERAMICS Municipal Cultural Center. Athens, Greece
- 1987 House of Cyprus. Athens, Greece

Astrolavos Art Gallery. Piraeus, Greece

- 1986 THREE SCULPTORS Athenaeum Art Gallery. Athens, Greece
- 1985 THE PAINTING SPACE-THEATRICITY Benaki Museum, V. Kouloura Palace. N. Faliro, Greece

Municipal Cultural Center. Athens, Greece

18 CYPRIOT CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS Athenaeum Art Gallery. Athens, Greece

1984 CERAMISTS × 27 Budapest Galleria Museum. Budapest, Hungary

> THREE CERAMISTS Terra Cotta Gallery. Thessaloniki, Greece

- 1983 Exostis Art Gallery. Thessaloniki, Greece
- 1982 INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE FOR CERAMICS Vallauris, France

INTERNATIONAL CERAMIC EXHIBITION Faenza, Italy

- 1981 Athenaeum Art Gallery. Athens, Greece Astor Art Gallery. Athens, Greece Municipal Cultural Center. Athens, Greece Athens Conservatory. Athens, Greece
- 1980 Greek Cultural Center. Athens, Greece
- 1978 INTERNATIONAL CERAMIC EXHIBITION Faenza, Italy

INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE FOR CERAMICS Vallauris, France

1977 RIFUGIO GUALDO Sesto Fiorentino. Florence, Italy

INTERNATIONAL CERAMIC EXHIBITION Faenza, Italy

1976 MOSTRA NAZIONALE DI CERAMICA Castelamonte, Italy

INTERNATIONAL CERAMIC EXHIBITION Faenza, Italy

#### COMMISSIONS

- 2022 VAROULKO RESTAURANT Indoor Installation. Athens, Greece
- 2021 ALATI RESTAURANT Indoor Installation. Singapore
- 2018 LANAI AIR HANGER LOUNGE Indoor Installation. Hawaii, USA
- 2017 MAJESTIC PRINCESS CRUISE SHIP Indoor Installation. Italy
  - MV ALEXANDER Indoor Installation. Greece
- 2013 THE MYKONOS RESTAURANT Intercontinental Hotel. Doha, Qatar
- 2012 RIZA SARRAF COLLECTION Indoor Installation. Istanbul, Turkey

INSTALLATIONS, 60 YEARS YACHT Istanbul, Turkey

BARRIÈRE FRÈRES Indoor Installation. Shanghai, China

- 2010 INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL Indoor Installations. Doha, Qatar
- 2009 FREEMAN HOSPITAL Indoor Installation. Newcastle, UK

BARRIÈRE FRÈRES Indoor Installation. Médoc, France

- 2008 SETE Indoor Installation. Athens, Greece
- 2007 ZEIDORON Indoor Installations. Athens, Greece

GEORGIO'S RESIDENCE / MELIA HOTEL Athens, Greece

- 2005 ZEIDORON Indoor Installation. Athens, Greece
- 2004 GEORGIO'S RESIDENCE / MELIA HOTEL Indoor & Outdoor Installations. Athens, Greece
- 2001 MAUI MARRIOTT RESORT Indoor Installation. Hawaii, USA
- 2000 CAESAR'S PALACE Indoor Installation. Las Vegas, USA

#### DESIGN

- 1995 METALLON Designs Jewels. Kavala, Greece
- 1987 KERAMIKI
  - Designs Ceramics. Athens, Greece

1992

#### **SYMPOSIUMS**

1996 KYPRION PLUS 4th International Symposium of Sculpture, G & A. Mamidakis Foundation. Ag. Nikolas, Greece

#### SEMINARS

- 1985 CERAMIC DESIGN FOR EOMMEX Lecture. Chania, Greece
- 1980 CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY FOR EOMMEX Lecture. Athens, Greece

#### PUBLICATIONS

2008 FISH Mati Publications. Santorini, Greece

> SYMBOLIC ALLUSIONS Keramiki Tehni. Athens,Greece

- 1989 ART & CRAFTSMANSHIP Keramiki Tehni. Athens, Greece
- 1987 MAJOLICA-BRIEF Keramiki Tehni. Athens, Greece

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- 2013 VALERIA ARNALDI, Once Upon a Time... Game and Toy-II Edition. Exhibition Catalogue. Macro Testaccio Museum. Rome, Italy
- 2012 VALERIA ARNALDI, C'era una volta..., Primo Festival
- di Family Artentainment. Exhibition Catalogue.
- 2011 Macro Pelanda. Rome, Italy,

SUSANNE JOKER, European Glass Context. Exhibition Catalogue. JOHNSEN, Denmark

DIM. ROUSOUNELOS, Vanity. Exhibition Catalogue, Mykonos, Greece

- 2010 E. GOUVA–G. PASCHOS, Fishes as a Symbol and Artifact, Understanding Attempts. Indictos Publications. Athens, Greece
- 2009 DIM. ROUSOUNELOS, Vortex. Exhibition Catalogue. Mykonos, Greece
- 2008 AMALIA MELIS, Yorgos Kypris. Big Fish in a Small Ocean. Insider. Athens, Greece
- 2002 AGELA TAMPAKI, Greek Contemporary Ceramics. Exhibition Catalogue. Athens, Greece
- 2001 MARINA SCHIZA, Parallel Notions. Exhibition Catalogue. Athens, Greece

ANNA POLYDOROU, Yorgos Kypris–We do not Tolerate the Diversity. Kyriakatiko Parathyro, Politis. Nicosia, Cyprus

DIMITRIS HARITOS, Sleep–Death–Abandonment: Parallel Notions. Anti. Athens, Greece

SILVIA DIMITRIADI, Conspicuous Sculpture. Katoikia. Athens, Greece

VIVI VASILOPOULOU, The "Steely Language" of Yorgos Kypris. Ependitis. Athens, Greece

THANASIS GOGADIS, Yorgos Kypris, Loose Associations. Panselinos. Thessaloniki, Greece

SOFIA YANNOPOULOU Study About Solitude and the "Parallel Notions". Agelioforos. Thessaloniki, Greece

YANNIS N. BASKOZOS, Yorgos Kypris, Parallel Notions. To Vima, Athens, greece 2000 DOSY IORDANIDES, Life Like a Tail. Maison & Decoration. Athens, Greece

> CHRISTOS MAHERIDES, Yorgos Kypris, Erisma. Chania, Greece

> HERO SIGALAS, Thera in a Dream. Tahydromos. Athens, Greece

HERO SIGALAS, In the Heart of the Rock. Tahydromos. Athens, Greece

ATHINA SCHINA, Sea Journeys of 2000. Piraeus Port Organization. Piraeus, Greece

ELENI NIKITA, From the Chisel to the Electron. Exhibition Catalogue, Nicosia, Cyprus

1999 MARIA MARAGOU, Greek Artists, Quests 1950–2000. Catalogue of Permanent Collection. Rethymnon Center for Contemporary Art Creation, Rethymnon, Greece

> NELLI KYRIAZI, Approaching the Greek Identity, Generations of the 80s and the 90s. Exhibition Catalogue. Municipal Gallery of Athens, Greece

PHILIPA VULGARI, Tzamia–Crystalla. Architektoniki. Athens, Greece

1998 RADHIKA YEDDANAPUDI, Color and Culture, Brighten Atrium. Banks World. Washington D.C., USA

IRENE SAVANI, Greek Artists Dictionary. Melissa Editions, Athens, Greece

MARIA MARAGOU, Grecia–Italia. Exhibition Catalogue. Provincia di Perugia. Perugia, Italy

NORA HATJARIAN, Artist's Portrait-Yorgos Kypris. Nicosia this Month. Nicosia, Cyprus

MARINA SCHIZA, Yorgos Kypris, Flights and Dives. Fileleftheros. Nicosia, Cyprus

LELIA LAMBRIANIDES, Images Become Conscience. Selides. Nicosia, Cyprus

MARIA MARAGOU, Yorgos Kypris. Sunday Eleftherotipia. Athens, Greece

GLYNN HUGHES, Cages and Flights. Cyprus Weekly. Nicosia, Cyprus

MARINA SCHIZA, About Cages and Flights, Exhibition Catalogue. Yorgos Kypris. Athens, Greece

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- 1997 NIKI LOIZIDES, Memories and Contemporary Roads of Cypriote Plastic Arts. Exhibition Catalogue, Cultural Capital of Europe Organization, Thessaloniki '97. Thessaloniki, Greece

TESA VERMEINEN, Mykonos & Santorini. Knack Weekend. Brussels, Belgium

ATHINA SCHINA, Water Artists. Member. Athens, Greece

ALEX EFTHY VOULOS Cypriot Artist, Yorgos Kypris. The Cyprus Weekly. Nicosia, Cyprus

1996 YANNA VASILAKOPOULOU & TONIA MACRA, Of the Sea or Marines or Maritimes. Idees & Lisis ya to Spiti. Athens, Greece

EVDOKIA PALEOLOGOU, Sculpture and Business in Creta. Ependitis. Athens, Greece

HARIS KAMBOURIDES, Kyprion Plus. TaNea. Athens, Greece

MARIA MARAGOU, Kyprion Plus. Eleftherotipia. Athens, Greece

YANNIS TOUMAZIS, Fish. Exhibition Catalogue. Municipal Center of Art. Nicosia, Cyprus

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1995 ELENI NIKITA, Art Itinerary. Exhibition Catalogue, State Gallery. Nicosia, Cyprus 1994 EFI STROUZA, Cyprus 1960–1994: Contemporary Quests. Exhibition Catalogue, ArtAthina. Athens, Greece

> ELENI NIKITA, Cyprus Art From the State Gallery. Exhibition Catalogue, State Gallery. Nicosia, Cyprus

1989 ATHINA SCHINA, Contemporary Art Ceramics. Exhibition Catalogue, Cultural Center of Athens, Athens, Greece

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> STELIOS LYDAKIS, The Restructuring of the Gallery of Modern Painting, Etching & Sculpture, D. Pierides. Tehni & Logos. Athens, Greece

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1982 GLYNN HUGHES, A True Artist Puts on the Style, and it is No Joke. Cyprus Mail. Nicosia, Cyprus

COSTIS CASAMIAKIS, Yorgos Kypris's Exhibition of Sculpture and Ceramics. Fileleftheros. Nicosia, Cyprus.

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- 1977 ROSANNA RICCI, Un Ceramista Tutto Mediterraneo. Il Resto Del Carlino. Bologna, Italy