

Emmanouil Bitsakis

Born in 1974, Athens, Greece. Based in Athens.

Education

Painting, Athens School of Fine Arts (1996-2001)

Scholarships and Awards

- 2008** *BP Travel Award 2008*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
Two-month art residency in Xinjiang Uigur Autonomous Region, China
- 2002** *1st Prize in Painting*, 1st Balkan Forum of Contemporary Miniature Art,
State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece

Residencies

- 2001** Two-month art residency in Copenhagen, Denmark
The Danish Institute in Athens

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018** *Persistent Minimum*, The *Sotiris Felios Collection*, 16 Fokionos Negri, Athens Greece
- 2014** *Elizabethan Collar*, Kalfayan Galleries, Athens, Greece
- 2011** *Painting* K-art Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2009** *Painting* Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2009** *Faces of the Uigur Through Song & Dance*, BP Travel award, National Portrait Gallery,
London, UK
- 2004** *Painting* Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece

Art Fairs

2018

Art Athina, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens 21 – 24 June 2018,
CAN Christina Androulidaki Gallery, Booth: 33, Athens Conservatoire

2017

Art Athina, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 26 – 28 May 2017, Alma Gallery

2015

Art International Istanbul, 4 – 6 September 2015, Kalfayan Galleries

Art Athina, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 4 – 7 June 2015, Kalfayan Galleries

2014

Artissima, Fair of Contemporary Art Torino, 7 – 9 November 2014, Kalfayan Galleries

Art Athina, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 15 – 18 May 2014, Kalfayan Galleries

Art Cologne, 10 – 13 April 2014, Kalfayan Galleries

Art Dubai, 19 – 22 March 2014, Kalfayan Galleries, Booth: A34

Pier 94: The Armory Show - Contemporary, New York, 6 – 9 March 2014, Kalfayan Galleries

2013

Artissima, Fair of Contemporary Art, Torino, 8 – 10 November 2013, Kalfayan Galleries

Art International Istanbul, 16 – 18 September 2013, Kalfayan Galleries

Art Athina, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 16 – 19 May 2013, Kalfayan Galleries

Drawing Now, Paris, 11 – 14 April 2013, Carrousel du Louvre, Tint Gallery

Art Dubai, 21 – 23 March 2013, Kalfayan Galleries, Booth: A24

India Art Fair, New Delhi, 1 – 3 February 2013, Kalfayan Galleries, Booth: C3

2010

Art-Athina 2010, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 13 – 16 May 2010, K-art Gallery

2009

Art-Athina 2009, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 21 – 24 May 2009, K-art Gallery

Selected Group Exhibitions**2018**

Cosmonauts of Inner Space, National Observatory of Athens, Greece

Of Death and Other Demons, CAN Christina Androulidaki Gallery, Athens, Greece

The Memory of Revolution, Contemporary Greek Artists, Athens School of Fine Arts,
256 Piraeus Street, Athens, Greece

2015

Kenophobia, CAN Gallery, Athens, Greece

Unknown Artist, S.Tryfon Cultural Centre, Mithymna (Molyvos), Lesvos, Greece

Syn, Antallaxima, Georgiadis Mansion, Mytilene, Lesvos, Greece

2014

Small. The Drawing Center, New York, USA

2013

Waiting for the Barbarians: Report to Cavafy, Kalfayan Galleries, Athens, Greece

2012

Ellenico Plurale, Paintings from the Sotiris Felios Collection, Complesso del Vittoriano,
Rome, Italy

Fine, Tint Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

Salus Patriae, Kydoniefs Foundation, Andros, Greece

Narcissism, K-Art Gallery, Athens, Greece

Between the Real and the Fantastic, Giorgio De Chirico Art Centre, Volos, Greece

2011

Fake Paradise, K-Art Gallery, Athens, Greece

2010

Tracing Istanbul, Sismanoglio Megaro and Heybeliada Rum Ruhban Okulu, Istanbul, Turkey

Memorandum, Municipal Gallery of Mithymna, Lesvos, Greece

Phantasmagoria, K-art Gallery, Athens, Greece

Sensitivity Questioned, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, Athens, Greece

2009

Nees Morfes 50 Years Later, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

Bon Voyage, K-art Gallery, Athens, Greece

2008

Metallaxis, K-art Gallery, Athens, Greece

Black Heels, K-art Gallery, Athens, Greece

BP Portrait Award 2008, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

2007

Birthplace, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

Crosses & Crescents, K-art Gallery, Athens, Greece

BP Portrait Award 2007, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

2006

Once Upon a Time There Was Penelope Delta, Hellenic-American Education Foundation Athens, Greece

2005

Invisibles, 10th International Comics Festival, Technopolis, Athens, Greece

2004

Near Likeness-Approaches to a Portrait of A. Benakis, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

2003

I, Me, Myself, The Rethymnon Centre of Contemporary Art, Rethymnon, Crete, Greece

11th Biennale of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean, Athens, Greece

2002

1st InterBalkan Forum of Contemporary Miniature Art, State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece

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2014

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Art Cologne, catalogue, p. 189

2013

Art International Istanbul, catalogue, p. 65
Duygu, Yaşam (Art Critic), *International Art İstanbul'un ardından*,
<http://turkishartmarket.com/2013/09/18/international-art-istanbulun-ardindan/>

2012

Pournara, Margaret (Art Critic), "Public Spirit At The Kydoniefs Foundation", Artist by artist review of the group show *Salus Patriae*, The Kathimerini newspaper, 16.07.2012, p. 13
Schina, Athena (Curator), *Salus Patriae*, Kydoniefs Foundation, group exhibition, catalogue p. 66-73
Michalopoulou, Fanio (Compiler), *Between The Real And The Fantastic*, The Other Arcadia Foundation, group exhibition catalogue, p. 34-35

2011

Eptakili, Yiouli (Journalist): "Our Reality Is Nonsensical", Interview about solo exhibition at K-Art Gallery, The Kathimerini newspaper, 02.10.2011, "Arts & Letters" cultural supplement, p. 3
Emmanouil Bitsakis, K-Art Gallery, solo exhibition catalogue

2010

Kritikou, Iris (Curator), *Tracing Istanbul*, group exhibition catalogue
Grintaki, Gelly (Curator), Sgouromiti, Christina (Curator), *Memorandum*,
Municipal Gallery of Mithymna, group exhibition catalogue, p.22
Art-Athina 2010, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, exhibitors catalogue, p. 147
Fokianaki, Liana (Curator), *Sensitivity Questioned*, Ileana Tounta Contemporary Art Center, group
exhibition catalogue, p.16-17

2009

Lewis, Ben (Art Critic), "Facing Our Current Affairs", Review of solo exhibition for the BP Travel Award
at the National Portrait Gallery, Evening Standard, 08.07.2009, p.38
Spinou, Paris (Art Critic), "China In Person", Review of solo exhibition for the BP Travel Award at the
National Portrait Gallery, Eleutherotopia newspaper, 02.07.2009, "Epta", culture supplement, p.20
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catalogue, p. 246-247
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upon the publication of the pocket-size monograph *Notebook*, The Kathimerini newspaper, 18.02.2009,
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Constantinidi, Christa (Art Critic), "Exercises In Virtuosity", Review of solo exhibition at Nees Morfes
Gallery, Hestia newspaper, 19.01.2009

2008

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Settembrini, Luigi (Author), Giachetti, Mauro (Editor), *The Neoplatonists*, Cover and interior artwork,
Bilingual edition, Pan Street Press
Vatopoulos, Nikos (Journalist): "The Human Form Under The Microscope", Interview upon winning the
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2007

BP Portrait Award 2007, National Portrait Gallery, group exhibition catalogue, p. 29

2006

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March 2006, p. 18-19

2005

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2004

Moutsopoulos, Thanassis (Curator), *Near Likeness-Approaches to a Portrait of A. Benakis*, Benaki
Museum, group exhibition catalogue, p. 135-137
Iliakis, Manolis (Art Critic): "A Penetrating Gaze", Review of the 2004 solo exhibition at Nees Morfes
Gallery, Axia newspaper, 21.02. 2004, "Aposi" supplement, p. 5
Constantinidi, Christa (Art Critic), "Exercise In Pure Painting", Review of the 2004 solo exhibition at
Nees Morfes Gallery, Hestia newspaper, 16.02.2004

Xydakis, Nikos (Art Critic): "Painting, Tiny And Concise", Review of the 2004 solo exhibition at Nees Morfes Gallery, The Kathimerini newspaper, 11.02.2004, p. 14

Kritikou, Iris (Art Critic): "Narratives of A Young Alchemist", Review of the 2004 solo exhibition at Nees Morfes Gallery, CityPress newspaper, 06.02.2004, p. 21

2003

Kipreos, Eleni (Curator), *I, Me, Myself*, The Rethymnon Centre of Contemporary Art, Rethymnon, group exhibition catalogue, p. 132-133

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2002

Tsigkoglou, Stavros (Art Critic), The Christos Christofis Collection, Album, Vivliosynergatiki S.A., p.78-79

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