

# 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** *1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Painting*, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

- 2023** *Exquisite False*, Rossicontemporary, Brussels, Belgium
- 2020** *The Pursuit of Happiness*, CAN Christina Androulidaki Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2019** *Persistent Minimum*, Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki, Greece  
*Realized Fragments*, Duo Exhibition with Gregory Grozos, Nitra Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 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

- 2023** Art Athina 2023, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 14 – 17 Sep 2023  
CAN Christina Androulidaki Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2022** Art Athina 2022, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 17 – 19 Sep 2022,  
CAN Christina Androulidaki Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2021** Art Athina Virtual 2021, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 1 – 30 Nov 2021  
CAN Christina Androulidaki Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2018** Art Athina, International Contemporary Art Fair of Athens, 21 – 24 June 2018,  
CAN Christina Androulidaki Gallery, 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  
 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  
 India Art Fair, New Delhi, 1 – 3 February 2013, Kalfayan Galleries
- 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**

- 2021** *The Right to Silence / A Virtual Exhibition*, Undercurrent, Brooklyn, New York, USA
- 2019** *In Medio Virtus*, Vogiatzoglou Art Space, Nea Ionia, Athens, Greece
- 2018** *Through the Looking Glass*, Cob Gallery, London, UK  
*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*, 10<sup>th</sup> 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  
*11<sup>th</sup> Biennale of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean*, Athens, Greece
- 2002** *1<sup>st</sup> InterBalkan Forum of Contemporary Miniature Art*, State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece

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