

Greek Artist Mina’s “The Mind and the Body” exhibition in Beijing



Last night, Greek well-known artist Mina Papatheodorou – Valyraki held personal art exhibition “The Mind and the Body” at Beijing Jin Tai Art Museum. His Excellency President of Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS presents the opening ceremony of the exhibition, enjoyed the vivid art paintings of Mina with Chinese visitors.

Greece lightening



Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki's beauty, exceptional energy and infinite passion leave a striking impression on all who meet her. The Greek artist's vibrant personality is reflected in each of her works of art, particularly those that are sports-themed. Herself a swimming and volleyball enthusiast, the artist's bold brushstrokes and use of color capture the competitiveness of sport, and evoke her sheer enjoyment of life.

Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki brings dozens of her paintings of sprinters, skiers, wrestlers, racehorses and racing cars to show to Chinese viewers on her first visit to Beijing. Her exhibition, entitled *The Mind and The Body*, is jointly organized by Embassy of the Hellenic Republic and Beijing Jintai Art Museum. It is also a highlight of the Cultural Year of Greece in China, and activities that include plays, dances, exhibitions and seminars.

The artist's athletic oriented works are the fruits of years of studying the human anatomy. Justly proud of and inspired by the Olympic history and legacy of her motherland, she creates new paths of expression with her distinctive pictorial descriptions of each sport. The artist's inherent dynamism boldly delineates athletes to the extent that they not only dominate the paintings in which they appear but seem about to burst through their frames.

Born in 1958 in Athens, Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki showed painting talent at an early age. She entered the Superior School of Fine Arts of Athens University in 1975, where she expanded her portfolio to include oils, design, frescoes and icon painting. In addition to her bold images of athleticism, the artist also paints the ocean, seagoing vessels, still life, harbors, and landscapes.

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His Excellency President of Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS presents the opening ceremony of Greek famous artist Mina Papatheodorou – Valyraki 's exhibition



On his official visit to China, His Excellency President of Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS presents the opening ceremony and cut the ribbon for “The Mind and the Body” exhibition.



Executive Vice-President of BOCOG Mr. Jiang Xiaoyu and the Curator of Beijing Jin Tai Art Museum Prof. Yuan Xikun talk to the Greek guest.



“The Mind and the Body” exhibition is going to be display at the Beijing Jin Tai Art Museum from today through July 14th in Chaoyang Park.



Nearly 50 paintings are expressed the beauty and spirit of sport with vivid color and movement.

On June, 24th, Greek well-known artist Mina Papatheodorou – Valyraki comes to Beijing along with the Greek President delegation and held her first personal exhibition to China at Beijing Jintai Art Museum. This is one of the cultural art events of in the following day of the opening of 2008 Beijing Olympic Cultural Festival in China Millennium Monument last night.

His Excellency President of Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS and the Executive Vice-President of BOCOG Mr. Jiang Xiaoyu present the opening ceremony. "The Mind and the Body" exhibition expressed the Olympic Spirits. Around fifty art works demonstrates the beauty and movement of sport by using the vivid color. All of artworks attract the eye balls of Chinese people whom now welcome the Beijing Olympic Games.

This retrospective exhibition include the artwork that her works for 2002 Winter Olympics and 2004 Athens Olympic Games. Her works have been exhibited in the National Gallery in Athens, in the UN Building in New York, the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, in the Olympic Museum of Lausanne and other famous museums around the world.

Athens is the ancient origin of the Olympic Games, this 20-day Greek exhibition was absolutely a spotlight of the Cultural Year of Greece in China and the come Beijing Olympic Games in Beijing.

His Excellency President of Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS visits “Bird nest” and presents the opening ceremony of “The Mind and the Body” exhibition.

His Excellency President of Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS, from the origin of Olympic Games, the leader of 2004 Athens Olympics, visited the National Stadium of Beijing Olympics and present the opening ceremony of “The Mind and the Body” art exhibition.

On the afternoon of June 24th, after finish a series of activities, Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS came to Beijing JinTai Art Museum and attended the opening ceremony of Mina Papatheodorou – Valyraki ’s persona exhibition “The Mind and the Body” . Mina brings her art works “Salt Lake—Skier” and “Relay Race” and other 50 artworks to display. Her painting expresses the beauty and Olympic spirit.

His Excellency President of Hellenic Republic Mr. Karolos PAPOULIAS tour the exhibition, include the works “Wrestling”, “basketball” and had conversation with artist.