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Mina Valyrakis-Papatheodorou

The Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games have been a source of inspiration for the Greek painter, Mina Valyrakis-Papatheodorou. Her work highlights the effort, concentration and perseverance of athletes in snowy landscapes and on ice. Her painted athletes are striving for a distinction.

Movement and colour are the main features of her work, and are used to emphasise the efforts of human beings to push themselves beyond their limits.

In December 2001, at a ceremony in Athens the artist received an award by the US Sports Academy President, Dr. Thomas Rosandich. She was declared "Sports Artist for 2001". Her paintings were chosen to produce the official posters for the Salt Lake Games. It was an honour for Greece three years prior to the 2004 Games. The artist received her award from the hands of Dr. Rosandich, who pointed out that it is the second time that this prize was given to a woman artist.

Mrs Valyrakis-Papatheodorou graduated from the Athens Arts Academy and has a PhD from the University of Florence. Her works are included in museum collections throughout the world such as: the Greek National Gallery in Athens, the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, the National Women Arts Museum in Washington, the UNESCO Collection in Paris, the Olympic Museum in Barcelona. Her works are also part of many private collections in Greece and abroad.