

Press Release

Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis

OPENING of the exhibitions in Monaco entitled "Between Earth and Heaven" - 22 April 2024, World Earth Day

The opening of the 3 exhibitions of the famous Greek artist Mina Papatheodorou-Valyrakis in Monaco, whose works are exhibited simultaneously in the 3 buildings, took place with great success on April 22 - World Earth Day:

1. The PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco FOUNDATION

Until 30 May only by appointment with the curator. 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the "PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco FOUNDATION".

2. YellowKorner Monaco, 1 Av. Henry Dunant, Monaco Monday - Friday: 10:00 - 19:00 and Saturday: 10:00 - 18:00, until 30 May. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the "PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco FOUNDATION"

3. Stelios Philanthropic Foundation, 14 Quai Antoine 1er, Monaco Monday - Saturday 13:00 - 15:00, until 7 May 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the "PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco FOUNDATION"

The presentation of the projects culminated with a cocktail given at the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation, with the support of the **Communauté Hellénique de Monaco**.

Curator of the exhibition : **Elisa Tsouvelekaki**

Mina invites viewers on a transcendental journey, "from earth to sky", to explore the intricate connections between earth and sky, humanity and nature. Throughout history, trees have featured prominently in art, mythology and culture, symbolizing growth, renewal and the cycle of life. In the face of environmental challenges such as deforestation, habitat loss and pollution, Mina uses her creative talent to raise awareness and inspire action.

This is not the first time that Mina supports the "PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco FOUNDATION". In 2019, she gave one of her artworks to be auctioned at the charity gala for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea from Plastics, which is led by the Prince himself. The painting was also signed by Prince Albert II and the proceeds from the sale were donated to the "PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco FOUNDATION". The first time Mina exhibited her works in Monaco was in 2000 and since then she has exhibited three more times in 2004, 2018 and 2024.

There have been many presents at the venue, from the USA, Italy, Monaco and Greece:

John Biffar, filmmaker and winner of 5 EMMY awards, who took footage and interviews from the exhibition to include them in the documentary he is preparing for National Geographic on the hurricane that hit Florida, USA, entitled "HURICANE".

The representatives of the PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco FOUNDATION, Mrs. Laurence VAN ZEVEREN - director and Mrs. Celine Vacquier - organizer of the exhibitions.

The whole Greek community of Monaco was present, the President Katerina Lanara, all members of the Board of Directors such as Mr. Grigoris Stasinopoulos with his wife Katerina, Mr. Leonidas Kampanis, Mr. Anastasakis, the honorary President of the community Mrs. Sophia Vachari-Tsouvelekaki, Iro Vachari-Kampani, the curator Elya Tsouvelekaki.

From Greece, Mrs. Georgia Samara, Mrs. Lana Mandila and her husband P. Gavrielides, Mrs. Irini Koutsoukou, Professor of Medicine with her daughter Olga, Mr. and Mrs. Rita Xenakis of EFG, Mrs. Evelynna Maha, wife of the Consul of Greece in Monaco, Mrs. Vassilis Ypsilantis, Member of Parliament of the Dodecanese, Mr. and Mrs. Eva Prevena of PREPACK ART, the artist's partners in the museum spaces, Mr. and Mrs. Thanasis Papatheodorou - the artist's brother - with his sons Christos and Alexandros.

Also present were art critics, collectors, representatives of art, culture and the business world of Monaco.