

## **Press Release - Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis**

EXHIBITION at MADDOX Private Members Club-Naples FLORIDA and at the gallery THINGS I LIKE by Catherine and AWARD from the Municipality of FORT MAYERS, FLORIDA-USA, by holding the 6th GRAND PRIX F1 in MIAMI-FLORIDA-USA, on May 5, 2024.

With great success, the opening of the exhibition of Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis at the gallery Things I like by Catherine, by Catherine Ehrenberger took place on May 3 and on May 4 at MADDOX - Private Members Club in Naples FLORIDA. On the occasion of this year's 6th grand prix for the F1 world championship in Miami, this great tribute to the famous painter for her study on F1 motorsport and exotic cars took place.

On May 7, the Mayor of Fort Meyers, Florida, Kevin B. Anderson and Vice Mayor of Culture Liston Bochette, IOC member and artist, presented an honorary award to the painter "for her contribution to humanity through the arts." After their address, the painter thanked the City Council of Fort Meyers, Florida, for the great honor bestowed upon her, emphasizing the great importance of art and culture, promoting the idea of Olympism and the Olympic ideals of Greece, where culture and sport have coexisted as an idea from ancient times to the present day.

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The artist's latest creations offered a unique experience for the attendees to experience the same feelings of excitement and adrenaline as those experienced during an F1 grand prix. Dynamic depictions of speed racing cars pushing the accelerator hard, starts and finishes, gave a vivid picture inside the gallery hall and transported everyone into the world of sports.

"We are thrilled to host Mina's exhibition at our gallery -Things I Like by Catherine- in the heart of the arts city, Naples. Mina's talent and passion shines through and shines through every brushstroke in her artwork and we are so happy to share her wonderful work with everyone here in the Southwest Florida area," said gallery owner Catherine Ehrenberger.

During the opening and for the next few days, Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis met with visitors to the exhibition about her works, the source of her inspiration, her technique and the story behind each one.

There were many important people in attendance at the exhibition from the arts, film, NBC, and the Florida business world.

Acclaimed colleagues such as painter Stephen Mancini, prominent Colombian environmentalist sculptor Tiite Baquero, renowned painter Paul Arsenault, artist painter and friend Stacie Lynn Krupa, Amanda Jaron, Mark J Hunt, Michelle Tricca, Beth Carter Bell.

John Biffar, film director and winner of 5 EMMY awards, Liston Bochette, Vice Mayor-Olympian-Member of the IOC and artist, Kathy Casper, manager of Mina Papatheodorou-Valyrakis in America, well-known Chicago professor Prof. MD Chad with his wife Marylin Prodromos and their opera soprano daughters M.Prodromos and Lexi Prodromos, Margriet De Schutter, Olympic winter skier and FICTS member and many others.

Below are photos and videos of the awards ceremony and exhibition.