Tassos Mantzavinos

Born in Athens in 1958. He was an Athens School of Fine Arts student (1979-1985). Upon graduation he had his first solo show; another ten followed. He has taken part in group exhibitions as well as global events. His works are found in private and public collections in Greece and abroad. He has also illustrated the following books: Anti tis Siopis by Lefteris Poulios (Instead of Silence, 1993), O Afanis Thriamvos Tis Omorfias by Argyris Chionis (The Unseen Triumph of Beauty, 1995), Mikri Zoologia (The Little Book of Zoology, Collective Work, 1998) and I Naftilia Kyklous Kanei by Philippos Begleris (Shipping goes around in circles, 2011). Between 1986 and 1996 he taught free-hand drawing at the Vakalo School of Arts. He lives and works in Athens.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2013 Tassos Mantzavinos - Kostas Papanikolaou, Citronne Gallery, Poros, Greece

2012 Tassos Mantzavinos, Theorema Art Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2012 For my strength is made perfect in weakness, Benaki Museum (Pireos str. Annexe), Athens, Greece

2012 Skoufa Gallery, Athens, Greece

2010 Chess, K-art Gallery, Athens, Greece

2010 Zoumboulakis Galleries, Athens, Greece

2010 Angelo and Lito Katakouzenos Foundation, Athens, organised by the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre of the Academy of Athens, Athens, Greece (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2008 Galerie Aliquando, Paris, France

2008 TinT Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

2005 Ionos Gallery, Karditsa, Greece

2005 Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece

2004 TinT Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

2003 Ariadne Gallery, Heracleion, Crete, Greece

2003 V. Mylonogiannis Gallery, Chania, Crete, Greece

2003 Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece

2002 TinT Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

2000 Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece

1999 Terracotta Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

1997 Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece

1996 Terracotta Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

1996 Anemos Gallery, Athens, Greece

1994 Terracotta Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

1994 Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece

1993 Gallery 24, Athens, Greece (illustration of poems by Lefteris Poulios)

1991 Medusa Art Gallery, Athens, Greece

1989 Medusa Art Gallery, Athens, Greece

1987 Medusa Art Gallery, Athens, Greece

1985 Gallery 7, Athens, Greece

1984 Gallery 7, Athens, Greece

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2013 The 80's Generation - Contemporary Greek Painting from the Sotiris Felios Collection, National Gallery - Alexander Soutzos Museum - Sparta Annex, (Coumantaros Art Gallery), Sparta

2013 Somatographies - Contemporary Greek Painting from the Sotiris Felios Collection,

National Gallery - Alexander Soutzos Museum - Nafplion Annex, Nafplion

2013 Offerings, Art Space 24, Athens, Greece

2012 Ellenico Plurale - Dipinti dalla Collezione Sotiris Felios, Complesso del Vittoriano, Rome, Italy (curated by Giuliano Serafini)

2012 Between Reality and Fantasy. Works from the Sotiris Felios Collection, Giorgio de Chirico Art Center, Volos, Greece (curated by Irene Orati)

2010 Erysichthon: a contemporary reading of the myth, Cultural Centre Kanellopoulos, Elefsina, Greece (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2010 Naked Truth, Frissiras Museum, Athens, Greece

2010 Offerings of Europe: Christian votive practices in the East and the West, Muzeum Kresów, Lubaczowie, Poland (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2010 A world of votive offerings, organised by the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre of the Academy of Athens, Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2010 Contemporary Greek Painting from the Sotiris Felios Collection, Sismanoglio Megaro, Istanbul, Turkey

2009 Human and Divine, French Embassy in Athens, a collaboration of the National Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisation of France and the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre of the Academy of Athens, Athens, Greece (curated by Louisa Karapidaki) 2009 Nees Morfes. 50 years later, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

2009 The Perspective of Time. Pictorial Histories: Paintings from the Sotiris Felios Collection, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece (curated by Irini Orati)

2009 Oli-vie-r, organised by the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre of the Academy of Athens, "Agro-pôle Olivier" National School for the Agriculture of Meknes, Morocco (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2008 Rural Heritage and Collective Identity, Muzeum Kresów, Lubaczowie, Poland (curated by Louisa Karapidaki); the exhibition travelled to Komotin, Greecei and Bulgaria

2008 The Sea. Four Painters, Citronne Gallery, Poros, Greece

2008 Christmas with Papadiamantis, Art Space 24, Athens, Greece

2007 Tamata & thavmata, organised by the 21st Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities and the National Museum for European and Mediterranean Culture of France, Corfu, Greece (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2007 Self Portrait of an Other. Giulio Caimi (1897-1982), Art Space 24, Athens, Greece 2007 Birthplace. Apha Trust 20 years, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece (curated by Iris Kritikou)

2006 Humanography, works from the Christos Christofis Collection, Thracian Art and Tradition Foundation, Xanthi, Greece

2006 Summer, an Encounter, Art Space 24, Athens, Greece

2006 Disguises: Femininity, Manliness and Other Certaitnies, State Museum of

Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece (curated by Syrago Tsiara)

2006 Once upon a Time there was Penelope Delta..., Athens College, Athens, Greece (curated by Iris Kritikou)

2006 Projections of Shadows and Colour. Tassos Missouras, Tassos Mantzavinos, Michalis Madenis, from the Christos Christofis Collection, French Institute, Athens, Greece 2004 In praise of the Olive Tree, Academy of Athens, Athens, Greece (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2004 Art Athina 11, Athens, Greece(Nees Morfes Gallery)

2004 City of Games, Technopolis of the Municipality of Athens, Greece (curated by Athina Schina)

2004 Frontiersmen of Europe, Byzantine Museum, Athens, Greece, in collaboration with the

Academy of Athens (curated by Louisa Karapidaki)

2002 Athens, Single Use Gazes, a.antonopoulou.art, Athens, Greece

2002 Greek Painters. The Christos Christofis Collection, Triantifylli Residence, Athens, Greece

2002 A Visual Journey, Frissiras Museum, Athens, Greece

2002 Me, Myself, Rethymnon Centre of Contemporary Art, Rethymnon, Crete, Greece (curated by Eleni Kypraiou)

2002 450+1. The Permanent Collection, Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece

2002 Designing of the poster for the 44th Thessaloniki Festival "New Horizons", Thessaloniki, Greece

2000 Oinousses 2000. Contemporary Greek Painting: The Christos Christofis Collection, Marine Highschool, Oinousses, Greece

2000 Art Athina 8, Athens, Greece(with Nees Morfes Gallery)

1999 Approaches to Greekness. The 80s and 90s Generations, Municipal Gallery, Athens, Greece and Greek Cultural Home, Stockholm, Dalarna Museum, Falun, Sweden, Château de Vianden, Luxemburg (curated by Nelly Kyriazi)

1999 Forty, Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece (curated by Eleni Kypraiou)

1998 Greek Landscape Painting in the 19th-20th Centuries, National Gallery & Alexandros Soutzos Museum, Athens, Greece (curated by Angela Tamvaki)

1998 Art Athina 6, Athens, Greece (Terracotta Gallery)

1998 Original Replica, Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece (curated by Eleni Kypraiou) 1998 Designing of the poster and invitation for the IX European Signal Processing Conference, organised by the Athens University -Computer Technology Instisute, Greece 1997 Physiognomy of an Industrial Landscape, BIS Factory, Athens, Greece (curated by

Flavia Nessi and Iris Kritikou) 1997 Comments and References, Pierides Museum, Glyfada, Greece (curated by Olga Danilopoulou)

1997 42ème Salon de Montrouge, Paris, France

1996 Riparte 3, Rome, Italy

1996 Group Show, Selini Gallery, Kifissia, Greece

1994 Art Athina 2, Athens, Greece (Terracotta Gallery)

1994 The Loss of Form in Space, Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece (on the occasion of the homonymous essay by Eleni Vakalo)

1991 Contemporary Greek Painting. Vlassis Frissiras Collection, Pierides Museum, Glyfada, Athens, Greece. The exhibition was transferred to the Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Athens, Greece (1992), the Municipal Gallery of Rhodes, Greece (1992), the Arts and

Concerts Hall, Hydra (1992), the Byzantine Museum, Zanythos (1993), the Neoria, Chania Crete, Greece (1994), the Yeni Tzami and the Vellideion Cultural Centre- Port Organisation of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece (1994) (curated by Takis Mavrotas)

1989 17+1, Medusa Art Gallery, Athens, Greece

1988 Encounters – Pinpointing – Juxtapositions, Athens Municipal Gallery, Greece (curator Kostas Stavropoulos)

1987 3rd European Mediterranean Biennale for Young Artists, Barcelona, Spain 1987 16th Biennale of Alexandria, Egypt

1986 2nd European Mediterranean Biennale for Young Artists, Thessaloniki, Greece