

Natassa Poulantza

“It is all lies”



Opening Thursday June 9, 2016, 20.00
Zoumboulakis Galleries, 20 Kolonaki Sq.

Zoumboulakis Galleries present the solo exhibition of Natassa Poulantza “**It is all lies**”. The exhibition will be on show from June 9 to July 2, 2016.

The series of works shown in the gallery by the title “**It is all lies**” comprises two sections and the digital game-application-work “Game of Fortune”.

Excerpt from the essay by Yannis Bolis; Art Historian, curator at the Thessaloniki State Museum of Contemporary Art: “...in the first section (Out of Season Encounters) Poulantza appropriates works of well-known artists and paints them anew (acrylics on canvas) making copies. Then, she digitally prints over the painted surface portraits of famous figures – poets, writers, philosophers – mainly from the 19th and 20th centuries. The overlaying of the paintings with the digital prints cancels them out and transforms them into something completely new.

The second section with the supplementary title *...missing piece...* derives straight from the first section and consists of unique digital prints on paper.

The artist explores crucial issues regarding knowledge; communication; the function of memory; reality and its digital variants; the introspection of artistic production; the different aspects of things and of situations beyond their physical appearance, suggesting the wandering into a world of images in which the limits between truth and lie are in flux and constantly redefined.

The digital game-application-work “Game of Fortune” is referring to the game of chance known as “slot machine”, or “fruit machine”, and invites the viewer's participation.

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The application's user presses the game's start button and the images begin to roll until they fix themselves into a random combination. A unique print signed by the artist is produced when the random combination of images on the computer screen reaches a satisfactory arrangement to the user.

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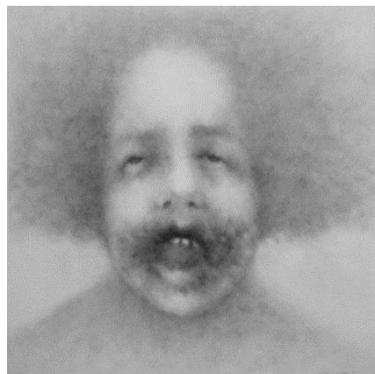


Biographical Note:

Natassa Poulantza was born in Hanover, Germany (1965). She lives and works in Athens and Berlin. In 1992 she graduated from the Athens School of Fine Arts (painting); she also attended the Etching workshop where she studied Wood Engraving, Brass Etching and Lithography. She continued into postgraduate studies (1992-1996) at the Munich Academy in the department of painting studying under Jurgen Reipka, where she graduated with the title of "Meisterschuele". She was awarded with a three year term scholarship from the Spiros Vikatos Foundation. She is a member of the art group "Provo Principles". The exhibition "**It is all lies**" is her first solo show at Zoumboulakis Galleries.

Parallel exhibition:

«Lotus-eaters»



The exhibition of Sophia Papacosta "Lotus-eaters" will be on show and in parallel with Poulantza's. Four drawings titled "Lotus Eaters", shown in the Young Artists Biennale at the Mediterranea 17 "No Food's Land" in 2015, will be presented along with recent work.

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The drawings of Sophia Papacosta make up a rigid narrative whole, posing timeless questions about the agony of life in a nuanced humorous way.

Through "Lotus Eaters" Papacosta sets out to place the viewer in confrontation with the non-attractive, dazed face of legit but destructive forms of overindulgence.

Biographical Note:

Sophia Papacosta was born in 1985 in Nicosia, Cyprus. She studied painting in the School of Visual and Applied Arts of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and graduated in 2008. In 2010 she completed her postgraduate studies on Sequential Design & Illustration (MA) at the University of Brighton. Her work has been exhibited in Greece, Cyprus and abroad. Papacosta lives and works in Athens. Her first solo exhibition "**Between the lines**" was presented at Zoumboulakis Galleries on September 2013.

Exhibition duration: 9 June – 2 July 2016
Zoumboulakis Galleries, 20 Kolonaki Sq.
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We. 11.00-15.00 & Sat. 11.00 –14.00
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