



## Marina Emphietzi – Artist Biography

Marina's work explores issues of time, life and memory.

She creates engaging artworks in a distinct semi abstract style inspired mostly by water and the marine environment.

With the sound of crashing sea waves and the hot feeling of sand under bare feet, Marina Emphietzi's story starts in Famagusta, Cyprus. Her family's childhood home built along the scenic coastline, she spent most of her days by the beach. It's here that she came to know the limitless freedom of the Ocean. Surrounded by the vivid landscapes of Cyprus, art came naturally to Marina. Her heart's desire was to study art, although she would pursue a successful career in hotel management and marketing before finally achieving her life-long dream. She has studied at the prestigious schools of Central St-Martins and the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMASS).

At the age of 14, Marina lost her home in the trauma of war. The ocean and its waters, full of life and possibility, are a part of her most joyful memories. They are from which she draws inspiration from in her work and why her pieces have the power to evoke strong feelings of nostalgia and freedom. A world traveller, Marina has called many places home. The man-made beaches of Dubai, the crowded markets of Ethiopia, and now, the grey skies of London, U.K., each brings their own colour palette to Marina's current work. Created with robust energy, her paintings have playful textures and a distinct style. They bring to surface lost memories of being near water, the sound of rumbling waves, the feeling of a warm breeze across skin. A metaphor of the transient human experience, her artwork suggests we flow through the journey through life, ever-changing and free.

An award winning Greek Cypriot artist residing between London and Cyprus, Marina was born in Famagusta, Cyprus. A popular international contemporary artist, her passion for art started early.

She trained at the Dubai International Arts Centre under Artist Master Shakeel and continued her education at Central ST. Martin's college of Art in London and the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMASS). She taught Art and served as an Arts Advisory Committee member at the Dubai Community Theatre and Arts Centre. Marina is a professionally accredited strategic planning Consultant (UMASS). Member of the Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts.

### Style and inspiration:

Marina's work explores issues of time, life and memory and has been described as 'a reflection and celebration of life and the human spirit'. With influences as diverse as Greek mythology and J. M. W. Turner, she creates paintings with a vivid colour palette, many

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textures, robust energy and a playful style mostly inspired by the sea. Her work is characterized by strong tonal variations and constantly challenges her own talent by trying to experiment with subject matters and techniques for new creative effects.

Marina's compositions show the natural forms of a real world in a semi abstract way.

#### Other activities/ involvements:

- Founding Arts Advisory member of the Dubai Theatre and Arts centre (DUCTAC)
- Strategic planning Consultant for the Dubai International Arts centre- 2011
- Curator of the Arts' Festival of Addis Ababa-Ethiopia 2010 -date
- Co-founder of the 'Cyprus Open Studios'
- Gallery consultant at 'the Cynthia Corbett Gallery', London, UK

Marina's artworks can be found in many private residences and in several public collections including the Nicosia Municipal Gallery and she is currently a member of the Cyprus Chamber of Cypriot artists.

#### Selected Exhibitions:

##### Solo exhibitions:

- 2020 Opus39, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2017 Hellenic Centre London UK
- 2013 Thisseas Gallery-Limassol-Cyprus
- 2011 Gallery Opus 39 Nicosia Cyprus
- 2010 Gallery Leila –Addis Ababa Ethiopia
- 2009 Gallery Mondo Arte-Dubai-UAE (represented as the no 1 selling artist of the Gallery)
- 2008 Gallery Mondo Arte-Dubai -UAE
- 2007 OPUS 39 Gallery Nicosia –Cyprus
- 2007 Gallery Mondo Arte-Dubai-UAE
- 2006 Gallery Mondo Arte Dubai-UAE
- 2005 Hunar Gallery-Dubai UAE

##### Group and International Exhibitions:

- 2020-Three Angels-Larnaca-Cyprus
- 2020-Artnumber23-Athens, Greece
- 2020 Cylinder Gallery, London, UK (Virtual Exhibition)
- 2019 Artbox. Project, Art Miami, USA\*
- 2019 Light, Space & Time Gallery, UK\*\*
- 2019 Opus39, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2019 Camden Image Gallery, London, UK



- 2019 Flux Exhibition, London, UK
- 2018 Parallax exhibition, London, UK
- 2018 Hellenic Centre, London, UK
- 2018 Salon des Refuses, London, UK
- 2017-Opus 39 Nicosia, Cyprus
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- 2016 Technopolis Paphos Cyprus
- 2015-Salon des refuses-London UK
- 2014- 'The Gallery' United society of Artists – London, UK
- 2014- Kyklos Gallery –Paphos, Cyprus
- 2012- Anti-Dora Pegasus Arts Foundation-Limassol Cyprus
- 2012 Window-Art-Paphos-Cyprus
- 2011 Art Festival Addis Ababa-Ethiopia
- 2011 Modern Contemporary juried Art contest-New York
- 2010 Erotic Art Exhibition-Nicosia-Cyprus
- 2010 Art festival Addis Ababa-Ethiopia
- 2010-E.K.A.T.E. 50 years Anniversary of the Cyprus Republic-Nicosia