



Press Release

**Albert van Abbehuis Eindhoven 6th November - 12th December
Old Archaeological Museum Thessaloniki 11th March - 30th April 2022**

Small Odysseys is new art project based in Eindhoven in 2020 that promote Dutch and Greek Culture aspiring to create cultural bridges. The project aims to explore the culture of international exchange in the arts, printmaking, photography, video art, poetry, performance. The “Small Odysseys” are presented at the same time as a journey but also as a meeting place for creators, poets, society. This double exhibition will enable a vivid exchange and expansion of networks. Such a large double exhibition gives a positive impulse to the cultural climate both in in Eindhoven and in Thessaloniki and will build long lasting bridges.

Based on an idea of Marina Provatidou, the project organized a double exhibition entitled “Small Odysseys”. The artists express their personal experiences and at the same time identify with the spectators. They inspire, approach and interpret the subject freely more than 150 works will be on display. Seventeen artists from Thessaloniki and seventeen from Eindhoven are talking in the Netherlands and Greece.

This exhibition highlights these multifaceted experiences of Greek and Dutch artists. The artists experiment with different methods and techniques of photo-engraving and narrate their "Little Odysseys" through symbolic images.

The trip includes the starting point, duration and destination. Cavafy says that the journey should last for years. The verse is used to define the journey of life. The course of life itself allows us to understand the definition of travel. The journey is synonymous with the Odyssey which ultimately proves short. We quickly realize that life is short and that in itself it is tragic. We continue to live and travel. And to create and build bridges of culture based on common but also different artistic practices and experiences.

**Van Abbehuis Thursday to Sunday from 13.00-17.00 opened.
www.albertvanabbhuis.com.**

Participant artists GR: Ioannis Anastasiou, Giannis Cholongounis, Elena Giannadaki, Vasilis Karkatselis, Kostas Koumlis, Argyris Liapopoulos, Ioannis Monogyos, Efhtymis Mouratidis, Ioannis Belimpasakis, Stelios Dexis Myrto Vounatsou, Giorgos Pallis, Stefania Patrikiou, Marina Provatidou, Thanasis Raptis, Giannis Stamenitis, Anastasia Tsetoulidou, Lara Vretou, Roman Zouev

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Participants artists NL: Anouk Bax, Gery Bouw, Bart Elfrink, Caroline Koenders, Kees de kort, Esther Kokmeijer, Lisetteh, Paul Legeland, Jordie Rovers, Ingrid Simons, Mariëlle van den Bergh, Piet den Blanken, Bea van der Heijden, Helma Veugen, Rogier Walrecht, Marinos Tsagkarakis

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