# NIKOLASANTONIOU

#### **Artist Statement**

As an artist, I have always been captivated by the human figure, endlessly exploring its forms and expressions through my paintings. However, my practice has driven me to seek new ways to explore the depth and meaning of it.

In my exploration, abstraction gradually took precedence, leading the painted figures to immerse in an intense abstract environment. This unexpected shift revealed to me a personal need to pursue balance and meaning between these two seemingly opposite elements.

Ultimately, my work serves as a reflection of this ongoing quest for balance and significance, inviting viewers to contemplate the complexities of life and find resonance within their own experiences.

## **Biography**

Nikolas Antoniou was born in Larnaca, Cyprus in 1988. He studied at the Department of Visual and Applied Arts of the University of Western Macedonia. Today he maintains a studio in Larnaca where he lives and works.

## **Exhibitions:**

#### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 "Silent Pulse" Alpha C.K. Art Gallery Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2023 "Symphony of Existence Church of Santa Luciella ai Librai Naples, Italy
- 2023 "Apnea" Gaudium Gallery Naples, Italy
- 2023 "Emotional Quotient" Blue Iris Art Gallery Paphos, Cyprus
- 2022 Pierides Museum Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation Larnaka, Cyprus
- 2022 "Reverie" Lumiere Contemporary Art Gallery Limassol, Cyprus
- 2021 "Seasons Change" Alpha C.K. Art Gallery Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2019 "The Great Escape" Blue Iris Art Gallery Paphos, Cyprus
- 2017 "Nikolas Antoniou" Budapest Art Factory Project Space, Budapest, Hungary
- 2016 "The Conservation of the Creative Process", Alpha C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia Cyprus
- 2015 "For the Purposes of Imperfection", Technochoros Art Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2014 Nikolas Antoniou, Myro Gallery/Gallery Lola Nikolaou Art Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2013 "Sanitizing Logic" part2 Technohoros ArtGallery Athens, Greece

### Selected Group Exhibitions

2024 - Delpian Gallery / Open Call Winners - London, United Kingdom

- 2024 Galleri Christoffer Egelund Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2024 "Purity" T.A.S. Contemporary Art Gallery Lefkara, Cyprus
- 2024 "To Be A Man" Candid Arts Gallery London, United Kingdom
- 2022 "Stories of Intimacy Aothikes Papadaki, Limassol, Cyprus
- 2019 "The New Portrait" Stoerpunkt Gallery, Munich, Germany
- 2019 "Between Flesh And Bones" Fridge Project Space, Larnaka, Cyprus
- 2019 "The Paper Salon" Ambush Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2017 Melenia Art Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- 2017 "Reflecting Reality" BLUE IRIS Art Gallery, Paphos, Cyprus
- 2017 Budapest Art Factory, Project Space Budapest, Hungary
- 2015 "EMBODY" The Collection Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2015 "Preadexhibition" Technochoros ArtGallery Athens, Greece
- 2014 "5 new and 3 younger artists" IsNotGallery Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2013 "Ευφραίνει Καρδίαν II Rejoice my Heart II" Technohoros ArtGallery Athens, Greece
- 2013 Apothikes ArtGallery Larnaka, Cyprus
- 2013 "Art for Less" Lola Nikolaou ArtGallery Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2012 "Glimpses of the future" Myro Gallery Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2012 "Remember?" Beton7 Athens, Greece
- 2012 "Pandora's Box" Action Field KODRA Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2012 "HR E MO project" Lola Nikolaou Art Gallery Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2012 "Ευμορφος Άνθρωπος Shapely Persons" Museum of Contemporary Art Florina,
  Greece
- 2012 "Ευμορφος Άνθρωπος Shapely Persons" Gallery512 Ptolemaida, Greece
- 2011 "Ευμορφος Άνθρωπος Shapely Persons" Technohoros ArtGallery Athens, Greece
- 2011 "6th Student Biennale" Athens, Greece

## Art Fairs:

- 2021 Volta Basel Nadia Arnold Art Gallery Basel
- 2018 Affordable Art Fair Milan Technochoros Art Gallery Milan, Italy
- 2016 Art Athina Technochoros Art Gallery Athens, Greece

#### Residency:

- Budapest Art Factory - International Artist Residency Program (managed by BAF) 2019