

New art gallery launches with solo exhibition

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Exhibitions are really make a comeback at this time of year, and one is even hosted in a new gallery. Lumière Contemporary Art Gallery is a brand-new space which will open in Limassol on September 13, in the heart of the tourist area in Dasoudi. To mark this new beginning, the gallery opens with a solo exhibition by Cypriot artist Nikolas Antoniou.

“The exhibition,” says the gallery, “titled Reverie, showcases a series of paintings made over the last two years. Even though the artworks do not explore a specific theme, they do make part of a larger cluster based on the way the artist chooses to paint during the creative process. Vibrant colours, daring brushstrokes and dynamic gestures combine with randomness and the artist’s judgment in a balancing act that yields new images, spaces and landscapes. The aim is to express emotion and ignite connotations and thinking.

“In several works,” they add, “the artist adds the human figure as a familiar trait permeating

his entire oeuvre. The figure becomes one with expressionist elements, either emerging through them or hiding among them.”

Though *Reverie* is a first for the Lumière Contemporary Art Gallery, it is not the first time Nikolas had held a solo showcase. Since 2013, the artist has shown his work extensively in solo and group exhibitions, both locally and internationally, in cities such as Budapest, Bucharest, Athens, Utrecht, Sydney and Munich. He has also participated in various Art Fairs such as Volta Art Fair in Basel, the Affordable Art Fair in Milan, and Art Athina in Athens. This September he joins artist and entrepreneur Christina Drakos who is the founder and curator of Lumière Contemporary Art Gallery, to celebrate art and the opening of a new creative venue.

Gallery Opening and Exhibition

Reverie by Cypriot artist Nikolas Antoniou. September 13-20. Lumière Contemporary Art Gallery, Limassol. Opening night: 7.30pm. Tel: 25-344141