STELLA MELETOPOULOU

Galerie Karouzou

Stella Meletopoulou is one of those artists, for whom painting seems to derive from a spontaneous inner process that gives her art a symbolic-spiritual character.

Her current work is a continuation of the “Invisible Threads” series (Skoufa Gallery, Athens, 2016), where she focused on a philosophical - metaphysical aspect of the world and her surroundings, producing two - and three - dimensional works with symbolic elements - inlays woven with “invisible threads”, thus creating autonomous universes.

Through an evolutionary process of liberation, Meletopoulou returns with a new series of works entitled “Game of Threads” introducing the playing activity as an essential component of her creative act.

Drawing on both the physical and the inanimate world of the soul and mind, her art is characterized by signs and symbols, memories and associations interconnected by means of threads. Linear figures, organic and geometric forms, inlays of natural materials, ornaments made of fabric, paper or wood placed on an almost basic color palette, “walk shakily” on the stretched threads in an effort to balance, just like in life itself.

With references to some of the most prominent artists of the pioneering movements of the 20th century, such as Calder, Klee, Kadinsky, Meletopoulou composes elements that she transforms, giving space to her subconscious to freely create semi-abstract forms and “weave” playful visual narrations out of her life diary.

Meletopoulou’s playful geometry is characterized by a delicate sensitivity that touches the intangible, while at the same time generously invites the viewer to engage in a sincere and enthusiastic relationship, just like the one we had with our childhood mates.

Anna Chassanakou
Art Historian

1. Fantasy, mixed media | 51x51 cm | 2017

2. Butterflies, mixed media | 80x100 cm | 2017

3. Summer box I, mixed media | 31x41 cm | 2017

4. Summer box II, mixed media | 30x30 cm | 2017

5. Summer box III, mixed media | 30x30 cm | 2017

6. Summer box IV, mixed media | 30x30 cm | 2017

7. Game of threads, mixed media | 66x66 cm | 2018

8. Oriental night, mixed media | 61x61 cm | 2018

9. Night hues, mixed media | 70x70 cm | 2017

10. Nighttime, mixed media | 51x51 cm | 2016

11. Toy box, mixed media | 30x50 cm | 2017

12. Mini box, mixed media | 23x23 cm | 2017

13. Match game I, mixed media | 60x24 cm | 2018

14. Match game II, mixed media | 80x40 cm | 2018

15. Summer games I, mixed media | 60x33 cm | 2018

16. Summer games II, mixed media | 60x14 cm | 2018

17. Happy Story, mixed media | 60x60 cm | 2017

18. Mix and match I, mixed media | 60x60 cm | 2016

19. Mix and match II, mixed media | 40x50 cm | 2016

20. Space game, mixed media | 61x81 cm | 2016

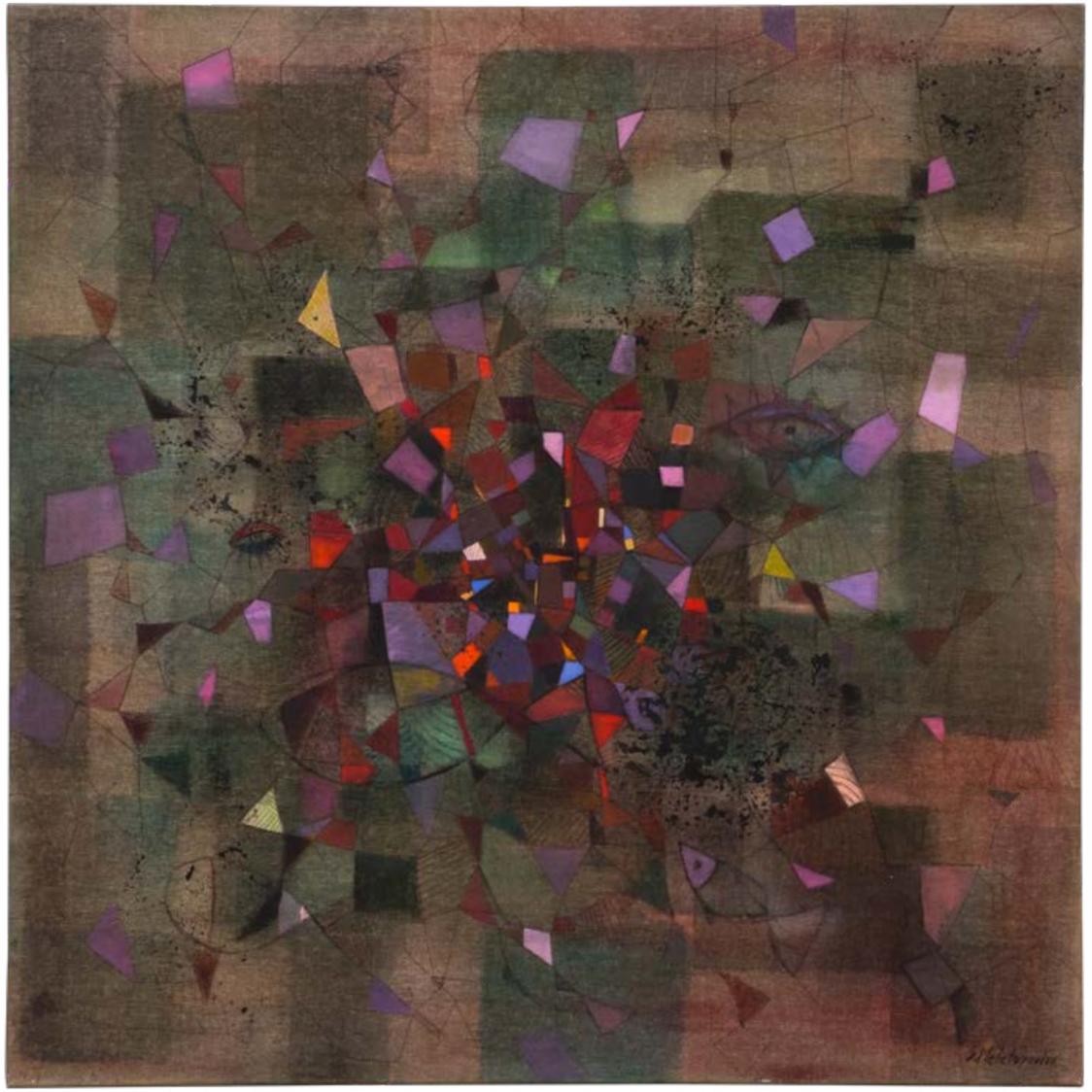
21. Archaic, mixed media | 20x50 cm | 2017

22. Magic box, mixed media | 53x53 cm | 2017

23. Fairy tale, mixed media | 100x100 cm | 2017

24. Mystic, mixed media | 118x118 cm | 2017

25. Nocturne, mixed media | 50x50 cm | 2017



26. Fish + Eye, mixed media | 70x70 cm | 2017

27. Tiny, mixed media | 26x26 cm | 2017

Born in Athens. From 1983 to 1987 she studied drawing and illustration at the Academie Julian (ESAG) and the Academie Charpentier in Paris, and went on to work as an illustrator in Athens. From 2003 to 2008 she studied painting at the Athens School of Fine Arts.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2009 "Modern aesthetics", Astrolavos Gallery – Dexameni, Athens

2011 "Human geography", ATRION Gallery, Thessaloniki

2016 "Invisible threads", Skoufa Gallery, Athens

2018 "Game of threads", Karouzou Gallery, Zurich

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2004 "Dreams", G. Karydes Centre for the Visual Arts

2005 "Poetry in images", Intistut Français d' Athènes

2006 "Angels", Stoa tou vivliou (Book Arcade), Athens

2007 "Gipsies", M. Mercouri Cultural Centre, Athens

2008 "Three women suggest", G. Karydes Centre for the Visual

2009 "It happened in Athens", Melina Cultural Centre, Athens
"Ophthalmophanes: Obvious to your eyes", Technopolis, Ghazi
"The human figure in art", Technopolis, Ghazi

2010 "New gazes", ATRION Gallery, Thessaloniki
Group exhibition of collaborators, Tsichritsis Foundation
"Speak, don't be frightened", Visual Arts Quests, Athens
"Sweet summer", Historical and Folklore Museum of Aegina
"Tracing Instanbul", Theological School of Chalki
"Brinies" (Sloping fields), Kyriakides Estate, Porto Heli
"Summer breeze", Visual Arts Quests, Athens
"Human Scales" Melina Cultural Centre, Athens
"Xmas Highlights' 10", Astrolavos Gallery – Dexameni, Athens

2011 "Easter 2011", Astrolavos Gallery – Dexameni, Athens
"Visual Arts Polyphony", Astrolavos Gallery – Dexameni, Athens

2012 "To be", tribute to W. Shakespeare, Ianos Art Gallery, Athens
"From the heart of our city", Gallery "Kaplanon 5"
"90 letter cards from Smyrni", Ianos Art Gallery, Athens
"L' Art en Capital", Grand Palais, Paris

2013 "Art of giving I", Athinais Cultural Centre, Athens
"Talking for the future", Melina Cultural Centre, Athens

2014 "Art of giving II", Athinais Cultural Centre, Athens
"A Jewel made in Greece", Lagonissi resort
"Invisible towns", Italo Calvino, Ianos art Gallery, Athens

2015 Group Exhibition of the Gallery "NITRA", Thessaloniki

2016 "Art in loft", Ianos art Gallery, Athens
"Asylum for the incurables"
"Tribute to G. Seferis", Ianos Art Gallery, Athens
"150 years National Archaeological Museum", Ianos art Gallery, Athens
"Silent presence", Hellenic American Union - G.Zongolopoulos Foundation, Athens

2017 "Colour Fields", Skoufa Gallery, Mykonos
"Remember", Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Athens
"Charity Auction", Byzantine Museum, Athens
"Silent Night", Skoufa Gallery, Athens

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