

PRESS RELEASE**RIANA RAOUNA Gallery presents the solo exhibition****MARINA OLYMPIOS: *An Everlasting Love*****Almyra Hotel, Paphos****Opening: Saturday 1 July 2023, 7-10 p.m**

RIANA RAOUNA Gallery presents the solo exhibition of **Marina Olympios** "***An Everlasting Love***", which will take place at Almyra Hotel in Paphos, from the 1st until the 21st of July 2023. This is the first solo exhibition of the internationally acclaimed artist that takes place in Paphos, with 35 paintings and a sculptural work created during the period 2018-2023.

Through fluid and intuitive gestures, Olympios goes beyond representation, while by using mineral colours that she collects from the earth she explores the notions of beauty, love and self-awareness. As the artist explains: *"In the age we live in, where everyone is sure of their own truth and try to impose it on others, the work of art represents the rejection of the absolute. It is the apotheosis of search and rebirth. My work "An Everlasting Love" is dedicated to the search for Beauty and Love, Understanding, Empathy, and the Alternative view of ourselves. In contrast to the climate of the times, the exhibition creates a sense of innocence, an optimism. Creating this oasis is my goal."*

Riana Raouna, founder of RIANA RAOUNA Gallery and Contemporary Art Specialist, said about the exhibition: *"Marina Olympios creates new realities on canvas, where her need for exploration and emotion are her guiding forces. Through her paintings, we sense a vivid energy which uplifts us emotionally and mentally. We are honoured to be organising an exhibition of such an accomplished artist as Marina Olympios for the first time in Paphos. We would like to sincerely thank Almyra Hotel, part of Thanos Hotels and Resorts for their support in making this exhibition possible."*

For more information, interested parties can contact 22 462888, info@rianaraouna.com, www.rianaraouna.com or www.rianaraouna.com.

Opening: Saturday, 1 July, 7-10 pm**Duration: 1-21 July 2023**

Opening Hours: Monday 3-7 pm, Tuesday-Sunday: 10 am – 2 pm & 3 - 7pm

Address: Almyra Hotel, 12 Poseidonos Avenue, 8042 Paphos

About Marina Olympios

Born in 1968, Marina Olympios studied in Paris where she graduated from the École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux - Arts of Paris with a diploma in Sculpture - multimedia (avec les félicitations du Jury). In 1994 she received a grant for research and worked at the Institut des Hautes Études en Arts Plastiques in Paris. In 1995 she received the price for research in Visual Arts of the French Ministry of Culture FIACRE. In 1996 she worked in the International studio - Curator Programme in New York financed by the A.F.A.A French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Works of Art of Olympios belong to the following collections, among others: Dakis Ioannou collection, Athens; Daskalopoulos Collection, Los Angeles; Pierre Nouvion, Monaco; Marzio Carver, Monaco; Ministry of Education & Culture, Cyprus; Central Bank Cyprus; Bank of Cyprus Cultural Centre; Hellenic Bank Cyprus; Municipality of Larnaka, Electricity Authority of Cyprus.

Marina Olympios is the author of a number of books, including: “L’ Art est Justice”, Centre Georges Pompidou and editions DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art, “Europa a Story of Art” editions DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art and the J.F. Costopoulos Foundation, “Le Manifeste d’une Femme au Monde” University of Cyprus.

About RIANA RAOUNA Gallery: Founded by Riana Raouna, Contemporary Art Specialist and a holder of an MA Contemporary Art with honours from Sotheby’s Institute of Art, London. The gallery focuses on contemporary artists, who are among the most promising names in the international art scene. The gallery operates online at www.rianaraouna.com , while at regular intervals it holds exhibitions in physical spaces with the aim of providing access to highly desirable artworks without any geographical barriers.