Vania Stefou (Christina - Vasiliki Stefou) is a painter and sculptor, while at the same time she also deals with photography, as a digital form of expression.

The Greek artist was born in Messolonghi, a city with rich artistic, cultural and historical significance, birthplace of great artists and historical figures.

Having influences from the environment, but also from her family, she started expressing through painting and creates her first atelier at the age of fourteen. Her father teach her the secrets of colors from a very young age, while at the same time her mother introduced her to free and linear drawing.

In 2009, her presence in the artistic field began to be felt, when she was selected and invited to represent Greece in international Art institutions, in New York and California.

She then settled permanently in Manhattan, where she participated in exhibitions and important art events, meeting and co-exhibiting with distinguished artists from all over the world.

He has had many individual exhibitions and has participated in important group exhibitions, both in the United States and in Greece, with major collaborations, the Agora Gallery and Dorian Gray Gallery in Manhattan, New York and the Southern Nevada Museum Of Fine Art (SNMFA) in Las Vegas, USA.

Her works are in the permanent collections of the Nevadas Museum (SNMFA), Las Vegas, U.S.A., St. George in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, U.S.A., the Mytilini Museum of Lesbos, the Dieksodos Museum in Messolonghi, the Visual Arts Center of the Municipality of Filothei "Georgios Karydis" and in many important private collections in the United States, Europe and Greece.

In 2022, she created an exhibition space in Athens to present her work. The aim is to become a meeting point for people who want to meet her and her work, while at the same time becoming a point of reference for collaboration and artistic conversation with Greek and foreign artists.

INTERNATIONAL DISCRIMINATIONS

Bio

## - 2020 Shanghai

She was nominated for the OSKAR awards in the category "Best Sculpture ", with the sculpt "Trireme" by the Foundation 'The Global Art Awards' held at Shanghai on November 21st, 2020. Digital.

## - 2017 Dubai

She was nominated for the OSKAR awards in the category "Best Painter" with the painting, Quantum Event (Big Bang) by the Foundation 'The Global Art Awards' held at Dubai on November 17th 2017, at the Armani Hotel Dubai - Burj Khalifa.

# - 2011 Los Angeles

She was selected by the 'Lucie Foundation' for the annual 'Fresh Look' Hollywood as part of the 'Month of Photography Los Angeles' (MOPLA) reviewed by Cindy Rowe, Moira Haney, Ettore Zuccarelli, Rhoni Epstein, Scott M. Kiernan where candidate for portfolio review, held in Santa Monica, LA.

### - 2009 New York

She represented Greece at the 24th International Fine Arts Competition "The Chelsea International Fine Art Competition" in New York, which is organised annually by the New York Agora Gallery, after being selected and invited by many Art curators.

# - 2010 Las Vegas

Represented Greece in an International exhibition at the Nevada Museum of Contemporary Art, "Southern Nevada Museum Of Fine Art" (SNMFA), in Las Vegas, organised by

"International Contemporary Masters", World Book of Art, Contemporary International Artists which includes her work.

### - 2014 New York

She participated for the second time in " Art Takes Square " Broadway, 42nd Street and 44th Street, New York organised every year by the organisation " Chashama ". It is a unique digital presentation of works of Art on the giant screens of Times Square.

### - 2014 New York

Participated in a group showing of digital photography hosted by See Me, Long Island City, N.Y.

- 2012 New York She participated in "Art Takes Square" Broadway 42nd Street and 44th Street, New York organised by the "Chashama" organisation. Her works were shown on the giant screens of Times Square. More than half a million viewers watched the exhibition.

- 2010 New York

She participated in a group exhibition organised by the Dorian Gray Gallery, Manhattan, NYC

- 2010 Athens

She participated in the anniversary group exhibition entitled "Telescopes of the Soul" organised by the Eugenides Foundation (Planetarium) in the same space for the completion of the Year of Astronomy and 400 years of research in Space.

## - 2010 New York

She participated in the group exhibition "Odyssey Within", with Greek and Italian artists. It is an exhibition organised once a year by the Art Critics at Agora Gallery, New York.

INCLUDED IN TEXNHS BOOKS:

- International contemporary artists Vol I. ICA publications, international exhibitions New York

- International dictionary of artist's 2011 by World Wide Art Books, Santa Barbara, California, USA.

- International contemporary artists III International Contemporary artists III by ICA publication, international exhibitions New York.

- International Contemporary Masters 2009 of World Wide Art Books, Santa Barbara, California, USA.

- Modern art 2009 by Midiaplan publications, Athens.

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