





CYPRUS CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

# Casts of an Island 2024

Cyprus Contemporary Art exhibition introducing a marvel of industrial architecture

Commissioned by **Dimitri Ozerkov** | Curated by **Nicos Chr. Pattichis** 

Celebrating 125 Years Bank of Cyprus



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#### **PSI** Foundation

has the pleasure of inviting you to the opening of

### **Casts of an Island 2024**

#### a Cyprus Contemporary Art exhibition curated by collector Nicos Chr. Pattichis introducing a marvel of industrial architecture

The exhibition will be inaugurated by his Excellency the President of the Republic of Cyprus Mr. Nicos Christodoulides

> A champagne reception will follow Invitation is valid for 2 people

#### Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at 19:00

RSVP: 22744105 and 22744115 (*by 25/05/2024*)

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## Casts of an Island 2024 A Cyprus Contemporary Art exhibition

This exhibition marks a pivotal transformation of an old industrial building in Limassol waterfront into a public space. The Carob Warehouse is one of the most significant modernist structures in Cyprus. It was built in 1960 by local engineer Andreas Papadopoulos and architect Fivos Polidorides and is located between Limassol Marina and the New Port. **The PSI Foundation** is being created there to secure and renovate this marvel of Cypriot architecture and to propose a strong program to celebrate its conversion into a major cultural venue.

The PSI Foundation invited collector and curator **Nicos Chr. Pattichis** to conceive the very first exhibition in its premises. The exhibition deals with Cypriot Contemporary Art and hosts 43 artists with over 120 works from the last 35 years. Several of the artworks, notably political in nature, date back to after the checkpoints opened in 2004, with new additions and creations inspired by the cover a broad spectrum of proposals that range from varied painting techniques, constructions, installations, and videos, all representing facets of creative endeavour relating to the unity of universal culture. The artworks featured are curious accumulations of diverse materials, transformations of archival substances and everyday objects with reimagined aesthetic roles, along with new mappings between fictive urban planning and psychogeography. This creative polyphony naturally leads to deep reflections on critical issues tied to historical memory and social progress across all sectors of 'real' life, fostering the development of new thinking aimed at building a redemptive worldview. Most of the works are part of the non-profit organisation CYCO (Cyprus Contemporary Art Center).

The exhibition takes its title from the monumental installation 'Casts of an Island 2024' by Socrates Socratous, that can be described as 'the casts or more precisely, the imprints of the island' of Cyprus. The design and the curator's theoretical approach create a narrative arc through a sequence of thoughts and ideas, forming thematic units and dialogues among the works. This method constructs an essay-like approach with clear allusions to both the history and national imagination of Cyprus.

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The exhibition highlight a tumultuous historical era for Cyprus during the last 50 years and commemorates the tragedy of 1974 when the Turkish invasion was followed by the division of the island. This period was marked by numerous efforts toward healing and societal restructuring amidst significant global upheavals. The artistic expressions evoked by Nicos Chr. Pattichis

Thalea Stefanidou, Art Historian

Chris Akordalitis Raissa Angeli Klitsa Antoniou Banu Cennetoglu Jake and Dinos Chapman Nicos Charalambides Michalis Charalambous Savvas Christodoulides Marianna Christofides Emin Cizenel Kyriaki Costa Haris Epaminonda Peter Eramian Marina Genadieva Theodoulos Gregoriou Mustafa Hulusi Elina Ioannou Andreas Kalli Stelios Kallinikou Lito Kattou Glafkos Koumides Phanos Kyriacou Maria Loizidou Angelos Makrides Panayiotis Michael Demetris Neokleous Lefteris Olympios





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