

**Welcome address Limassol Mayor Yiannis Armeftis**

**Έκθεση Κυπρίων καλλιτεχνών**

**Γκαλερύ XenArtSpace – Πλατεία Trilogy**

**Saturday 17 May 2025 – Time 4.00 p.m.**

Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentleman,  
Dear Xenia,  
Dear Artists,

I'm delighted to have the chance to officially open this exhibition by so many talented Cypriot artists.

The name of this multifaceted art experience is "Cyprus Orbits". It brings together visual artists whose creative journeys cross paths on a shared field of inspiration: Cyprus.

This exhibition of contemporary art features work by notable artists who were born in, live in, or draw inspiration from Cyprus, including Dimitris Agapiou, Thekla Papadopoulou, Alexandros Yiorkadjis, Panayiotis Pasantas, Elyzia Athanatou, Elena Anastasiou Neocleous, Nikolas Antoniou, Elisavet Nenarokova, Loukia Sergiou, and Anastasia Krivenko, just to name a few.

Limassol is proud of its dynamic cultural scene, which continues to thrive through a strong commitment to enriching the arts in all their forms.

This dedication not only elevates the quality of life for residents, but also enhances the experiences of visitors, through the creative contributions of artists based in Cyprus as well as those who come to the island to share their work.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that it is our intention to further develop the art scene in Limassol, and all cultural actions and initiatives.

Our presence here today is indicative of the support and encouragement we intend to provide to art centres and artists alike.

Dear Xenia, it is with great pleasure that I inform you that the efforts of you and your team in promoting the arts have been widely appreciated by the citizens of Limassol and the wider Cypriot community.

Today's exhibition is a great example of the amazing and incredibly diverse work that XenArtSpace is doing.

This is both through its permanent collection and the platform it provides to contemporary artists from Cyprus and abroad.

In closing, I congratulate Xenia and her team, as well as George Taxiarchopoulos who co-curated the exhibition, but most importantly the artists who are sharing their vision and inspiration with us here tonight.

I wish you all every success and a lovely evening!