

**Limassol Mayor's Speech Mr Yiannis Armeftis**  
**Official Handover Ceremony of Yohy Suarez's Painting**  
**to the Municipality of Limassol**  
**Municipal Art Gallery - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Time 7.30 p.m.**

Dear friends,  
Distinguished guests,

On behalf of the Municipality of Limassol, I warmly welcome you all to the Municipal Art Gallery, on a special evening that celebrates art, cultural dialogue, and meaningful cooperation.

It is with great pleasure that we officially receive today a remarkable painting by the acclaimed Cuban artist Yohy Suarez, which now becomes part of the Municipality's permanent art collection. This artwork is more than just a painting — it is a vivid reflection of the artist's unique experience of our city's most beloved celebration: the Limassol Carnival.

Yohy Suarez first experienced the Limassol Carnival back in 2020, captivated by its energy, colours, and joyful spirit.

In 2025, he returned to our city — this time not just as a guest, but as a featured artist, presenting his work in a special exhibition hosted at the Municipal University Library, inspired by the carnival and the people of Limassol.

This particular artwork was acquired and generously donated to the Municipality of Limassol by Exness and PSI Foundation — an act of generosity and cultural support that we deeply value.

It is a gesture that underscores the vital role of private initiative in strengthening our city's cultural identity and promoting international artistic exchange.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Exness and the PSI Foundation, not only for this donation, but also for their ongoing contribution to the arts and their valuable support of key cultural institutions and events — most notably, the Limassol Carnival, which brings joy, creativity, and community spirit to thousands every year.

Ladies and gentlemen,

From today, Yohy Suarez's painting will grace the halls of the Limassol Municipal Art Gallery — a symbol of artistic friendship and a source of inspiration for our citizens and visitors alike.

Thank you!