

# Mykonos Biennale

The **Mykonos Biennale** is held every odd year at the start of the summer on the Greek island of **Mykonos**. Originally created by **Lydia Venieri**,<sup>[1]</sup> the biennale does not consider itself in the standard form but that of a symposium where Art and Philosophy meet to work with the energy of island.<sup>[2]</sup>

For one week at the end of June or the beginning of July, the island of **Mykonos**, hosts an extensive range of artworks, projects, and a program of events. The biennial commissions leading and emerging artists to make and present permanent and temporary public artworks, as well as long-term community-based projects. These newly commissioned and existing artworks and projects are presented in diverse locations, including unusual public spaces including windmills, pirate houses, warehouses, schools and churches, as well as the city's galleries, museums, and cultural venues. The town hall, School of Fine Arts and the other organizations in **Mykonos** provide context for the presentation of contemporary art and culture.<sup>[3]</sup>

## 1 Biennials

### 1.1 2017 - TransAllegoria

The 3rd Mykonos Biennale theme will be TransAllegoria and exhibit works and installations by various artists as well as international short films.<sup>[4]</sup>

### 1.2 2015 - Antidote

The 2nd Mykonos Biennale takes place from July 2 through 7 2015, showing works and installations by various artists as well as international short films.<sup>[5]</sup>

#### 1.2.1 Participating Artists<sup>[6]</sup>

Aga Ousseinov<sup>[7]</sup> - Agni Zotis - Akikazu Iwanoto - Alexandros Kaklamanos - Alexis Fidetis - Amanda Church - Andreas Kanellopoulos - Ann Deleporte - Aristides Logothetis - Barbara Friedman - Bruce Robbins - Charisia Chatz - Christina Spanou - Christoforos Doulgeris - Christos Karatsolas - Cia Pedi - Dan Walsh - Danae Sratou - Daniel Lommel - Dimitra Stamatopoulou - Dimitris Kousoulas - Dora Oikonomou - Eleftheria Kotzaki - Emanuel Pimenta - Franklin Evans<sup>[8]</sup> - Glenn Goldberg - Heide Hatry - Ioanna Gouzeli - Jeannie Weissglass

- Jim Shaw - Joshua Levine - Kate Shaw - Konstantinos Patsios - Kostas Varotsos - LC Armstrong - Loukia Dousi-Rassia - Lucia Oceguera - Luis Luna Matiz - Lydia Andrioti - Lydia Venieri - Macklen Mayse - Manolis Baboussis - Marcia Grostein - Margarita Myrogianni - Maria Efstathiou - Maria Papadimitriou - Marnie Weber - Mary Hrbacek - Michael Zansky - Michel Abajoli - Narooa Lizar - Panos Charalambus - Panos Famelis - Pedro Barbeito - Phyllis Yampolsky - Raul Hott - Richard Pasquarelli - Stathis Alexopoulos - Stephen Dean - THAVMA Collectiva - Takis - Tassos Vrettos - Thordis Adalsteinsdottir - Yannis Gazetopoulos - Tassos Vrettos - Daniel Lommel - Panos Kostouros - Perikles Kanaris - the Synergy Dance Group of Silvia Macchi - the Flower Girls - Jean Paul Gomez.

#### 1.2.2 Participating Short Film Directors<sup>[9]</sup>

Pour Issa - Teddy Cecil - Diego Fiori & Olga Pohankova - Nancy Allison - Paul Allman - Rob Lobosco - Jay Lifton - Tahsin Ozmen - Emma Eisner - Marnie Weber - Konstantinos Chaliasas - Orfeas Peretzis - Heath Hanlin - Sigal Yona - Paul Surety - Margaret Corn - Dimitris Panakis - Victoria Trzeciak - Rhys Collier - Joel Moffett - Mohammad zare - Daniel Lecanda - Jonathan Kitzen - Andronikos - Konstantinos Dimopoulos - Patrick Kelley - Rami Yasin - Jianan Fan - Cristian Sulser - Daniel Thorsteinsson - Eva Colmers - Adriane Little - George Vdokakis/Nikos Kounitis - Mustafa Mahdi - Peter Kalisch - Cole Mercier - Mathieu Guimond - Hugo Hubert - Kryssa Schemmerling - Donald Gray - Emilija Gasic - Tom Schroeder - Bob Celli - Nancy J. Rodwan - Santiago Echeverry - dominique t skoltz - Isis kiwen - Jeff Wyatt Wilson - Sally Grizzell Larson - William Spencer - Mark Spencer - Saman Hosseinpuor - Elena Stamatogianni - Raisa Al Mansoori - Aleksei Abib - Mark Playne - Mete Sozer - Damon Silvester - Luis Luna Matiz - Danliwen Lu - Mario Garefo - Daniele Sartori - Josephine Massarella - Daniel Bloch - Andreas Hadjipateras - Yianna Dellatolla - Alexi Papalexopoulos - tracey anarella - Alex Bak - Thiago Zamprogno - Aggeliki Bozou - Michael Achtman - Elizabeth Kedrick - Joseph Accardi - Frank Perrin - Felix van Cleeff - Despina Economopulu - Gustavo Raulino - Alkis Papastathopoulos - nicolas citton - Jack Chapman - Maida Withers - Thomas Storesund - Alexander Tuschinski - Ritika Bajaj Vijra - Mike Friedrich - Jeff Dupre - Shahrukh Kavousi - Thomas Apostolou - Minji Kang - Theodoras Vogiatzidis - Paul Turano - Sophia Kiapos - Amanda Milius.

### 1.2.3 Participating Performers<sup>[10]</sup>

Babis Amidides - Rigas and Anemomyloi - Aposperites - Musical School G.Axiotis - Michalis Babelis - Flower Girls - Lefteris Sikiniotis Kantansos - Perikles Kanaris - Pole Dancing Pelecans - Tina Psalida - Mykonos Chorous - Anna Pangalou - Synergy Dance Group - THAVMA collective

### 1.2.4 Golden Pelican Award

The festival gave out the Golden Pelican Award to selected short films screening in competition:

- **Gold.** (by Alexander Tuschinski)<sup>[11]</sup>
- **TUK (Tukuhnikivatz).** (by Maida Withers)<sup>[12]</sup>

## 1.3 2013 - Crisis and Paganism

June 21 through 24, the inaugural Mykonos Biennale took place at the heart of the Greek Cyclades islands. Lydia Venieri,<sup>[13]</sup> a New York-based Greek artist, curated the core exhibition under the banner 'Crisis and Paganism'. Gallerists, young artists, locals and, of course, tourists convened for a series of happenings where poetry and dance, along with suitably Dionysian amounts of food and wine, combined in a part-sacred, part-pagan voyage around the party-worn alleys of Mykonos and the deserted ruins of nearby Delos. Venieri's stated intention was to commit "an art crime" in Greece, a country that has, in Europe at least, lately been synonymous with social suffering. Her ideas seemed to suggest that the currently embattled Greeks know how to sustain their ancient values and confront their fears through gatherings and dancing.<sup>[14]</sup>

### 1.3.1 Participating Artists

Participating artists<sup>[15]</sup> included Nikos Alexiou -Liana Anastasiadi - Lydia Andrioti - Stephen Antonakos<sup>[16]</sup> - Panagiota Apostolopoulou - Avgi-Maria Atmatzidou - Jan Baracz - Pierrot Carillero - Leonidas Chalepas - Manolis Charos - Stanislav Chertenkov - Chiara Clemente - Kristina Colovic - Lydia Dambassina - Venia Dimitrakopoulou - [dNASAb]<sup>[17]</sup> - Alexis Fidetzis - Karen Finley - Robert Flynt - Yannis Gazetopoulos - Peter Gerakaris<sup>[18]</sup> - Giullia Ghiani - Theodoulos Gregoriou - Dimosthenis Grivas - Rosalinda Gonzalez - Shalom Gorewitz - Olga Goulandris - Mark Hadjipateras & Christina Katsari - Gregory de la Haba<sup>[19]</sup> - Heide Hatry - Pato Hebert - Jon Henry - Gary Indiana - Nobuhiro Ishihara<sup>[20]</sup> - Marie Voyatzis Jacotey - Brad Kahlhamer - Jason Karaindros - Danai Katopodi - Anita King - Andonis Kioukas - Dimitra Kondilaitou - Panos Kouros - Tao Kulczycki - Nicaella Kalli-

menopoulos - Esmeralda Kosmatopoulos - Harris Kondosphyris - Panos Kostouros - Tyrone Lebon - Aleta Lee - Esthir Lemi - Colette Lumiere - Christos Markogiannakis - Silvia Macci and Synergy of art - Marjan Moghaddam<sup>[21]</sup> - Dean Monogenis<sup>[22]</sup> - Trine Nedreas - Melina Nicolaidis - Maria Nymfiadi - ORLAN<sup>[23]</sup> - Aga Ousseinov<sup>[24]</sup> - Anna Pagalou - Maria Papadimitriou - Richard Pasquarelli - Ben Patton - Katie Peyton<sup>[25]</sup> - Kostas Picadas - Mano Pontikakis - Shashpour Pouyan<sup>[26]</sup> - Pepa Prieto<sup>[27]</sup> - Marianna Sangita Røe - Mary Reid Kelly - Konstantinos Rigos - Alfredo Romano - Fotis Sagonas - Lucas Samaras<sup>[28]</sup> - Camila Santin - Katerina Skassi - Aliko Skoulikidi - Thomas Stavropoulos - Patrick Swirc - Raphaela Shirley - Takis - Philip Tsiaras - Betty Tompkins - Cindy Tower<sup>[29]</sup> - trapέζην collective - George Tsokopoulos - Pedro Tyler<sup>[30]</sup> - Dimitris Vassilakis - George Vdokakis - Lydia Venieri - Theodoras Vogiatzidis - Adonis Volanakis<sup>[31]</sup> - Iria Vrettou - Tassos Vrettos - Lee Wells<sup>[32]</sup> - Alison Williams - Phyllis Yampolsky - Theodoros Zafeiropoulos - Manolis Zaharioudakis - O Zhang<sup>[33]</sup> - Agni Zotis<sup>[34]</sup> - Vanessa Zouganeli.<sup>[35]</sup>

### 1.3.2 Venues

The venues of the Mykonos Biennale are located in many strategic points to initiate the visitor into the cultural inheritance of the island. The contemporary and international art works will blend with traditional culture in a haunted dialog hosted by the ghost of the past creating together Historical Time.

**Town Hall (The Russian House)** Then the art installation Rendez-vous was presented, followed by the Flower Project Part 2 by the «Flower Girls»Anna Pangalou sing the aria John Cage from the main balcony of Town Hall. **Old Port** The Sylvia Macci dance group presented "Yaloudes" a work inspired by Mykonian sea ghosts.

**The Windmills** Nobuhiro Ishihara - Installation: Dragon is reborn as a Cetus κητος from the Japanese to the Greek mythology. Lucas Samaras - Video installation in the windmill.

**The Archeological Museum** Takis & Lydia Venieri

**Big White Gallery** Yiannis Gazetopoulos, Alexis Fidetzis, Olga Goulandris, Patrick Swirc, Robert Flynt, Lydia Andrioti, Lydia Venieri, Christos Markogiannakis Antonis Volanakis, Theodoulos Gregoriou, Fotis Sagona, Thomas Stavropoulos.

**Delos** Alternative Baptism, a performance by Lydia Venieri and Adonis Volanakis accompanied by the music of Dimitris Vassilakis and the Sylvia Macci Dance Group. Lydia Venieri performed Words about Women by Betty Tompkins.

**The Folklore Museum (The house of the Pirate Mer-melakas)** Pato Hebert, Aleta Lee, John Henry, Dean Monogenis, Camila Santin.

**Kouseyares church** Shashpour Pouyan & Pedro Tyler.  
**Lena's House** Andonis Volanakis, Pepa Prieto, Anita King, Manos Pontikakis, Rafeale Shirley.

**School of Fine Arts** Works by Liana Anastasiadis, Lydia Andrioti, Panagiota Apostolopoulos, Leonidas Chalepas, Mark Hadjipateras, Marie Jacotey, Anita King, Esther Lemi, Christos Markogiannakis, Maria Nymfiadi, Costas Picadas, Fotis Sagonas, Cam Santin, Katerina Skassi, Alice Skoulikidis, Lydia Venieri, Iria Vrettos, Tassos Vrettos, Cindy Tower.

The festivals inauguration ceremony was opened by the children's choir of the Music School "George Axiotis," conducted by Tina Psalida. Η παιδική χορωδία της Δημοτικής Μουσικής Σχολής «Γεώργιος Αξιώτης», κάτω από την διεύθυνση της Τίνας Ψαλίδα άνοιξε την τελετή των εγκαινίων.

**Venieri Mansion, Matoyanis, Mykonos Town** Anna Pangalos, Antonis Volanakis and Din Heagney perform the poetry of Kurt Schwitters, Henry Miller and John Ashbery respectively.

**Venieri House, Ano Mera** The Mystic Party with music by MICHALIS KOUNENIS and LEFTERIS SIKINIOTIS, and dance performances: The Last Supper by Lydia Venieri performed by the THE DANCE GROUP OF SYLVIA MACCI and Manage á Trois performed by Andonis Volonakis and the Flower Girls.

**Municipal Gallery** Delos Revisited -A mosaic workshop for children was held by Irini Sirianou.

**The Organic Vinyards of Paraportianos** Among the ancient vines of his organic vineyard, Paraportiani, Mr Nikos Asimomytis hosted a Dionysian feast for biennale. Dimitris Vassilakis his music for the ancient vines.

**Cine Mando (Open air Cinema)** The Mykonos Biennale Art Video Film Festival

### 1.3.3 Team

Lydia Venieri - Andonis Kioukas - George Tsokopoulos - Maria Papadaki - Andonis Volonakis - Dimitris Vassilakis - Ana Pangalou - Tassos Vrettos - Sylvia Macci Varotsos - Michael Skafidas - Fotis Sagonas - Eleftheria Kotzaki - Christina Spanos - Demeter Stamatopoulou - Alexis Fideztis - Yannis Voliotis - Lydia Andrioti - Panos Kostouros - Annable Aronis - Nikos Asimomytis - Thanos Vassilakis - Katie Peyton - Lee Wells - Tina Psalida - Babis Amoiridis<sup>[36]</sup>

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- Art exhibition
- Biennale

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