EPHEMERAL PARTY







































































11.02.2025 - 17.02.2025



Partcipating artists:



Emmanouil Bitsakis



Giorgos Bouzianis



Constantine P. Cavafy



Plum Cloutman



Apostolos Georgiou



Steve Gianakos



Dimitris Gketsis



Max Hooper Schneider



Konstantin Kakanias



Panayiotis Loukas



lliodora Margellos



Robert Nava



Malvina Panagiotidi



Ariana Papademetropoulos



Chryssa (Vardea)



David Sampethai



Yannis Tsarouchis



Jannis Varelas



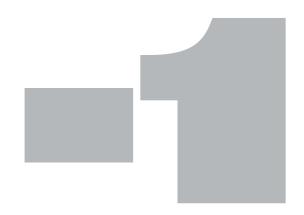
Raed Yassin



The art exhibition *Ephemeral Party* originated as an exploration of fundamental questions about art's potential to integrate into daily life and redefine a public space as an active hub for encounters. It investigates whether a parking facility—a space typically associated with transience and utility—could serve as a platform for dialogue in the visual arts, establishing a curatorial precedent and serving as an example for future initiatives. The exhibition occupies *Carco Parking*, aiming to reinterpret a non-traditional venue as an artistic context, emphasizing that art belongs everywhere: it is unrestricted, inclusive, and accessible to all.

The venue's distinct spatial and atmospheric qualities inspired the exhibition's concept. Carco Parking extends across three subterranean levels, where dramatic contrasts of light and shadow dominate. The space is compact, defined by a rigid grid of parking spots, interspersed with bulky mechanical elements and hidden corners. These features create an evocative setting that highlights the repetitiveness of daily routines and accentuates the anticipatory state, lying between pauses and new beginnings. The juxtaposition of the venue's unchanging, rigid structure and the fleeting presence of human activity evokes a poignant awareness of ephemerality. This recognition of the ephemeral—the paradoxical essence of existence— sometimes leads to melancholic reflections, while often acting as a catalyst for the pursuit of enjoyment, celebration, and connection, a "party". This spectrum of emotions ultimately forms the essence of the collective human experience, uniquely experienced by each individual and shaped by one's personal perception of time, desires, memories, and imagination. Ephemeral Party, as a metaphor for human experience, examines the fleeting nature of life through the lens of dreams, time, and memories. The exhibition's brief, 7-day duration is deliberately chosen to emphasize the finite nature of time.

Ephemeral Party features works in various media (painting, sculpture, video, installations, performance art) that capture delicate balances and fluid dynamics between the imaginary and the real, existence and non-existence, the tragic and the sardonic, despair and hope, melancholy and ecstasy. The exhibition bridges past and present by bringing emblematic figures of Greece's recent cultural history such as Giorgos Bouzianis, Yannis Tsarouchis, and Constantine P. Cavafy in a dialogue with modern and contemporary artists from both Greek and international scenes, highlighting the notion that art is a dynamic, evolving process. Visitors are invited to descend into the depths of Carco Parking, explore its three underground levels, uncover hidden corners and uncharted secrets, and immerse themselves in a journey through dreams, precious moments, and memories.





The ephemeral nature of dreams

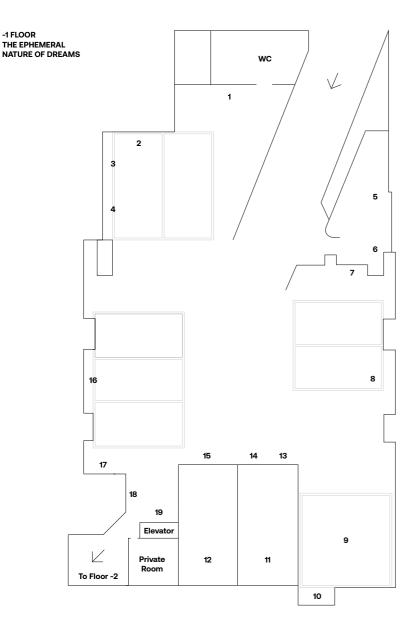
The first underground level acts as an intermediary universe, balancing between reality and daydreaming, filled with myths, transformations, visions, and phantoms. Childhood dreams, nightmares, or comical fantasies connect us fleetingly to the unconscious, inspiring or haunting us. In **Jannis Varelas**' sculptures and paintings, the figures are in a state of anticipation—alive yet motionless. They are composed of fragments of representations and transformations from a transcendent reality, imagining themselves as blurred entities, suspending between constructed identities and societal impositions. Similarly, in the homonymous performance taking place in the background, the *Bingo Players* appear confused, shattering silence and presenting a foreboding version of chaos.

Chaos also emerges from the works of **Panayiotis Loukas** who oscillates between mysticism and sarcasm. He invites us into his unrestrainedly surreal and symbolladen visions, where the otherworldly and the peculiar lurk in every corner.

Robert Nava's fantastical creatures rise as childhood fantasies tinged with violence and destruction. Drawing inspiration from prehistoric cave paintings, cartoons, and fantasy films, Nava's works capture the moment when childhood innocence, fueled by imagination, confronts fear to understand and exorcise it.

David Sampethai crafts magical worlds where desires and disappointments are meticulously disguised as ghosts, angels, bats, sleepwalkers, and animal-like beings. Referencing surrealism and magical realism, his creations compose astral universes that serve as sanctuaries from the hypocrisy of reality.

Beside them, **Konstantin Kakanias** captures landscapes of the unconscious, made out of dark forests, ocean depths, and starry skies. In the meantime, the ever-iconic Mrs. Tependri—a satirical caricature of an aristocratic socialite and a recurring alter ego of Kakanias—intervenes with biting irony. She abruptly lifts the veil of mystery, questioning the inevitable and teasing what awaits on the following floor.



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bronze 145 x 60 x 60 cm. edition 4/5

Irene Panagopoulos Collection

2. Jannis Varelas (b. 1977)

Untitled, 2018 oil, oil stick, acrylic ink, gouache, pastel, silkscreen ink, gesso on canvas 250 x 210 cm. Private Collection

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5. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

Ghosts n' Goblins, 2024 oil on canvas 70 x 60 cm. Private Collection

6. Konstantin Kakanias (b. 1961)

Study for the Requiem, 1997 acrylic on canvas 51 x 41 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection

7. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

Shitstorm, 2012 oil on canvas 180 x 150 cm. Private Collection

8. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

Breakfast at 3, 2020-2023 oil on canvas 200 x 510 cm. Private Collection

9. Jannis Varelas (b. 1977)

Bingo Players, 2016 performance duration 25:00 Irene Panagopoulos Collection

10. Jannis Varelas (b. 1977)

Little Jackal, 2016 c-print, overpainted 150 x 150 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection

11. Robert Nava (b. 1985)

Shark Pegasus, 2017 acrylic and graphite on canvas 177.8 x 213.4 cm. Private Collection

12. Robert Nava (b. 1985)

Level Nine Final Boss, 2017 acrylic and graphite on canvas 182.9 x 182.9 cm. Private Collection

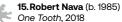
13. Robert Nava (b. 1985)

Blue Shark crayons and spray paint on canvas 26.5 x 42.5 cm. Private Collection



14. Robert Nava (b. 1985)

Blue Shark acrylic on canvas 27 x 33 cm. Private Collection



acrylic on canvas 61 x 76 cm. Private Collection

16. David Sampethai (b. 1989)

Once Upon A You Know What, 2024 oil, oil pastel on canvas 280 x 200 cm. Private Collection

17. David Sampethai (b. 1989)

Empire of Sleep, 2021 acrylics, glue, pigments, oil, oil pastel on canvas 180 x 150 cm. Private Collection



18. Konstantin Kakanias (b. 1961)

Untitled, 2007 oil on canvas 203 x 165 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection

19. Konstantin Kakanias (b. 1961)

3 (To Die), 2012 gouache on paper 76 x 56 cm. Private Collection



Programme of the performance Bingo Players

by Yiannis Varelas:

11/2/2025:

18.00, 19.30, 21.00, 22.30

12/2/2025: 18.00, 19.30

13/2/2025:

18.00, 19.30

14/2/2025:

18.00, 19.30

15/2/2025:

13.00, 14.30, 17.00, 18.30, 20.00

16/2/2025:

13.00, 14.30, 17.00, 18.30, 20.00

17/2/2025:

18.00, 19.30





The ephemeral nature of time

Candles

The days of the future stand in front of us
Like a line of candles all alight—
Golden and warm and lively little candles.
The days that are past are left behind,
A mournful row of candles that are out;
The nearer ones are still smoking,
Candles cold, and melted, candles bent.
I don't want to see them; their shapes hurt me,
It hurts me to remember the light of them at first.
I look before me at my lighted candles,
I don't want to turn around and see with horror
How quickly the dark line is lengthening,
How quickly the candles multiply that have been put out.

Constantine P. Cavafy, Candles, 1893-1899, manuscript of poem

Descending to the second level, we encounter **Constantine P. Cavafy's** poem *Candles*. Cavafy uses the allegory of already extinguished or burning candles to introduce the finitude of time and the ephemeral nature of life.

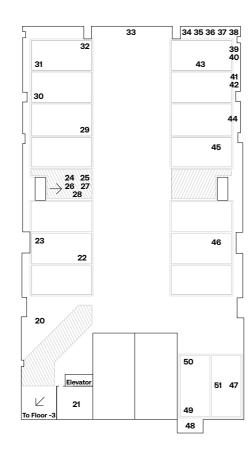
This symbolic thread continues with **Panayiotis Loukas** and **Malvina Panagiotidi** in their collaborative and individual works. Their sculptural compositions transport us to invisible, mystical realms evoking 18th-century phantasmagorias or rituals where spirits were summoned to appear before an audience. **Malvina Panagiotidi** employs fragile materials in her wax sculptures, which change and ultimately disintegrate as their wicks burn down. Blown glass fragments are left lifeless, resembling piles of cartilage and debris.

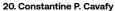
Fragility is similarly central to **Iliodora Margellou's** works with their delicate threads. Emphasizing craftsmanship, her stitches mark points in time, capturing sparkling gemstones and precious materials on screens and fabrics. Through her intricate work, she subtly transforms emptiness or darkness into insight, stars, and light.

Further into the exhibition space, **Ariana Papademetropoulos** incorporates aquatic elements as symbols of transition and transcendence. In her film, the artist lies on a bed drifting across the sea, illuminating the darkness with a candelabra, while floating into the abyss. In her painting, she uses a seashell to depict a portal or a moment of transformation.

Dimitris Getsis explores historicity and universal narratives of humanity, drawing on symbolism to render the ephemeral eternal. His mythological hybrid beings bear traces, moments, and memories of the past, present, and future, merging time into a singular, timeless essence.

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THE EPHEMERAL
NATURE OF TIME





(1863-1933)
Candles, 1893-1899
manuscript of poem
24.6 x 15.7 cm
Irene Panagopoulos Collection



21. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

D'ailleurs, c'est toujours les autres qui meurent, 2023 mixed media variable dimensions Private Collection



22. Malvina Panagiotidi (b. 1985)

It Was Evening All Afternoon 3 Hz, 2018 blown glass, paraffin wax, metal, wick

165 x 75 x 35 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



23. Malvina Panagiotidi (b. 1985)

It Was Evening All Afternoon 14 Hz, 2018

blown glass, paraffin wax, metal, wick 179 x 103 x 40 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



24. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

Light Clouds, 2015 oil on canvas 40 x 30 cm. Private Collection



25. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

Smoke, 2018 oil on canvas 50 x 40 cm. Private Collection



26. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

All Three of Them, 2012 oil on canvas 50 x 40 cm. Private Collection



27. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

Smoke II, 2011 oil on canvas 30 x 20 cm. Aliki Lampropoulos Collection



28. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975)

X, 2016 oil on canvas 40 x 30 cm. Private Collection



29. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975) & Malvina Panagiotidi (b. 1985)

The Gates of Horn and Ivory, 2016 acrylic clay, glass, acrylic paint, polyurethane, wood, fabric, metal 105 x 105 x 200 cm.

Onassis Collection



30. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975) & Malvina Panagiotidi (b. 1985)

Many Will Rise as Buildings and Soon They Will Return, 2015 acrylic clay and glossy spray 100 x 40 x 40 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



31. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975) **& Malvina Panagiotidi** (b. 1985)

Spirit II, 2015 acrylic clay and glossy spray 43 x 15 x 15 cm. Private Collection



32. Panayiotis Loukas (b. 1975) **& Malvina Panagiotidi** (b. 1985)

Librarbil, 2015 acrylic clay and glossy spray 48 x 27 x 16 cm. Private Collection



33. Ariana Papademetropoulos

(b. 1990)

Voyage to Venus, 2019
digital video shot in 35mm

Ectachrome film, duration 2:57
edition 3/5

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



34. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985)

I Try to Find You So I Make You 2, 2021 handmade embroidery and weaving on metal screen, string, glass beads 110 x 75 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



35. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985) Study for "I Try To Find You So I Make You". 2021

handmade embroidery and weaving on metal screen, string, glass beads $19 \times 13 \times 3$ cm.

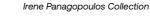
Irene Panagopoulos Collection



36. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985) 00:20, 2020

handmade embroidery on tie-dyed canvas, beads diameter: 54 cm.

37. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985)



20:15, 2020 handmade embroidery on tie-dyed canvas, beads, diameter: 54 cm.

diameter: 54 cm.
Irene Panagopoulos Collection



38. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985) *Sunset Goddesses (ATLAS)*, 2018 handmade embroidery on canvas and floss, 24-karat gold thread

diameter: 20 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



39. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985)

Can You See, 2021 handmade embroidery on tie-dyed canvas, floss, sequins, beads diameter: 21 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



40. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985)

You Are Happy, 2021 handmade embroidery on tie-dyed canvas, floss, sequins, beads diameter: 21 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection

41. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985)

Healing, 2018 handmade embroidery 29 x 36 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



42. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985)

Skinny Dip, 2019 handmade embroidery 28.5 x 34 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



43. Iliodora Margellos (b. 1985)

Comforts (Knotty) II, 2021 embroidery loop, undid wool roving, silk thread, ribbon, plexiglass mirror, beads

66 x 32 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



44. Ariana Papademetropoulos

(b. 1990)
She Sells, 2018
oil on canvas
40 x 30 cm.
Irene Panagopoulos Collection



45. Malvina Panagiotidi (b. 1985)

Where The Stream Divides II, 2019 blown glass, paraffin wax, pigment, wick, metal

203 x 75 x 82 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection

46. Malvina Panagiotidi (b. 1985)

The Serpent's Tears, 2018 paraffin wax, pigment, wick, metal variable dimensions Irene Panagopoulos Collection

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47. Dimitris Gketsis (b. 1993)

Justice and Revenge (woman huntress) & Neptune Horse, 2022 polyester resin with fiberglass, copper leaf

116.5 x 80 x 4 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection

48. Dimitris Gketsis (b. 1993)

Unicorn Mermaid, 2022 polyester resin with fiberglass, copper

100 x 145 x 3 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection

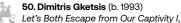
49. Dimitris Gketsis (b. 1993)

Let's Both Escape from Our Captivity II, 2022

polyester resin with fiberglass, copper leaf

100 x 95 x 4 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



2022 polyester resin with fiberglass, copper

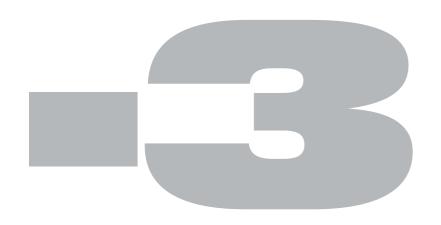
leaf 110 x 74 x 4 cm.

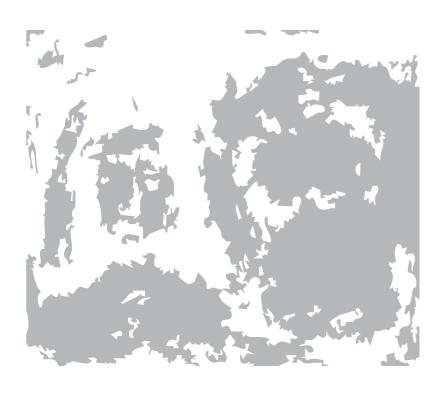
Irene Panagopoulos Collection



51. Dimitris Gketsis (b. 1993)

Sleeping Unicorn, 2022 polyester resin with fiberglass, copper leaf and copper sheets 69 x 40 x 15 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection





The ephemeral nature of memories

The final floor focuses on the ephemerality of memory. Memory takes form, evolves, and eventually fades. As we recall memories, they are both regenerated and reshaped, leaving behind traces, fragmented images, and emotions.

Giorgos Bouzianis employs color as his primary structural element to capture emotional states. His works depict human figures that resemble fading memories.

By contrast, **Yannis Tsarouchis'** sensual art defies the fading of memory. He interprets love itself—eternal, ineffable, and indestructible.

Plum Cloutman paints postcard-sized works to evoke a sense of intimacy. Through the artist's penetrating gaze, seemingly ordinary scenes transform into snapshots of the psyche.

Emmanouil Bitsakis portrays real figures alongside iconic monuments, creating fragmented settings akin to a collage of distorted memories.

Adjacent to this, **Steve Gianakos** brings humor and a lack of sentimentality to his reinterpretations of reality. Using surrealistic elements and drawing from pop art and comics, he captures the fleeting nature of experiences that have been distorted over time.

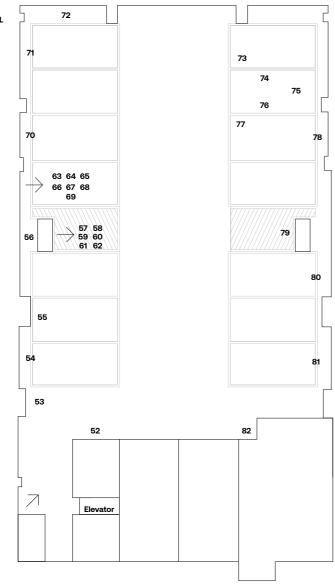
Raed Yassin's Crying Station, referencing mass culture and consumerism, plays with themes of despair and human desire, concepts that repeatedly occur in his work. The artist creates an emotionally charged space defined by neon light, inviting people to inhabit it and indulge in a sense of nostalgia.

Similarly, the neon sculptures of **Chryssa (Vardea)** recall the urban landscape of 1960s New York. Her luminous signs, light up the night, hinting at human presence within a metropolis in a constant flux, full of promises and fleeting connections.

Apostolos Georgiou portrays human figures in moments of waiting, anticipating change. With minimal distractions, his works trace instances of melancholy, solace, and solitude, set against urban landscapes or domestic interiors.

Finally, in **Max Hooper Schneider's** dystopian micro-landscapes nature is present as an ever-going process of a morphological transformation —like memories derived from a future yet to come. Populations of hybrid vegetal and animal entities emerge from the detritus of material culture. In these works, humanity is present solely within its absence.

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52. Giorgos Bouzianis (1885-1959) Mother and Child, ca. 1925 oil on canvas

59.5 x 74 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection

53. Giorgos Bouzianis (1885-1959)

Two Women, 1955 oil on wood 48.5 x 56.5 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



54. Giorgos Bouzianis (1885-1959) Two Nudes

oil on canvas 105 x 80 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



55. Giorgos Bouzianis (1885-1959) Lady S oil on canvas 86 x 67 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



56. Yannis Tsarouchis (1910-1989)

To Telion, 1967 watercolor and glue on canvas 105 x 75 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



57. Plum Cloutman (b. 1995) Bedtime Water, 2022 pastel watercolor pencil and oil on paper mounted on board 17.7 x 12.7 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



58. Plum Cloutman (b. 1995) Sentinels, 2022 pastel, watercolor pencil, and oil on paper mounted on board 21 x 15 cm Irene Panagopoulos Collection



59. Plum Cloutman (b. 1995)

Dashing Out, 2022 pastel, watercolor pencil and oil on paper mounted on board 21 x 15 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



60. Plum Cloutman (b. 1995)

A Gathering, 2022 pastel, watercolor pencil and oil on paper mounted on board 25.5 x 20 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



61. Plum Cloutman (b. 1995)

Slipper, 2022 pastel, watercolor pencil and oil on paper mounted on board 18 x 12.75 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



62. Plum Cloutman (b. 1995) The Birthday, 2022 pastel watercolor pencil and oil on paper mounted on board 25.5 x 20 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



63. Emmanouil Bitsakis (b. 1974) Chian Kai-shek, 2013 acrylic on canvas 12.5 x 9 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



64. Emmanouil Bitsakis (b. 1974) Mykonos A Picturesque View, 2012 acrylic on canvas

10 x 12.5 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



65. Emmanouil Bitsakis (b. 1974)

Philip, 2014 acrylic on canvas 13 x 18 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



66. Emmanouil Bitsakis (b. 1974) Portrait, 2002

tempera on cardboard 19.5 x 21.5 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



67. Emmanouil Bitsakis (b. 1974)

Portrait, 2012 acrylic on canvas 12 x 9 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



68. Emmanouil Bitsakis (b. 1974)

Swimmer, 2009-2014 acrylic on canvas 6 x 12 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



69. Emmanouil Bitsakis (b. 1974)

Tanker Victory, 2009-2014 acrylic on wood 6 x 12 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



70. Steve Gianakos (b. 1938) She Could Be Really Artsy Fartsy, 1992 collage - Xerox and mixed media on paper 114.3 x 92.7 cm.

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71. Steve Gianakos (b. 1938) My Place Is Real Tiny, 1985

acrylic on canvas 162.6 x 137.2 cm.

Irene Panagopoulos Collection



72. Raed Yassin (b. 1979) Crving Station, 2017

neon lamp 49 x 49.5 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



73. Chryssa (Vardea) (1933-2013)

New York Cityscape neon lamp and plexiglass 56 x 35 x 20 cm. each editions 8/25 and 9/25 Irene Panagopoulos Collection



74. Chryssa (Vardea) (1933-2013)

Untitled neon lamp and plexiglass 57.2 x 31.4 x 21.9 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



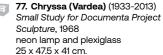
75. Chryssa (Vardea) (1933-2013) Untitled

neon lamp and plexiglass 53 x 31.8 x 21.6 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



76. Chryssa (Vardea) (1933-2013) Untitled

neon lamp and plexiglass 43.8 x 36.2 x 33 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



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78. Apostolos Georgiou (b. 1952) Untitled, 2009 acrylic on canvas 220 x 220 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



79. Apostolos Georgiou (b. 1952) Untitled, 2016

acrylic on canvas 40 x 50 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



80. Apostolos Georgiou (b. 1952)

Untitled, 2006 oil on canvas 140 x 140 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



81. Apostolos Georgiou (b. 1952)

Untitled, 1986 acrylic on canvas 169.5 x 175 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection



82. Max Hooper Schneider (b. 1982) Extinction of Neon 8, 2018

customized acrylic vitrine, neon lamps, modeled landscape, artificial plants and detritus, powder coated steel, aluminum, resin 167.6 x 106.7 x 61 cm. Irene Panagopoulos Collection

Carco Parking

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