



«Under construction» group participates in **Open Lido XII**

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Lido, Venice

ZONE D in collaboration with ArtBOX.gr |creative Arts Management supports the participation of the «under construction» group into the annual exhibition "Open Lido" in Venice, in conjunction with «Mostra» (The Film Festival of Venice) and the 53rd Venice Biennale. "Open XII" focuses on the presentation of works by individual artists or groups that materialise in public/open space.

Greece has a series of important participations in OPEN with curators such as Efi Strouza and Lina Tsikouta and artists the likes of Kostas Varostos, Danae Stratou, Katerina Apostolidou, Emilia Papafilipou, Aggelos Skourtis.

OPEN has presented the work of important curators and artists: Lois Weinberger, Louise Bourgeois, Niki De Saint Phalle, Richard Long, Marc Quinn, Marisa Merz, Sandro Chia, Yoko Ono, Keith Haring and Pierre Restany, Achille Bonito Oliva, Lçrand Hegyi, Beral Madra, Alanna Heiss.

The «under construction» art group is consisted of visual artists, architects and art historians. Their new work, «**Beautiful world, heavenly creation**», is a manipulated photograph printed to the dimension of a billboard, with its subject matter focusing on the utopian promises of politics, religion and advertising. Additionally, a series of smaller dimension posters has been produced, depicting nothing but the title of the work, thus leaving the viewer's imagination free to create any image he wants. This series will be plastered and will be available at various parts of Venice. Additionally the action of plastering the posters it is considered as an artistic action and constitutes an integral part of the work.

Also participating in OPEN with independent projects: Venia Bechrakis with a series of photographs at the Hotel des Bains, Aristotelis Deligiannidis and Andreas Savva.

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Brief biographical notes:

Under construction:

From September 2008 until today, the group «under construction» has participated in important events, such as Action Field Kodra 08 in Thessaloniki, and in independent curatorial inputs, such as the multi faceted project "our living room", which included amongst other installations and talks at My Living Room (invited by the historian and exhibition curator Sotiris Bahtsetzis. It has also shown work in important exhibition spaces such as Design 2009, (The house of Cyprus, invited by the art historian M. Maragou) and recently at Zoumboulakis Galleries with the work "EXIT".

The group is comprised of Giorgos Giannakopoulos, Iasonas Kontobrakis, Xanthi Kistorizou, Alexandros Laios, Spyros Nakas, Nikos Papadopoulos, Chrisanthi Papaxenou, Christina Sgouromiti, Georgia Tourmouzi, Panos Famelis, Maro Fasouli, Kostas Christopoulos.

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ZONE D is a new venture by Zoumboulakis Galleries under the curatorship of Daphne Zoumboulakis. It was launched in 2007 with the exhibition "Places in ZONE D" at Thission Lofts, Athens, with works by Sofia Petridid, Danae Stratou and Evanthia Tsantila. In 2008, it presented a solo show by Evanthia Tsantila with the title "The Walking Blind" (Zoumboulakis Galleries, Athens). ZONE D has supported the participation of its artists to group shows in international exhibitions as well as in Art Athina 2008 and in various independent projects. Its most recent show was "EXIT" by the «under construction» group, in June 2009. ZONE D retains an open character and occupies spaces appropriate to its exhibitions and events. It aims to present the new trends of the international, contemporary arts within a flexible framework that has the ability to evolve in parallel with them.