

# Dimitris Ntokos

Born in Athens (1984). Lives and works in Athens, Greece.

Dimitris Ntokos was introduced in the Greek art scene as a street artist deeply influenced by the symbols of ancient Egypt, firstly with the motif of the scarab and then at a later stage with the hieroglyphs that take over his compositions. His art can be found in Athens, where it adorns a basketball court in Kifissia or some local businesses' shutters, as well as abroad, on the walls of abandoned buildings in Berlin, Belgium, and Italy. The artist works mainly with acrylics and oils in bright colors. It is striking that most symbols are not repeated on the surface he has chosen to work on, be it a canvas, a car, a wall, or a mirror. One symbol follows the other, therefore unfolding a mysterious papyrus, a cryptic letter, and a coded diary, the symbols of which are interpreted through the eyes of each viewer.

The peculiarity of Ntokos's new series is that each ideogram is isolated in the square composition of the canvas. Those who have been following Ntokos since the beginning of his career experience a shift of focus from the story to the letter. In this new series, the viewers are invited to look thoroughly at each letter's form and the details of the original "texts." They find themselves observing the very beginning of Dimitris Ntokos' linguistic labyrinth. With the works placed next to each other, in horizontal but also vertical arrangements, the space of Al-Tiba9 functions as a "Tabula Rasa," where the artist's new collection unfolds on the walls, mapping a new viewing path/text line for the "reader" of his works.

Through his new exhibition, the artist turns our gaze to the "beginning" of his characteristic artistic identity and reveals that each of the symbols is a letter and that its alphabet consists of 26 letters. Each representation hides a letter from the Latin alphabet without expressing a note or a syllable. Whether each represents a whole concept, retelling a story, remains an open question.

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 'Various Pieces', The Virgin Mojito Art Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2021 'Alphabet', The Blender Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2021 'Are you the Artistic Type?', The Bold Type Hotel, Patras, Greece
- 2021 'Mystical Rhythms', Skoufa Gallery, Mykonos, Greece
- 2019 'Re-Born' (khpr), Giuseppe Veniero Gallery, Palermo, Italy
- 2019 'This is a True Story', Concept Gallery, Spetses, Greece
- 2018 'Artist's Diaries', Isnotgallery, Old Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2017 'Metamorphosis', The Blender Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2016 'K8', Art Point, Athens, Greece
- 2012 'Post Nature', Hoxton, Athens, Greece

## Art Fairs

- 2021 Armenia Art Fair, Al-Tiba9 gallery
- 2021 'Intersect 21' Art Fair, Al-Tiba9 gallery
- 2013 Stroke Art Fair, Berlin, Germany

## Group Exhibitions

- 2023 '10th ANNIVERSARY', Al-Tiba9 Gallery, Barcelona, Spain
- 2022 Art Athina, The Blender Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2021 Art Athina, The Blender Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2021 'Ancient Riddles in a Contemporary World', The Blender Gallery, Artsy Viewing Room
- 2021 'Carnival - Behind the masks', Skoufa Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2020 'Silent Auction', The Breeder Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2019 'ICONE', Ex- Chiesa di Sant' Agostino, Taormina, Italy
- 2019 Skoufa Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2019 'Application', WeedsChat, Athens, Greece
- 2019 'ALTIBA9', MAMA Museum, Algiers, Algeria
- 2019 'Whipped', Coningsby Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 'Treat me Mean, i Need the Reputation', Skoufa Gallery, Mykonos, Greece
- 2019 'Warming', E Art Galley, Paros, Greece

- 2019 Stroke Art Fair, Munich, Germany
- 2019 'ICONE', Museo Diocesano, Monreale, Palermo, Italy
- 2019 'Lush Art in Austere Times', IsNotGallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2018 'Walking Dead', Athens Conservatoire, Athens, Greece
- 2018 'Lush Art in Austere Times', IsNotGallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2018 'Flashback', The Blender Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2017 'Find Refuge in Art', Artfactory, Athens, Greece
- 2017 Al-Tiba9, Arteria Gallery, Barcelona, Spain
- 2017 Al-Tiba9, Pompeu Fabra Campus de la Ciutatdella, Barcelona, Spain
- 2017 Art Athina, The Blender Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2017 Necessity, WeedsChat, Platanos Parking, Athens, Greece
- 2017 Sticky Fingers, The Blender Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2016 Art - Non Art, ReCulture IV, Skagiopoulio Center, Patras, Greece
- 2016 Nerantzia, Sarry 12 Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2016 'Unzipped', Isogeio Art Space, Athens, Greece
- 2016 Light Up, Toss Gallery, thessaloniki, Greece
- 2015 Sinking, Sinking, Sinking: SDAI Winter Exhibition, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, US
- 2015 Imagining New Eurasia - Asia Culture Center & ACC Creation, Gwangju, South Korea
- 2015 The Street Is My Gallery, National Hellenic Museum, Chicago, Usa
- 2015 Metamorphose & Μορφολογία, Archeological Museum, Nisyros, Greece
- 2014 Tio Ilar 7, Athens, Greece
- 2014 Tio Ilar 7, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 As Asperger, Cheapart Halandri, Athens, Greece
- 2014 No Respect, Onassis Cultural Centre, Athens, Greece
- 2014 Insects and Arachnides, Akiza la galerie, Paris, France
- 2013 Tio ILAR 6, Athens, Greece
- 2013 Glimpses in Contemporary Greek Scene, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2013 ART is HARD, International exhibition of HELEXPO, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2013 Wedding, Ersi Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2013 Love and Death, Sarri 12 Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2013 Wings of passion and resurrection, Ersi Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2012 Spirit Fermenting according to the circumstances, Potnia Thiron, Athens, Greece
- 2012 Silence is Violence, RD2D gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 Art is Hard, Peloponisos Train Station, Athens, Greece
- 2012 Surprise IV, Technopolis, Athens, Greece
- 2012 High Tech Low Life, Stigma Lab, Athens, Greece
- 2012 Design Lab, Technopolis, Athens, Greece
- 2012 7ply Festival, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2012 Group in Fusion, Athens, Greece
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## Lectures, Panels

- 2017 Art History Week, Deree - The American College of Greece, Athens, Greece