

Press release

Opening: Tuesday 21/09, 16:00–22:00

Through 16/10/2021

"We do not own the world, we are a part of it"
[Australian Aborigines' ancient proverb]

NATURA TRANSITA, or in other words NATURE IN TRANSITION. It took a pandemic to find that we are unable to contain the endless flow that shapes the framework of our existence. The arrogant illusion of a convenient "stability" that we had associated with the supposed "superiority" of our species collapsed. We are part of nature, which is constantly in a state of transition. As Iraklis Papaioannou wrote, *"people have never felt that they have such an inextricably shared destiny as in this long-lasting holding of breath that has permeated humanity horizontally."* And environmental photography has never been used with greater sensitivity or more compelling documentation in order to capture just that.

The exhibition of Yannis Tzortzis, beyond his endless experiential wandering in the ocean of individual responsibility and authentic artistic expression, is an urgent call for collective awareness of how much we and future generations still depend on our choices. Nature will continue the transition without us anyway.

Yannis Tzortzis is a Member of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain (RPS) and has travelled the world with the organization Green Project under the auspices of the Greek National Commission for UNESCO, to awaken social consciousness through environmental photography. He has participated in 5 green photo journeys crossing 5 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe, South America and Australia), and in 2 green photo cruises (the Ionian Sea), covering 92.760 km and 1329 nautical miles in total, in 52 countries, with 2 hybrid cars, 1 support car, 2 low cc cars, 1 natural gas powered car, 2 motor homes with solar panels, 1 sailing boat and public transport.

Yannis Tzortzis' work has been internationally acclaimed as "Best Practice" by the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO in the Annual Report of National Commissions of 2014, while he has been awarded the "First Prize in Arts" of the "Public Book Awards 2015", Athens, Greece, the "First Award 2014" of the "International Photo Competition" of the EU Energy Community, Vienna, Austria, the "Grand International Participation Award" of the "Festival de l' Image Environnementale 2010" in Paris, France and the "Third Award for the Clean Development Mechanism" at the "United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2010" in Cancun, Mexico. In 2018, the documentary film "SUDAMERICA" produced by the Green Project, has been awarded with distinction at the "4th Athens Documentary Film Festival", which has been co-organised by the "Greek Documentary Association" and the "Thessaloniki Documentary Festival", while in 2019 it has won the special prize "El Rey: Espíritu de España" of the "Barcelona International Film Festival".

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