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Katerina Sarra: Thoughts on work of very fine painting

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Katerina Sarra studied Painting at the School of Fine Arts in Athens from where she also obtained her Master's degree. She works in Athens where she lives the full adventure of painting. At a.antonopoulou.art gallery, she presents her second solo exhibition of oil paintings on canvas, a body of work spanning the last three years.

The first thing that one observes in Katerina's work is her ability to paint on canvases of various dimensions. This reveals her intensity and her degree of concentration as she creates, as well as her deep interest in the role that the painting space itself plays in the creative process.

Her work moves in the realm of stylized abstraction and has some of the characteristics of this spectrum/field painting, which makes it akin to the abstract art of the 50s and 60s. We can also detect, with relative certainty, gender issues as well as issues regarding fertility, evolution, fluidity and dreams.

Color spots floating in monochromatic environments, usually in vertical compositions, characterize the main body of Katerina's work. At the same time, the key elements of her painting style are worked in with many, very skillful strokes. Katerina's painting draws on a multitude of forces -a mixture of talent, spirituality and vision- in order to achieve the intended quality. With internalized and not pre-decided motions, as well as strategies from many historical periods of painting, Katerina Sarra literally shapes the surface by focusing, in great detail, on smaller and larger interrelations, difficult adjacencies and breathing spaces.

An additional and notable feature of her work is its color palette. It includes warm, medium and cool shades and is particularly soft and amiable. Katerina Sarra belongs to that rare breed of painters who have their own distinguishing "color" and who make sure that their work constantly grows and becomes further enriched. I think it's only a matter of time before she becomes widely known and loved.

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