

a.antonopoulou.art gallery presents a new solo exhibition by **Leda Papaconstantinou** (1945), one of the most important artists of the contemporary Greek art scene.

Following her successful retrospective at EMST, (on view until 21/4/2024) which was received with great enthusiasm by both public and Press, the exhibition at a.antonopoulou.art adds another aspect to the colossal body of work by Leda Papaconstantinou.

Over six decades, Papaconstantinou developed an international artistic language with diverse orientations. She systematically challenged the "Hellenic" aesthetics and idealism by developing a visual language with dynamic rhythm that took on a range of forms, such as painting, sculpture, performance and installations. The creation of the social theater in Spetses, the "Spetsiotiko Theatre", is also of essential importance.

Her work challenged with a critical eye the male-dominated status quo, always with a permeable poetic language charged with colours and provocations.

Recent and older works by Leda Papaconstantinou are presented in this exhibition.

As Art Historian Charis Kanellopoulou mentions in the publication by ISET, 2014, *Women in visual arts, 1960-1980, Their contribution to the Greek avant-garde*:

An avant-garde, groundbreaking artistic voice of the '60s and '70s, «architect» of the Greek performance, she devoted herself entirely to body art and to creating environments, exploring issues of gender identity, difference, and representation and viewing of stereotypical images of the female sex. She made use of the medium of performance to its fullest extent, using it as a communication tool that opens the way for art as experience and participatory process, not only from the perspective of the artist, but also from the perspective of the now active viewer.

Upon her return to Greece in 1974, Papaconstantinou was amongst the first artists who organised and presented environments, actions and performances, causing the interest, but also an awkward or oppositional reaction by public and critics.

Opening Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 14:00 – 20:00 & Saturday 12:00 – 16:00

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