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ANNOUNCEMENT

DESTE PRIZE 2009 - AWARD CEREMONY

The DESTE Foundation is pleased to announce the winner of the DESTE Prize 2009.

During the Award Ceremony which took place yesterday, Monday September 14th 2009, at the Museum of Cycladic Art, this year's Prize was awarded to **Eirene Efstathiou**. The Jury made the following announcement:

"This year's DESTE Prize included a very strong group of shortlisted artists. They are all different but complementary - even taking up some similar themes like the reconsideration and reconstruction of history. This made our work as jurors difficult and it was a very long process and debate. We enjoyed speaking with each of the artists and getting to know their work better.

The Prize this year is awarded to Eirene Efstathiou. We found her work distinctive and passionate, mining the territory between painting, photography and drawing. Efstathiou's work has an intimacy and ability to take on larger issues - like shared experience, public memory, and social organization - and encourages us to look at our everyday life in a new way."

The DESTE Prize was established in 1999 and is awarded every two years to a Greek artist living in Greece or abroad. The Prize aims to showcase the work of a new and emerging generation of artists and it is an integral part of the Foundation's policy for supporting and promoting contemporary art in Greece. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the DESTE Prize.

The six shortlisted artists for the **DESTE Prize 2009** – **Athanasios Argianas, Eirene Efstathiou, Haris Epaminonda, Rallou Panagiotou, Yorgos Sapountzis** and **Vangelis Vlahos** – will show their work in an exhibition which is hosted this year in the spaces of the Museum of Cycladic Art until 30th September 2009.

Exhibition Opening Hours:

Monday – Wednesday – Friday – Saturday 10:00 – 17:00

Thursday 10:00 – 20:00

Sunday 11:00 – 17:00

Tuesdays Closed

DESTE Prize 2009 Jury:

Dakis Joannou – President, The DESTE Foundation; **Lisa Phillips** – Director, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York; **Patrizia Sandretto Re Rebaudengo** – President, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo Per L' Arte, Turin; **Jeffrey Deitch** - Deitch Projects, New York; **Thomas Struth** – Artist.

DESTE Prize 2009 Selection Committee:

Sandra Marinopoulou – Selection Committee Coordinator, President of the N. P. Goulandris Foundation; **Xenia Kalpaktsoglou** – Curator, Co-director of the Athens Biennial, **Alexandra Koroxenidi** – Art Historian, Regular Contributor to *Kathimerini* newspaper (English edition), *Highlights* magazine and *Vogue*; **Sotiris Bachtsetzis** – Curator, Art Historian; **Stefanos Tsivopoulos** – Visual Artist (DESTE Prize 2005 shortlist).