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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### SHORTLISTED ARTISTS FOR THE DESTA PRIZE 2007

The Deste Foundation is pleased to announce the names of artists that have been shortlisted for the **Desta Prize 2007**.

The Deste Prize was established in 1999 as part of the Foundation's policy of supporting and promoting contemporary art in Greece and it is awarded every two years to a Greek artist living in Greece or abroad. For this purpose the **Desta Prize 2007 Selection Committee** convened on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February** and subsequently issued the following announcement:

Having carefully examined all submitted portfolios, discussed in detail the work of all nominated artists and taken into consideration the criteria set for this year's edition of the Deste Prize, the Selection Committee has shortlisted the following six artists:

**Loukia Alavanou**, for the video collages she creates by sampling images from classic animation movies, cult horror films and early 20<sup>th</sup> century family photographs.

**Nikos Arvanitis**, for the versatility he demonstrates in his use of media (video, music, drawing, installations, performance) and for his approach of the notions of the public and the political, of high and mass culture.

**Savas Christodoulides**, for his particular approach of the tension that is typical of bipolar models, such as the hand-made versus the ready-made, the high versus the low, the place of the artwork versus that of the viewer.

**Socrates Fatouros**, for his distinctive gestural language that produces a palimpsest of iconographic types and symbols.

**Yiannis Grigoriadis**, for his investigation into the various aspects of reality and urban space and for the way in which his work combines a recording of data with a process of research and classification that is reminiscent of the practice of archaeology.

**Eleni Kamma**, for employing the methods of copying and editing to create utopian space and to articulate a critique of ideologies and stereotypes.

The Selection Committee for the 5<sup>th</sup> Deste Prize 2007 examined a wide range of material, in which varying morphological and ideological approaches abounded, and was pleased to note the versatility and high standards that characterize contemporary artistic production in Greece.

The Selection Committee is comprised of: **Nadja Argyropoulou** – Independent curator, **Harry David** – Collector, **Elpida Karaba** – Art critic / Curator, **Margarita Pournara** – Journalist, *Kathimerini* newspaper, **Kostis Velonis** – Artist, **Despina Zefkili** – Art critic, *Athinorama* magazine.

The opening of the 5<sup>th</sup> Deste Prize Exhibition in which works of the six shortlisted artists will be presented, will be held on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007**, while the presentation of the Prize has been scheduled to take place on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007**.

This announcement will soon be followed by a detailed Press Release.

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