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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **SHORTLISTED ARTISTS FOR THE DESTE PRIZE 2011 THE DESTE PRIZE AT THE MUSEUM OF CYCLADIC ART**

The DESTE Foundation is happy to announce the names of the shortlisted artists for the **7th Deste Prize**.

On **Tuesday February 15, 2011**, the **DESTE Prize 2011 Selection Committee** convened, examined all submitted portfolios, discussed in detail the work of the twenty nine (29) nominated artists and shortlisted the following six (6) on the basis of criteria set forth in this year's edition of the prize:

**Alexandra Bachzetsis**, for rethinking how the body and identity are used in dance and visual performance.

**Anastasia Douka**, for the way in which she uses various materials comprising systems or objects, juxtaposing and contrasting them in an attempt to investigate representations of knowledge.

**Irini Miga**, for her elegantly designed fictional worlds that seem poised somewhere between the childish and the grotesque.

**Eftichis Patsourakis**, for his systematic and original research into the notions of the archive, memory and the trace.

**Theodore Stamatogiannis**, for exploring architecture through sculpture, stressing the former's catalytic power over human relations and the rules these obey.

**Jannis Varelas**, for his individual use of the medium of painting and collage, which draws upon the theories of archetypes and symbols, often making reference to the personal and collective unconscious.

The Selection Committee comprises of: **Polina Kosmadaki** – Curator, Benaki Museum; **Nikos Navrides** – Artist (DESTE Prize 2003 shortlist); **Dimitris Palaiokrassas** – Art Historian, Art Consultant; **Iasonas Tsakonas** – Collector, REMAP founder; **Stelios Vellis** – Journalist; **Yerasimos Yannopoulos** – Collector

The DESTE Prize Jury comprises of: **Dakis Joannou** – President, The Deste Foundation; **Madeleine Grynsztejn** – Director, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; **Kasper Koenig** – Director, Museum Ludwig Kolh; **Jessica Morgan** – Curator, Tate Modern, London; **Sarah Thornton** - Journalist; **Andro Wekua** – Artist.

The DESTE Prize was established in 1999 as part of the Foundation's policy of supporting and promoting contemporary art in Greece and is awarded every two years to a Greek artist living in Greece or abroad.

For the second time, the DESTE Foundation will collaborate with the **Museum of Cycladic Art** that is to host the exhibition of works by the six (6) shortlisted artists for the DESTE Prize 2011. This collaboration is part of an initiative taken by the Museum of Cycladic Art, whose project "Young Views" aims at launching dialogue with a younger generation, at keeping the public up to date on contemporary art production and at ensuring the dynamic presence of a space for the exchange of ideas.

The DESTE Prize 2011 Exhibition is scheduled to open on **Wednesday May 25, 2011**, while the Prize will be presented on **Wednesday September 14, 2011**.

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

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