

EXHIBITION by Mina Papatheodorou-Valyrakis

**At the Ethnographic Museum - Vassilis Papantoniou Foundation in Nafplio,
"HOMAGE to the Olympic Heroes"**

With the start of the 2024 Olympic Games, the exhibition of the painter Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis, with her emblematic works referring to Olympism, is presented at the Ethnographic Museum - Vassilis Papantoniou Foundation in Nafplio.

Works belonging to private collections and museums, works that have become stamps and official posters of the Olympic Games Athens-2004, Beijing-2008, Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City-2002, Winter Olympic Games in Turin-2006.

The Vassilis Papantoniou Foundation and its President, Mrs. Georgia Samara, are pleased to present at the cultural area of the museum, "Sofroni 13" in Nafplio, the exhibition of the distinguished and valuable friend, Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis, entitled: "HOMAGE to the Olympic Heroes Paris 2024".

Here visitors have the opportunity to get acquainted with the sports works of the unique artist who has received the "Arts and Sports" award in 2014 from the International Olympic Committee.

Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis has also been awarded the title "Sport Artist of the Year" by the American Sports Academy (USSA) in 2002, while in 2004 and 2008 she was awarded the "Guirlande D' Honneur" of the FICTS Festival of Milan, for her work and study on sport. She designed the stamps and calendar for the 2004 Olympic Games, as well as the official posters for the Olympic Games in Salt Lake in 2002, Athens in 2004, Turin in 2006 and Cortina d'Abejo, which will be held in 2026.

Her works, among other private and corporate collections in Greece and abroad, belong to the National Gallery of Athens, the ASAMA Museum of the Academy of Sports in Alabama, USA, the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, the Museum of Painting in Volos, the Piraeus Bank, the National Bank, the BORRE Museum, the Olympic Museum of Lozania, the Museum of VARCELONIS, the AVEROF GALLERY, the General Bank, the Jean Todt Museum of the President of Ferrari and the FIA in France and the private collections of FIAT, FERRARI, LAMBORGHINI, MERCEDES, etc.

Mina Papatheodorou Valyraki is a worthy ambassador of the culture of Greece, winner of the EOT/Xenios Dias Award 2003-2004. She has managed to make all Greeks proud and especially the family of the Vassilis Papantoniou Foundation, which for the last two years has had the pleasure and honour of hosting a permanent exhibition of her works.

In her texts for the issue of the Olympic Stamps-Athens 2004, the painter states:

My interest in man in action is very old. My interest in the human being in action is very old. My study of the human figure is also older.

The athlete's effort was paralleled in my subconscious with that of the artist. I believe that the struggle is common and the lives are parallel.

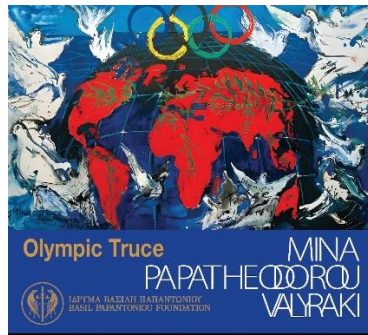
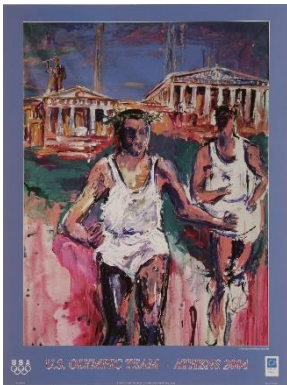
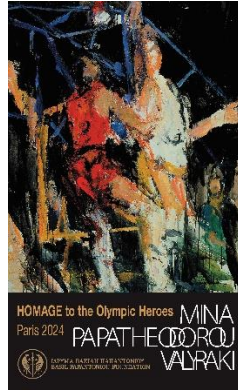
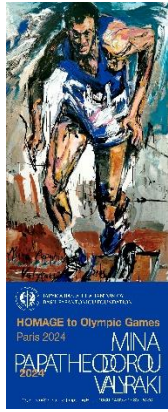
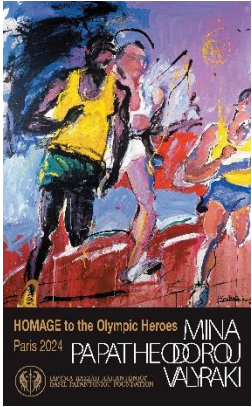
Both are searching and striving for a goal, to surpass themselves and break boundaries.

My love and admiration for the athlete and his effort, this eminently interesting stimulus that gives the artist the opportunity to study it, has led me over the years to never give it up as a subject.

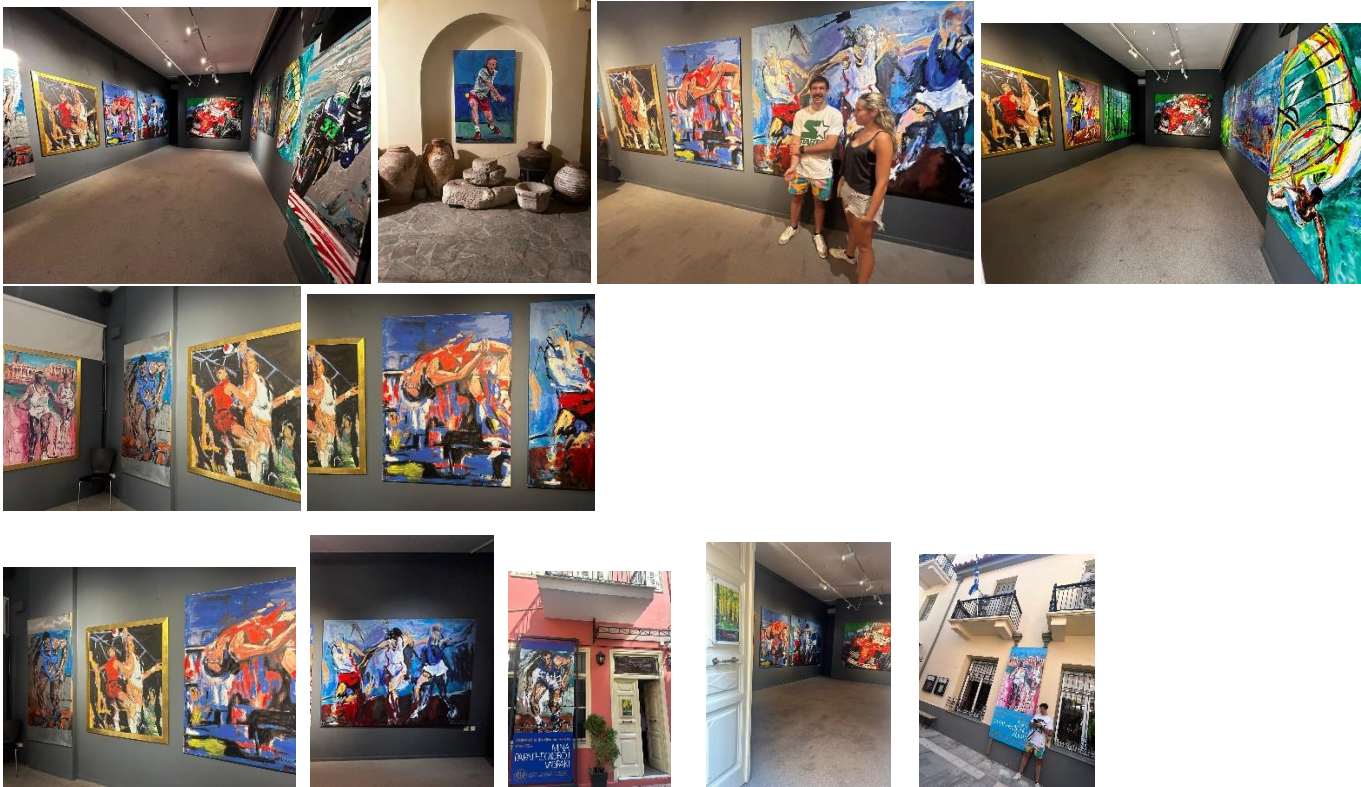
With the opening of the event "Nautical Nafpliada 2024" on Saturday 17 August, at the site of the museum of childhood in the old railway station of Nafplion, the President of the V.Papantoniou Foundation, Mrs. Georgia Samara, inaugurated the unique museum of childhood for the Greek area, renovated and ready with the wagons of the old railway station, waiting for their little friends.

Mina Papatheodorou Valyraki participates in the event with her work BOURTZI, which she created in honor of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the unique and important for the cultural heritage of our country Ethnographic Museum of Nafplio - Vassilis Papantoniou Foundation.

Artworks of Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis



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Photos from the event NAVY NAPLIDA 2024



General Director of Culture Mr. Georgios Didaskalou, Elena Chatzinikolaou, Georgia Samara, Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki, Elena Kourti, Haritonas Polatoglou



Georgia Samara with Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki



Mina Papatheodorou Valyrakis with Virginia Matseli at the children's museum in front of the work BOURTZI



Georgia Samara, Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki, Paris Petsas, Lena Samara



The art BOURTZI