MIRANDA PISSARIDES, Gallery K, Cyprus
21 OCTOBER - 21 NOVEMBER 2016
OPENING BY **ANDROULLA VASSILIOU**
former EU Commissioner for
Education & Culture

PRESS RELEASE

Gallery K is pleased to announce the opening of a solo exhibition of works by London based artist **Miranda Pissarides**. The show will be open from October 21st - November 21st, 2016. Androulla Vassiliou former EU Commissioner for Education & Culture will inaugurate the exhibition on Friday, October 21st , 18.00 – 21.00. This is the first solo show by the young artist in Cyprus.

The show will feature a selection of paintings, taxidermy, and sculptures. Miranda Pissarides uses a wide range of materials to render dynamic impressions of mass and surface. Her explosive and colourful works are bold and bound in allegories. Her canvases are in essence three-dimensional structures which push boundaries forward and outward from the painterly surface. Her work dismantles the constraints of traditional norms associated with the medium, in order to explore the space between painting and sculpture.

Pissarides fascination of polarities is evident in texture and composition. Her work is tactile, yet is placed in a gallery setting where it cannot be touched. The surface looks wet, though is dry. Hard becomes soft, and soft becomes hard. Pissarides exploration of the relationship between desire and repulsion is further informed by Jean-Paul Sartre's philosophical theory (1943) on the unpleasant yet alluring elements of slime; In effect, the concept of resistance versus temptation.

"My work aims to create an all-encompassing experience for the viewer rather than a simple visual-subjective one. I want to bring together fragments of people, life, emotion, and matter, which result in a kind of explosion: a black hole of wonder, desire, lust and rot."

Miranda Pissarides was born in London. She graduated from the Slade School of Fine Art after completing a Foundation Diploma in Fine Art at St. Martins, London. Her first solo show In Transit was held at Weissraum Gallery, Kyoto (Japan) in 2015. During the same year she received the ArtSlant Showcase Winner Award. Her work has been included in selected exhibitions in London, New York, Brazil, Italy, Spain and Jerusalem. She lives and works in London, United Kingdom.

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The exhibition is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue