

Eleni Lyra: Market
Varvakios Central Meat Market, Athens

With the kind support of the J. F. Costopoulos Foundation, the solo exhibition of Eleni Lyra entitled *Market*, curated by Dr. Stratis Pantazis, will take place at the Varvakios Meat Market.

For the artist, the Varvakios Market building functions as a pictorial simulation of the concept of the world market, the place where the drama of man will unfold. Its architecture, with its arcades, high ceilings and domes, combined with its current function, creates to Lyra the same awe and emotional charge as a Baroque cathedral.

Furthermore, taking into consideration the current function and the history of the space and the surrounding area, Lyra creates two site-specific photographic installations with children, which are occupied by intense theatricality, drama and more generally Baroque aesthetics. By adopting elements of the past and by having them “filtered” through contemporary and non-contemporary techniques and means of expression, she manages to touch upon issues of today.

Time, light, sound and smell are important factors that affect both the interpretation and reading of the works and the viewer's perception. Factors, who in combination with the power and aesthetics of Lyra's works, transform an ordinary visit to the Varvakios Meat Market into a unique experience for each of us. It becomes an allegorical wandering and a journey into the labyrinth of globalization and money to discover our lost innocence of childhood and in saving our wounded soul.

Official start: Thursday 22 October, 20:00

Duration: 22 October – 10 November 2020

Varvakios Meat Market (Armodiou str. and Aristogitonos str.)

The exhibition is open to the public at all times.

Exhibition pamphlet will be provided at the cafes and restaurants inside the Meat Market.

The exhibition will take place taking into consideration all the required measures for the protection of Public Health so as to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

Warm thanks to Mr. Tsironis, Presesident of the Union of the Varvakios Market Butchers.

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