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Front Cover

Grace and Hope with Dry Martinis (detail)

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Dance Until We Drop
oil on canvas
148x148

Last Orders

Drink up, it's time to go. One for the road? You've had enough. Western culture found its soul in a bottle many millennia ago and ever since the source of much courage and creativity, inspiration and forgetting. No wonder then that the artist's eye has traditionally wandered freely from subject to glass and back again, especially in troubled times. Poets and painters are always interested in human character and how we express our humanity. Especially how we face up to mounting anxieties and pressures, the irony of isolation and division with ever-increasing inter-connectedness, meaningless chatter and visual overload.

The Bar is a microcosm of this. Not just a place of solace and escape, of Lethe and Hypnos where sorrows are drowned, but also of togetherness and defiance; where stories are told as we laugh at ourselves and the absurdity of everything that doesn't really matter. There we can reject the darkness, send Erebus away and dance with Pasithea and her sisters. So, chin up, raise your glass, chase out the devil and then stay for another. Είβα!

Zenon Jepras
June 2023

I didn't hold myself back. I gave in completely and went,
went to those delectations that were half real,
half wrought by my own mind,
went into the brilliant night
and drank strong wine,
the way the champions of pleasure drink.

"I went" by CP Cavafy
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Δεν εδεσμεύθηκα. Τελείως αφέθηκα κ' επήγα.
Στες απολαύσεις, που μισό πραγματικές,
μισό γυρνάμενες μες στο μυαλό μου ήσαν,
επήγα μες στην φωτισμένη νύχτα.
Κ' ήπια από δυνατά κρασιά, καθώς
που πίνουν οι ανδρείοι της ηδονής.

"Επήγα" Επιμέλεια Γ. Π. Σαββίδη. Τα Ποιήματα,
Τ. Α' 1897 - 1918, Ίκαρος 1963



Last Orders at the Bar
oil on canvas
125x200



All-Day Breakfast at The Helios Café
oil on canvas
180x160





Cabaret Night at The Empire Club
oil on canvas
180x160



A Whisky Kiss at the Lost and Found
oil on canvas
180x160



Grace and Hope with Dry Martinis
oil on canvas
150x200



*Drinks on the House at
The Billionaires Bar*
oil on canvas
150x240



*Teenagers Doing
Absolutely Nothing*
oil on canvas
180x145



*Pushing Your Luck
at The Achilleon*
oil on canvas
200x150



Fancy Dress Night at Pasithea's History Bar
oil on canvas
135x200



The Women of Troy
oil on canvas
135x200



Maria's Chips with Curry Sauce
oil on canvas
145x240





Ophelia and Desdemona
oil on canvas
135x148



Zenon Jepras was born in 1969 in Cardiff, Wales. He studied painting at the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland from where he graduated with Honors.

A genuine figurative artist, Jepras' work focuses strongly on the tradition of narrative painting and telling stories through the using the language of painting - colour, texture, emotion and symbolism. Mythology and history blend with current social and political trends to produce powerful and vivid that create a narrative for the viewer to decode and unravel.

He presented his work in many solo and group exhibitions in Cyprus, Greece, the UK, Portugal, and Germany. His work is in the permanent collections of the Cypriot State Collection of Contemporary Art, the Central Bank of Cyprus Collection, the Bank of Cyprus Collection, the Nikos Pattichis Collection, the Luciano Benetton Collection and in numerous private collections in Cyprus, Greece, the US and the UK. He is the 1993 winner of the "Liquitex International Painting Prize", awarded by the American Art Council, New York.

Solo Exhibitions (selection)

- 2023 *Last Orders*, Alpha C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia
- 2021 *Ithakas*, Alpha C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia
- 2019 *How to Be Happy*, Alpha C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia
- 2017 *Killing Time*, Alpha C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia
- 2015 *Zenon Jepras: Painting*, Morfi Gallery, Limassol
- 2014 *Playgrounds of Forgetting*, Alpha C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia
- 2012 *Not Exactly Memory*, Alpha Gallery, Nicosia
- 2011 *Personal Moments*, DP Gallery, Limassol
- 2010 *Out of the Sand*, Alpha Gallery, Nicosia
- 2009 *Gorilla*, Gloria Gallery, Nicosia
- 2009 *Lost Heritage*, Gallery K, London
- 2008 *Deconstructing Troy*, Royal Commonwealth Society Club, London
- 2008 *Recent Work*, C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia
- 2007 *Small Rooms*, Morfi Gallery, Limassol
- 2006 *Cacophony*, Gallery K, London
- 2006 *Short Stories*, Gloria Gallery, Nicosia
- 2004 *Maternity*, Gallery K, Nicosia
- 2003 *Kiss*, Gallery K, London
- 2002 *The Colour of Memory*, Gloria Gallery, Nicosia
- 2001 *Angelopathia*, Gloria Gallery, Nicosia

Group Exhibitions (selection)

- 2020 *Life*, A.G. Leventis Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2014 *The Lovely Gallery*, London
- 2013 *Art-Athina International Contemporary Art Fair*, Athens
- 2012 *a arte do previsível*, Cordoaria Nacional, Lisbon
- 2010 *1960-2010: Glances at Cyprus Art*, Gallery Hotel de Sauroy, Paris
- 2010 *Visual Rhythms*, Municipal Cultural Centre-Melina Mercouri, Nicosia
- 2009 *Five Cypriot Artists*, Brom Gallery, Helsinki
- 2008 *Where Do We Go From Here?*, Municipal Arts Centre, Nicosia
- 2005 *Municipal Gallery*, Thessaloniki
- 2004 *Kulturaljahr der Zehn*, Gallery Tammen & Busch, Berlin
- 2000 *Twelve Cypriot Artists*, Ioannina City Hall, Ioannina

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