

## PRESS RELEASE

### 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Museum of Cycladic Art's International Kids' Art Contest

The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Art Contest  
entitled "Human at the Forefront"

will take place between 23/01/2023 and 30/05/2023

The children's works will be presented at the City of Athens  
Arts Center in September

**Human** through the history of art, the different eras, everyday life, equality, diversity, social inclusion. The Human today. The Human in the future

**Come along and let's draw the Human at the center of an entire world!**

The Museum of Cycladic Art's International Kids' Art Contest celebrates its **10th anniversary** this year! The contest under the theme "**Human at the Forefront**" will be launched on January 23, 2023 with a deadline for submissions on May 30, 2023, inviting young friends aged 4-15 to capture the role of Humans through their journey across cultures, different eras, space and time.

The children's works will be presented this year in a large on-site exhibition at the **City of Athens Arts Centre between September 23 and 29**, with the collaboration of **City of Athens Culture, Sports and Youth Organization (OPANDA)**.

The International Kids' Art Contest is one of the most successful initiatives of the Museum of Cycladic Art, with thousands of children from Greece and abroad, from special schools and refugee reception and integration centers participating each year. This year's main character is the **Female Figurine (ca. 2700-2400/2300 BC)** which is on display on the 1st floor of the Museum in the permanent "Cycladic Art" exhibition. The human form takes us back in time, 5000 years ago, when humans created the Cycladic Figurines, one of the most distinctive forms of Human representation ever made.

In this year's International Kids' Art Contest, we will create art inspired by the transformations of Humans through the history of cultures, the works and the environment that they create.

Which era do they live in and what kind of clothes do they wear?

What country are they from?

What kind of social message are they passing on?

Can we imagine what their future may look like?

What kind of environment will they live in and what will be their profession?

Pick the materials and the colors you like, create your own "Human" and send us your work **by mail until May 30th**. All children's works will be combined to create an entire "Human-centered" world.

The members of this year's selection committee are:

- Eleni Geroulanou – Teacher, Author and Founding Member of Library4all
- Pygmalion Dadakaridis – Actor
- Hara Marantidou - Visual Artist, Designer and Architect
- Antonis Papatheodoulou – Children's Author
- Panos Christodoulou – Director of the Network for Children's Rights, Children's Author
- Victoria Hislop - Author

From **September 23 to 29, 2023**, the Museum of Cycladic Art, in collaboration with City of Athens Culture, Sports and Youth Organization (OPANDA), will present an exhibition of selected works by the children who participated in the International Kids' Art Contest, at the **City of Athens Arts Center**. At the same time, all children's works will be displayed on the digital platform [kidscontest.gr](http://kidscontest.gr), making the exhibition accessible to everyone, from anywhere in the world.

In the context of the contest, this year, the Museum of Cycladic Art join forces with the **Kalamata Dance Festival** for the third time. Children from Kalamata who will take part in the contest will have the chance to see their works displayed in an exhibition that will take place at the Kalamata Dance Megaron in July, as part of the **29<sup>th</sup> Kalamata Dance Festival!**

### **Digital platform [kidscontest.gr](http://kidscontest.gr)**

However, the digital platform [kidscontest.gr](http://kidscontest.gr) doesn't serve only as a medium for the contest: Children can browse it all year round and participate in a series of monthly activities from home and from school, which are also accessible to children with disabilities.

#### **-"LEARN" Section**

The educational material included in the "LEARN" section is mainly addressed to teachers and refers to the Cycladic Civilization that emerged in the Cyclades 5000 years ago. It aims to familiarize children with the lifestyle and the art that flourished in the Cyclades, these small islands in the Aegean Sea, in the 3rd millennium BC. Here children can learn, research, discuss and play, at school or at home, inspired by issues related to History, Art and the world around us.

#### **-"ACTIVITIES" Section**

In this section, you can discover new home or school activities each month!

With inspiration drawn from the permanent exhibitions of the Museum of Cycladic Art, some artistic activities were prepared with an emphasis on the creative process and the interaction of children with different materials and techniques.

The **Home Activities** along with the activity videos are aimed at children aged 4-6 years and 7-10 years.

**Art for All** includes activities that can be adapted according to the difficulties faced by different groups of children. It is aimed at special education teachers or formal education teachers whose class may include students with learning difficulties, teachers in integration classes, parallel support tutors, parents, and more generally anyone who wishes to spend creative time with their child.

The **10th International Kids' Art Contest** and the [kidscontest.gr](https://kidscontest.gr) digital platform are implemented with the support of **Eurolife FFH**, Strategic Partner of the Museum of Cycladic Art and **RAYCAP**, Supporter of the Educational Programs of the Museum of Cycladic Art.

Details on how to participate in the contest available at: <https://kidscontest.cycladic.gr/>

## **A few words about the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Kids' Art Contest of the Museum of Cycladic Art**

The International Kids' Art Contest of the Museum of Cycladic Art was first launched in 2013 with the aim of giving children aged 4-15 (preschoolers, children in all grades of primary school and high school, as well as children Special Education Schools of all levels) the opportunity to get to know the Museum of Cycladic Art and at the same time develop their imagination.

Children can participate in the contest independently or through their school. The evaluation of the works and the selection of the winners is carried out by the selection committee which consists of important figures in the art and culture world. The contestants are children and students from all over Greece and abroad, from special education schools as well as refugee reception and integration centers. Outside of Greece, the contest is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassies and Consulates in major cities in Europe, Australia and the United States, as well as local Greek schools.

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