

PAST PRESENT - A Contemporary Approach to Cypriot Ceramic Art

ARTS CERAMICA is organizing its first exhibition in Cyprus entitled PAST PRESENT on Saturday the 1st of December at 19:30 at Diatehnon Arts & Culture in Limassol. The exhibition is curated by Manolis Hadjimanolis.

The ARTS CERAMICA group consists of Cypriot and Polish artists whose work focuses on research creation through ceramics. It was formed in April 2018 at the initiative of the ceramist Ewelina Birut - Hadjimanolis with 4 other graduates of the Ceramic Art & Design department of the Academy of Fine Arts in Wroclaw, Poland. The aim of the group is to research and record ancient, traditional and modern ceramic techniques from different countries and traditions and to use them for the creation of useful, as well as decorative objects, in alignment with today's needs, both practically and aesthetically.

The exhibition is a dialogue between the past and the present highlighting the ceramic techniques and the aesthetic character of the Cypriot Ceramic Art. Focusing on the Bronze Age, Archaic and Medieval Periods and within a contemporary framework, it is an endeavour to approach the ancient pots with a fresh eye, removing the label of the 'museum artefact'. Through the creative use of the techniques, the forms, the decorative elements and the functionality of the ancient ceramics, the objects of the past are and transformed and transposed into the present, becoming familiar.

Manolis Hadjimanolis, art critic - visual artist