

A Remarkable Celebration for His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios...



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The private view reception of “Immortalised by Art” held on Monday, 29th October, in honour of His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios, was a great success with over 120 guests attending. His Eminence speech began with, “I am very moved to be here this evening at a unique event, one at which eight artists have come together to celebrate my life and pastoral ministry as Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain, on the occasion of my 90th birthday yesterday”. It was also a great honour to have among us the General, Brian Peddle, from the Salvation Army International, who instantly became friends with His Eminence. Among other special guests were, Marios Minaides, Chairman of the Association of Greek Orthodox Communities in Great Britain with his wife. The energy in the room was undoubtedly highly charged and most uplifting. Our guest came from many different communities across London and afar.

The exhibition has received a very positive response and one of the aims, as curator and organiser, was to appeal to the public as well as commemorating His Eminence. Most importantly, His Eminence was happy. He took care in discussing every single work of art with its creator. “Immortalised by Art” has been a much talked about event that has already received extensive media attention and will surely continue to be featured for some time. In its last few days, people have been asking whether the exhibition will be shown again, not all people were able to see it on this occasion. This has most certainly been a remarkable exhibition. One of the reviews by James Neophytou, printed in the Parikiaki Newspaper (1 November 2018), said “Immortalised by Art is remarkable, pioneering and authentic. It captures the spirit of a man who will be talked about for generations to come – this spiritual and community leader who walked among us, in flesh and blood.”

The exhibition, hosted by The Salvation Army International at their Gallery 101, Queen Victoria Street, London, ran from 23rd October to 6th November 2018. A very big thank you to our exceptional hosts, The Salvation Army International; the Chairman of the Association of Greek Orthodox Communities in Great Britain, Marios Minaides; our kind and generous sponsors, Andreas Theodoulou, Melis Ourris of Anastasia Lodge and Autumn Gardens, James Neophytou, Maria D Lycos of Greeks Connect, Antonis Savvides of Ads Consultancy and Panayiotis Yiacoumi; our Designer and Artworker Linda Zacharia of Zacharia Design and to all the participating artists; Eleftherios Foulidis, Alexios Gennaris, Alexandros Kapraras, Michael Minas, Yorgos Papadopoulos, Doros Partasides, Despina Symeou and myself Kerry Zacharia.

Now that the exhibition has ended, if you would like to learn more about this event please visit www.artistkerryzacharia.com/iba2018 any enquiries can be directed via kz64artist@gmail.com.

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