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Photography group exhibition

HOME(R) KEEPS ME ALIVE

DL gallery presents on Saturday 13th of April 2024 the photography group exhibition titled **“Home(r) keeps me alive”**.

The exhibition is part of the RETURN2ITHACA curating art & artists program that has been organized for the last 4 years in Ithaca, aiming to reveal how a work of global cultural significance can be a source of inspiration for contemporary artistic creation.

The exhibition explores the concept of hope for returning home, as Homer mentions in the Odyssey, wonders about the ways in which this timeless epic poem continues to reside in and around us, emphasizes its references that are directly relevant to the present and our daily lives, analyzes its messages and highlights different and multifaceted ways of perceiving it. Here Home and can be expressed through a critical and contemporary point of view concerning political, social and environmental issues.

The participating artists connect intimate experience of the returning subject to multiple locations, personal routes, inter-subjective relations, and cultural interactions. Through the wide variety of multiple photographic narratives of the artists the program raises questions about the need to return as a journey to untouched roots and Home that the ethnic subject left behind.

Their diacritical approach combines, on the one hand, a sensitivity to the context and structural elements of modern diaspora and wandering and on the other, an analysis of the individual psychological processes inherent to the experience of displacement and return such as nostalgia, memory and belonging.

Home(r) explores the human Odyssey not only in the past or present but in eternity.



Participating artists: Katerina Digoni, Elias Lois, Antonia Petriti, Iris Demian (Croatia), Elba Haxel and Irene Zottola (Spain), Massimiliano Gatti and Mauro Fiorito (Italy), Mafalda Rakos (Austria)
Exhibition curators: Nina Kassianou, Alejandro Castellote

Opening: 13/04/2024 from 15:00 to 21:00

Duration: 13/04/2024 to 29/06/2024

Opening hours: Thursday 12:00 – 19:30
Friday 12:00 – 19:30
Saturday 12:00 – 16:00

Admission to the exhibition is free

