

Vlassis Caniaris

1928-2011

Born Athens, Greece

Lived and worked in Athens, Greece; Paris, France; Berlin, Germany

Died Athens, Greece

Education:

1959

School of Fine Arts, Rome, Italy

1950-1955

School of Fine Arts, Athens, Greece (studios of Umberto Argyros, Yiannis Pappas, Panos Sarafianos and Yiannis Moralis)

1946-1950

University of Athens, School of Medicine, Greece

One Person Exhibitions:

2010

Galerie Giti Nourbakhsh, Berlin, Germany, *As it was before the day before yesterday, so it will be the day after the day after tomorrow*

2009

The Breeder, Athens, Greece

Arnados School, Tinos, Greece, *Genethlion*

Kalfayan Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Arrivederci-Wilkommen*

2008

Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece, *Anniversary*

2004

Municipal Art Gallery of Chania, Crete, Greece

Zina Anastasiadou Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

2003

Foundation for Hellenic Culture, New York, United States

2000

State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece, *Retrospective*

Zina Anastasiadou Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

1999

National Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Retrospective* (with catalog)

1996

Aria Gallery, Argostaoll, Kefalona Island, Greece

1994

Galerie 3, Athens, Greece

1992

Staatliche Kunsthaus, Berlin, Germany

1991

Cultural Center Vafopoulou, Thessaloniki, Greece

Paratiritis Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

Karl Ernst Osthaus-Museum, Hagen, Germany

1989

Titanium Gallery, Athens, Greece

Municipal Gallery, Patras, Greece

1988

43rd Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

Geni Tzami, Thessaloniki, Greece

1983

Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany

1981

Galerie im Traklhaus, Salzburg, Austria

Galerie Bama, Paris, France

1980

Bernier Arts Center, Athens, Greece

Bernier Gallery, Athens, Greece

1976

Institute of Contemporary Art, London, England

Hannover Kunstverein, Hannover, Germany

1975

Gallery of the Twentieth Century, Berlin, Germany

Kunstverein Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany

Kunstverein Ingolstadt, Ingolstadt, Germany

Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany

1974

Galleria Bocchi, Milan, Italy

1972

Galerie Poll, Berlin, Germany

Galerie Bauer & Pietschner, Bochum, Germany

1971

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

1970

Musee d'Art Moderne, Paris, France, *ARC2*,

Maison des Jeunes et de la Culture, Champigny, France

Galerie Fitzroy, Brussels, Belgium

1969

New Gallery, Athens, Greece

1967

Prado de l' Anteno, Madrid, Spain

1964

Galerie J, Paris, France

Galerie Florence Houston Brown, Paris, France

Teatro la Fenice, Venice, Italy

1963

Galerie le Zodiaque, Brussels, Belgium

1962

Galleria Cadario, Milan, Italy

1960

Galleria La Tartaruga, Milan, Italy

1958

Zygos Gallery, Athens, Greece

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2011

Sem-Art, Monaco, *Greek Art* (curated by X. Kalpaktsoglou and S. Al-Rashid)

Faggionato Fine Arts, London, England *Ντέρτι Humanism* (curated by N. Argyropoulou)

2010

Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece, *Time. People. Their stories. : A study of the concept of theatricality outside the confines of a stage* (curated by M. Stefanidis)

2009

MIET-ITYS, Athens, Greece, *Vlassis Caniaris: a dialogue* (curated by Els Hanappe)

2007 - 2008

Municipal Arts Gallery of Athens, Athens, Greece, *Greek Artist in Germany and German Artist in Greece* (curated by N.Kyriazi)

2006

Projekt Migration, Cologne, Germany

National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens, Greece, *The Grand Promenade* (curated by A. Kafetsi)

2005-6

National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens, Greece, *The years of defiance: The Art of the 70s in Greece* (curated by Bia Papadopoulou)

2004

Zina Athanassiadou Gallery, Thessaloniki, Athens, *Exercises*

Sarantopoulos Flour Mills, Piraeus, Greece, *Historical Reflections* (curated by M.Stefanidis)

American-Hellenic Union, Athens, Greece, *In and Out: Notes on the 1960's*
Municipal Art Gallery of Chania, Crete, Greece, *Vlassis Caniaris: Passages 1957-2004*

2003

Museum of the City of Athens, Athens, Greece, *Place and Form: Works from the Paraskeva collection* (curated by Denys Zacharopoulos)

Hellenic Foundation for Culture, New York, United States, *Whatever the People want* (curated by M.Stefandis)

2001

Frissiras Museun, Athens, Greece, *Glossalgia*, (curated by M. Stefanides and N. Argyropoulou)

2000

State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece, *Retrospective* (curated by M. Papanikolaou)

1999

National Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Retrospective* (curated by A. Kafetsi)

Psyhari Gallery, Greece, *Banner, Flag, Point*

Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece, *Minus-Plus*

1998

Metamorphosis, Thessaloniki, Greece, *Teachers and Pupils: A Reading Proposal*

1997

Astrolavos, *Teachers and Pupils*

1996

Aria Gallery, Kefallonia Island, Greece, *Vlassis Caniaris*

House of Cyprus, Athens, Greece, *About Homeland*

Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France, *Facing History*

1995

Galerie 3, Athens, Greece

1994

Galerie 3, Athens, Greece

1993

National Gallery, Athens, Greece, *The Child in Modern Greek Art*

1992

Staatliche Kunsthalle, Berlin, Germany, *My Children*

Westfälisches Landesmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte, Munster, Germany, *The Open Image. Aspects of Modern Art in Europe after 1945*

National Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Transformations of Modern: The Greek experience*

1991

Vafopoulou Cultural Centre, Thessaloniki, Greece

Observer Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

Karl-Ernst Osthaus-Museum, Hagen, Germany, *Open Box*

Eugenides Foundation, Athens, Greece, *Painting Exhibition*
Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin, Germany, 21 "What now"
Twenty-Four Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Urban Dreams*
Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece
XV Biennale Internazionale del Bronzetto, Padua, Italy
International Summer Academy, Salzburg, Austria

1990

House of Cyprus, Athens, Greece, *15 years – Amnesty International in Greece*
Municipal Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Verge of the 80s-90s*
Dallas, Texas, *A Glance on Contemporary Greek Art*

1989

Titanium Gallery, Athens Greece
Municipal Gallery, Patras, Greece

1988

Venice Biennale XLIII, Venice, Italy, *Vlassis Caniaris*
State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece
European Cultural Centre of Delphi, Delphi, Greece

1987

Aposi Gallery, Athens, Greece, *In Search of New Materials and Media*
Athens School of Fine Arts Collection, Athens, Greece, *Prizewinning Works*
National Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Contemporary Greek Painting*

1986

Athens, Greece, *Post-war Art in Greece*
Pierides Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Athens in Berlin, D.A.A.D*

1985

Municipal Gallery, *Introduction to Contemporary Greek Art*
Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece, *After Abstraction*
Municipal Gallery, Rhodes, Greece, *Greek artists in France, Introductory Chapters to Greek Contemporary Art*

1984

Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany
Goethe Institute, Paris, France, *Exchanges: French Artists in Berlin*
Society for Macedonian Studies, Thessaloniki, Greece

1983

Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany

1982

Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium, *Europalia 82*
Europalia Hellas, Brussels, Belgium, *Art and Dictature*
Württembergisches Landesmuseum, Stuttgart, Germany, *Greeks and Germans, Images from Others*

1981

Kemnade International VII, Bochum, Germany, *Culture in the Migration Proces*

International Summer Academy, Salzburg, Germany
Society of Greek Art Critics, Athens, Greece, *Environment – Action*
Nees Morfes Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Abstraction*
Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany, *Documentation, Immigrant Culture*

1980

Bernier Gallery, Athens, Greece

1979

Goethe Institute, Athens, Greece, *Is There Any Meaning in Art?*

1978

Society for Studies, Athens, Greece, *Tribute to Greek Realism*
Berlin, Germany, *Art of the Twentieth Century privately owned*
Zappeion, Athens, Greece, *Greek Art Images*
Budapest, Hungary, *Show for Greek Contemporary Art*

1977

Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France, *Boxes – ARC 2*
Cultural Centre, Athens, Greece, *Woman in Resistance*
Goethe Institute, Athens, Greece, *Art and Society*
Systema Wisproczesnes Sztuki Greckies, Warsaw, Poland
Documenta 6, Kassel, Germany
Kunsthalle, Berlin, Germany, *HAP Grieshaber*
Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens, Greece

1976

Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, England, *Immigrants*
Kunsthalle am Marientor, Germany *Shoe Factories*
Kunstverein Hannover, Hannover, Germany
Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany, *Panorama Of Greek Painting of the Last
Twenty-Five Years*

1975

D.A.A.D., Berlin, Germany, *10 Years of the Berlin Art Program*
Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, England, *Eight Artists, Eight Attitudes, Eight
Greeks*
Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, England, *The Greek Month in London*
Galerie Palais, Paris, France, *For Cyprus*
Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany, *We Are Still There*

1974

Free Berlin Art, Berlin, Germany
Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin, Germany, *Multiples*
Galleria Giancarlo Bocchi, Milan, Italy, *Art 5 '74*
Sale e Scuderie di Villa Manzoni, Lecco, Italy, *The Idea of the Resistance in
Contemporary European Art,*

1973

Free Berlin Art, Berlin, Germany
Beethoven Halle, Berlin, Germany, *30 International Künstler in Berlin*

1972

Galerie Poll, Berlin, Germany

1971

Galerie Barma, Paris, France, *Caniaris, Rutault, Takis, Télémaque, Titus, Caarmel, Vostel*

Royal Albert Hall, London, England, *Elefteria*

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden, *Greek Testimony*

Musée Galliera, Paris, France, *Paintings and Objects*

Maison de la Culture, Grenoble, France, *Intox*

Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France, *Mutations, Forms, Languages, Behaviours*

Hôtel Drouot, Paris, France, *Great Names of Today and Tomorrow*

1970

Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France

Maison de Jeunes Youri Gagarine, Champigny, France

Karlsruhe, Germany, *Art and Politics*

Galerie Fitzroy, Brussels, Belgium

Paris, France, *Aspects of Racism*

1969

New Gallery 7, Athens, Greece

1967

Contemporary Hellenic Art, Geneva, Switzerland, *Musée Rath*

Zappeion, Athens, Greece, *9th Greek Exhibit*

Sala de Prado de l'Ateneo, Madrid, Spain

1966

Merlin Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Small Form*

1965

Biennale di San Paolo, San Paolo, Italy

1964

Gallery J, Paris, France

La Fenice, Venice, Italy, *Three Proposals for a New Greek Sculpture, Caniaris – Danil – Nikos*

1963

House of Fine Arts and Culture, Athens, Greece, *Caniaris, Contos, Pavlos, Tsoclis*

Galerie Le Zodiaque Brussels, Belgium

Republica di San Marino, Italy, *IV Biennale of Art Beyond the Informel*

1962

Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France, *Greek Paintings and Sculptures in Paris*

Galleria Cadario, Milan, Italy

1961

Hessenhuis, Anvers, Belgium, *The New European School*

Galerie Saint-Germain, Paris, France *Caniaris, Coulentianos, Gaitis, Molfessis, Nikos, Philolaos, Prassinis, Touyas*

Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France, *Comparisons*

Drian Galleries, London, England, *50 Artists of the Sixteenth Salon of New Realities from*

Paris

Galerie Kasper, Lausanne, Switzerland, *The New European School*
Stadt Wolframs-Eschenbach, Wolframs – Eschenbach, Germany, *International Painting*
Tentoonstelling Kultureel Centrum, Malines, Belgium, *Ars Viva*

1959

Galerie R. Creuze, Paris, France *Modern Greek Art*
Galleria San Carlo, Naples, Italy, *Caniaris, Condos, Gaitis, Nikos, Tsoclis*
Galerie Am Doon, Frankfurt, Germany, *Abstract Painting from Paris*
Galerie Günar, Dusseldorf, Germany, *Abstract Painting from Paris*
Galleria La Tartaruga, Rome, Italy
Bologna, Italy, *Caniaris, Condos, Gaitis, Nikos, Tsoclis: Il Cancellò*
Mostra Internazionale di Arte Astratta, Florence, Italy, *Appearances*
Galleria Numero, Florence, Italy
Galerie A.G., Paris, France, *Bogart, Caniaris, Mihailovich, Miotte, Pierrakos*
Galleria La Tartaruga, Rome, Italy, *Works in a Small Form*
Greek Arts Exhibit, Zappeion, Athens

1958

Zygos Gallery, Athens, Greece
Kouros Gallery, Athens, Greece, *The War*
Kouros Gallery, Athens, Greece, *Modern Art Exhibit*

1952

Zappeion, Athens, *Greek Arts Exhibit*

Bibliography:

Public Collections:

Tate Modern Collection, London, England
Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France
Karl Ernst Osthaus- Museum, Hagen, Germany
SMAK Stedelijk Museum, Ghent, Belgium
Musée d'Art moderne de Saint-Etienne Saint-Etienne, France
National Art Gallery - Alexandros Soutzos Museum, Athens, Greece
National Museum of Contemporary Art - EMST Athens, Greece
MMCA Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece
The Vorres Museum, Attica, Greece
Pieridis Gallery, Greece
Alpha Credit Bank Collection, Greece