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Educated at Chelsea College of Art & Design in London Athena Menekratis is the wife of the Art patron and gallery owner Johnny Guepin the director for 21 years of the Galerie Arista in Cannes France one of the leading art galleries in the south of France. As well cousin of the famous curator and gallerist Iris Clert, Athena has chosen to be inspired by iconic figures to express herself through the art of portrait in a unique style.

« The Artistic work is based on the strong concept that the story of each one is written on his facial features, communicated by the technique of an optical effect.

The portraits of this artist confirm this idea concretely and above all through a symbolic gesture in her calligraphies which demonstrate an originality, a technicality and an artistic identity.

The poetry of these portraits consists in giving birth to the subject through the play of light and shadow with the writing that has an obvious link with the subject represented. The realism of the technique confronts an optical illusion game. Each portrait is a single piece.

A collection of drawing on the theme of the depth of black was born. The black background gives a new dimension to the portrait that of a universe with intense depth from which emanates a captivating atmosphere echoing mystery and infinity. The light contrast is redefined. The light comes out of the shadow and not the opposite.

Visually powerful by the imagery but also by the idea and meaning conveyed.

For this artist, native of Cannes, the city of Cinema it's also a tribute to the International Film Festival to refer in her work to cinematic imagery of the thirties and to the mood of the film noir. »

J Guepin Galerie Arista





John Lennon Ink on canvas Single piece 146 x 114 cm each The portraits are made of the lyrics of the song «Imagine»



detail



The Beatles

Ink on canvas single piece 163 x 130 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of their most beautiful songs «Michelle» «Twist and shout» «Hey Jude»…



The Beatles

link on canvas single piece 100 x 90 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of their most beautiful songs «Love me do» «Help» «A Hard Day's night»…



David Bowie Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 80 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «Let's dance»



Mick Jagger Ink on canvas Single piece 60 x 55cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «Angie» The Rolling stones The portrait is made of the lyrics of their most beautiful songs



Audrey Hepburn Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 80 cm The portrait is made of the titles of the film in which the actress acted





Marilyn Monroe

Ink on canvas Single piece 45 x 34 cm & 100 x 100 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «Diamonds are a girl's best friend»



Basquiat

Ink on canvas Single piece 60 x 60 cm The portrait is made of the thoughts of the artist **Warhol**

Ink on canvas Single piece 45 x 34 cm The portrait is made of the thoughts of the artist **Triptych Warhol Basquiat Keith Haring**

Ink on canvas Single piece 45 x 34 cm each The portraits are made of the thoughts of the artists





Dali Picasso Salvador Dali

Ink on canvas Single piece 146 x 114 cm each The portraits are made of the thoughts of the Artists on Art



Picasso Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 80 cm The portrait is made of his thoughts on Art



Louise Bourgeois Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 100 cm The portrait is made of her thoughts on Art



Jimi Hendrix Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 100 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «Purple haze»

From Ferocity...



Mohamed Ali Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 80 cm The portrait is made of Mohamed Ali's thoughts

To Feminity...



Pulp Fiction Ink on canvas Single piece 120 x 120 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song of the film «Girl you 'II be a woman soon»



















Lauren Bacall Greta Garbo Lana Turner Madonna Frida Kahlo Cara Delevingne Veronica Lake Kate Moss Marlene Dietrich



Lana Turner Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 90 cm The portrait is made of the titles of the films in which the actress acted



Liz Taylor Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 80 cm The portrait is made of the titles of the films in which the actress acted



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Brigitte Bardot

Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 90 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «La Madrague» **Memoirs of a Geisha**

Ink on panel Single piece 100 x 80 cm The portrait is made of the titles of the films in which Gong Li acted



Marlon Brando & James Dean Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 80 cm each The portraits are made of the titles of the films in which the actors acted



James Bond

Ink on canvas Single piece 60 x 60 cm The portrait is made of the titles of the films in which Sean Connery incarnated the agent 007



Sigmund Freud Ink on canvas Single piece 50 x 50 cm The portrait is made of the thoughts of Freud



Coco Chanel Ink on canvas Single piece 146 x 114 cm The portrait is made of the thoughts of Gabrielle Chanel on fashion





Marianne Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 100 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the French national anthem «La Marseillaise»



Edith Piaf Ink on canvas Single piece 80 x 100 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the most beautiful songs of Edith Piaf «La Vie en Rose» «Milord» «La Foule»…



Bob Marley Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 90 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of his most beautiful songs «One Love» «Redemption Song» «Buffalo soldier»…



Bob Marley Ink on canvas Single piece 70 x 70 cm each The portraits are made of the lyrics of his most beautiful songs «I shot the sheriff» «Get up Stand up» « No Woman No cry»



Freddie Mercury Ink on canvas single piece 100 x 90 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «Bohemian Rhapsody»



Amy Winehouse Ink on canvas Single piece 50 x 40 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «Back to black»



Nina Simone Ink on canvas Single piece 70 x 70 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «My Baby Just cares for me»


Madiba Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 100 cm The portrait is made of Nelson Mandela's thoughts on freedom and justice





Hitchcock Ink on canvas Single piece 70 x 70 cm The portrait is made of the titles of the films he produced Triptych Marlene Dietrich Hitchcock Grace Kelly The portraits are made of the titles of the films in which the actresses acted and that Hitchcock produced





Elvis Ink on canvas Single piece 100 x 100 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of the song «UNCHAINED MELODY»



Jim Morrison

Ink on canvas Single piece 120 x 120 cm The portrait is made of the lyrics of his most beautiful songs **Tom Cruise**

Ink on canvas Single piece 80 x 60 cm The portrait is made of the titles of the films in which the actor acted



The Tall Blonde Ink on canvas Single piece 120 x 50 cm The portrait is made of iconic words on the colour red



Galerie Arista Cannes France



LOVE Ink on canvas Single piece 190 x 60 cm Each letter of the word LOVE is made of the maxim of Saint Augustin «The Measure of Love is to Love without Measure»

Anything is possible... Any size possible on request

Any precise request for subject, portrait demanded, theme, all sizes, all colours, chosen text.

The artist works on order.

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Private Collections

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Her Serene Highness Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation Monaco André Villers Museum of Photography Mougins

Collective Exhibitions

March 2023 Immersiv Gallery Paris June 2021 Galerie d' Art Le Comoedia, Brest – France September 2019 Gene Pearson Gallery New Kingston Jamaica April 2017 up to present Galerie Beauchamp Toronto, Quebec and Montreal Canada January 2017 up to present Le Petit Pergolese Paris XVI France November 2016 Art Happening - Pavillon Ledoyen Paris VIII France May 2016 Aliseo Projects Wolfach Germany October 2015 up to present The Olympia Gallery Kingston Jamaica November 2014 Espace Pierre Cardin Paris France May 2014 Francesco Smalto La Croisette Cannes France- Group exhibition during the International Cannes Film Festival in the store situated in front of the Palais des Festivals. June 2013 Espace Pierre Cardin Paris - Art Happening May 2013 Galerie Arista Cannes France- «Icons & Cinema» Special exhibition with Martin Schreiber the photographer of Madonna Feb to June 2013 André Villers Museum of Photography Mougins Jan to March 2013 Hotel 3.14 Cannes Sept- October 2012 Barclays Bank Cannes April 2012 Espace Pierre Cardin Paris June 2010 Cannes International Jumping

Solo Exhibitions

July 2015 up to June 2016 Francesco Smalto La Croisette Cannes - Exhibition on the theme of masculine elegance in the context of cinema ; the great actors dressed up by Francesco Smalto. May – June 2015 Galerie Arista Cannes « Cinema Icons » May 2014 - April 2015 Jean Paul Gaultier La Croisette Cannes April 2013 Club des Résidents Etrangers Monegasques Monaco December 2011 Barclays Bank Cannes May 2011 Galerie Arista Cannes - Special exhibition during the International Film Festival of Cannes on the theme of Elegance and Cinema Icons.

Regional Project

September 2013 order of an Art Portrait from which a limited edition of lithographic prints have been made for the tribute paid to Philippe Bender to celebrate his forty years of career as a worldwide conductor and art director of the Côte d'Azur.

Press

2018/2019 Life Style Magazine page 75 August 2018 George Humanity Magazine page 46 December 2017 S D Magazine Quebec Canada 2016/2017 Life Style Magazine page 112 2015 Life Style Magazine page 73 2015 Royal Mougins Golf & Resort Magazine page 67 2014 Riviera Magazine n° 70 page 135 Riviera Magazine n° 69 page 138 Riviera Magazine n° 69 page 109 Riviera Magazine n° 67 page 109 2013 Riviera Magazine n° 66 pages 79 - 85 Riviera Magazine n° 63 page 139 2012 Michael Zingraf 35th Jubilee Magazine page 73 2011 Luxe Immo Magazine n° 5 pages 34 - 36 - 37 2010 Luxe Immo Magazine n° 3 page 26

























ATHENA MENEKRATIS "Greta Garbo", ink on panel, 95 x 80 cm

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Galerie Arista Cannes

Johnny posing in front of an original ink drawing signed by Picasso from 1964 « La Tauromaquia »



Thank you Iris, thank you Johnny the Artventure continues

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Athena MENEKRATIS «Pulp Fiction» Ink on canvas 140 x 140 cm

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