

## Water - Currents, 2008-2009

Exhibition curated by Gabriel Bauret & Vangelis Ioakimidis  
at the Thessaloniki Museum of Photography, Greece

Documentary photographs, realistic or symbolic. Images of fiction and snapshots of fantasy. They all have the element of water in common. Water is present in all its forms, even by being conspicuous by its absence.

The exhibition includes different currents of photography, e.g. as expressed in the works of the Prix Pictet, but also in the group exhibition by foreign and Greek artists.

In the first part of the show the works of the artists short-listed for the Prix Pictet are presented and the issues dealt with are sustainability and the social and environmental dimensions of the element of water.

The Prix Pictet was created by Pictet & Cie in association with the Financial Times as global media partner.

Its goal is unique – to use high quality art to confront the social and environmental challenges faced by humanity in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The shortlist for the Prix Pictet 2008:

1. Benoit Aquin
2. Edward Burtynsky
3. Jesus Abad Colorado
4. Thomas Jeshua Cooper
5. Sebastian Copeland
6. Christian Cravo
7. Lynn Davis
8. Reza Deghati
9. Susan Derges
10. Malcolm Hutcheson
11. Chris Jordan
12. Carl de Keyzer
13. David Maisel
14. Mary Mattingly
15. Robert Polidori
16. Roman Signer
17. Jules Spinatsch
18. Munem Wasif

In the second part of the exhibition, the works presented are by foreign and Greek artists who transmit images of fiction, contemplation and frivolity through water. Here different views have been assembled: landscapes, still lifes, staged photography. The creators express themselves by means of the transparent language of water in order to convey the discrepancies inherent in water, the element which unites and separates us, which evokes floods or soothes us.

Water in all its forms : ice, vapour, clouds, a river, currents.

Participating artists:

1. Lucie & Simon
2. Lucille Reyboz
3. Patrick Taberna
4. Alexey Titarenko
5. Jacqueline Salmon
6. Gabriel Basilico
7. Jordi Bernardo
8. Giorgia Fiorino
9. Susanna Majuri
10. Carlos & Jason Sanches
11. Mark Power
12. Alessandra Spanzi
13. Krystyna Ziach
14. Bill Viola / video-installation
15. Yiorgis Yerolymbos
16. Sotiris Denasis
17. Yannis Thedoropoulos
18. Stratos Kalafatis
19. Evangelia Kranioti
20. Kostas Kolokythas
21. Nikos Markou
22. Manolis Baboussis
23. Venia Behraki
24. Paris Petridis
25. Danae Stratou / video installation

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