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# Marianna Veremi

ODYSSEY
A PERSONAL JOURNEY

For Thanos



Literature and the visual arts are two entirely different forms of expression and never the twain shall meet.

Although it is counterproductive to explain art in words one can, nevertheless, attempt an act of creativity when the theme is inspiring.

A crisis is a state of affairs out of the ordinary. Anything that upsets the pattern of our routines – be it emotional or social, will inevitably provoke anxiety and hardship.

The ancient meaning of, "κρίσιs" or crisis, denotes the ability to see and discern complications in life and come to a decision. A crisis is a turning point in the progress of events.

Marianna Veremi's personal response to crisis in society is reflected in a riot of colours that move like an amoeba in the natural world – the development of a bio-plast in time.

Her work is in perpetual motion – a shower of colour and tone in an ever-changing series of images that culminate in a post-crisis return to a new state of affairs.

The storm in a life previously taken for granted – a world turned upside down.

We follow its progress from one work to another at a deliberate, often turbulent, pace to the "last syllable of recorded time"- a time interpreted by vivid pattern and tumultuous colour.

**Maria Migadi** Art Historian 'Then he lashed the braces, halyards and sheets in place, and levered the raft down to the shining sea.'

Odyssey. 5. 260-261



1 My land oil on canvas, 150 x 130 cm





2
Anguish
oil on canvas, 130 x 150 cm

3
Implosion
oil on canvas, 130 x 150 cm





4
Ancient topography
oil on canvas, 150 x 130 cm

5
Vortex ring
oil on canvas, 150 x 130 cm

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6 Thalassa I oil on canvas, 130 x 150 cm

7
Thalassa II
oil on canvas, 130 x 150 cm

'Hear me, Lord, whoever you might be.

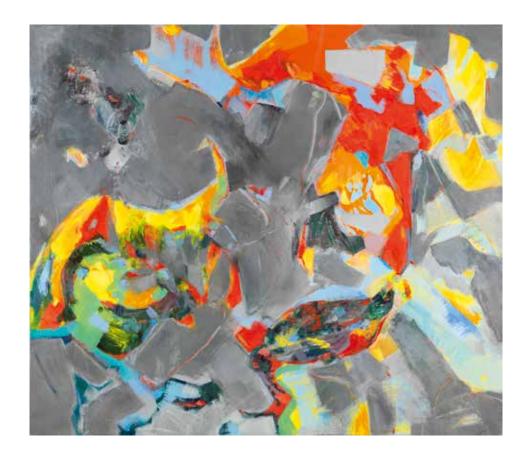
I come to you, as to one who is greatly longed for, as I try to escape the sea and Poseidon's menace.'

Odyssey. 5. 445-446



8 Vigor oil on canvas, 150 x 130 cm





9 Cohesion oil on canvas, 130 x 150 cm 10
Regeneration
oil on canvas, 130 x 150 cm



## Marianna Veremi Biography

Studied at the ATI Institute (Doxiades) under A. Tassos, Spyros Vassiliou, Elias Dekoulakos, Panagiotis Gravalos and A. Asteriades.

She continued her studies at the Chelsea School of Art in London and the Museum School in Boston.

During the 70ties she worked as a textile designer for Lowenstein of New York.

She was a founding member of the Greek children's magazine *To Rodi*.

She designed programmes for the Athens Music Hall.

#### Solo exhibitions

2002

*Interior Landscapes*, Out of the Blue Gallery, Boston.

2003

High tide, Paratiritis Gallery, Thessaloniki.

2004

Landscapes Unfolding, Christina Karella Gallery, Athens.

2005

Passage, Opus Gallery, Nicosia.

2006

Memento, House of Cyprus, Athens.

2007

*Encounters,* Municipal Center of Kalamata, Kalamata.

2009

Nereids, Skoufa Gallery, Athens.

2009

The Stuff of Dreams, 9 rue Chaptal, Paris.

2011

Retrospective, Municipal Art Gallery, Thessaloniki.

2012

*Spring Equinox*, Kifissia Cultural Center, Athens.

2013

Love and Strife, House of Cyprus, Athens.

2015

*Curtains*, Tsichritzis Visual Arts Foundation, Athens.

2016

Odyssey a personal journey, Gallery 8, London.

Her works are in the collection of J.F. Costopoulos Foundation, the Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, the Municipal Art Gallery, Thessaloniki, and in many private collections.

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