



## Press Release

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### **“My own Iliad” Athens International Airport November 20, 2013 – March 31, 2014**

Entitled **“My own Iliad”** and dedicated to Homer’s *Iliad* is the new exhibition that was launched at the Athens International Airport on November 20, following its journey at the Archaeological Museum of Delphi and the Archaeological Museum of Ighoumenitsa.

The exhibition includes photographic reproductions of 10 out of the 35 sketches with pencil on paper created **by the Cypriot painter George Koumouros** in 2008 in Cyprus and the United Kingdom; the drawings *enter into dialogue* with an equal number of episodes from the worldwide known epic poem. A video projection, presenting a number of sketches followed by detailed captions, enriches the exhibition; their aim being to sensitize the visitors in the eternal values and the universal messages of the Homeric oeuvre.

“My Own Iliad” is being hosted at the airport’s “Art&Culture” space, in the frame of the **“Art and Culture” program** of the AIA; up to now more than 56 exhibitions and visual arts projects have been realized at the airport, aiming to offer a special artistic and cultural experience and promote the Greek culture and civilization to the visitors traveling to and from Athens.

High school pupils visiting the airport in the framework of AIA’s scheduled guided airport tours will also have the opportunity to get acquainted with the exhibition works.

What the artist has said about his work:

*“ ... Recently, I had to draw strength from the myths. Or, rather, to hide inside mythical forms in order to continue to exist and endure. I had to dig deep within me to find the ideas beneath the words. Curiously, I re-encountered Homer, my “own” Iliad at its roots. That is, the Iliad of my childhood, which extrapolated over time into contemporary situations. Individual or collective”.*

**“My own Iliad” will be open on a 24hour basis daily at the “Art&Culture” space at the Arrivals’ Level of the AIA (All Users’ Area).**

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### **Artist's Biographical note**

George Koumouros was born in Yialousa of Cyprus in 1955. He studied mathematics at the National & Kapodestrian University of Athens and painting at the Pythagorean Academy of Fine Arts of Samos under professor Aristotelis Solounias, through the partnership of the Academy with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

In 1993 he resettled in Cyprus and was appointed professor in secondary education. Since 1995 he is posted at the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus in the Department of Educational Technology & Generation of Educational Material. He has directed short films and documentaries. In 2005, he earned a Master of Arts degree in creative education film from Middlesex University in London.

He presented many personal exhibitions in Cyprus, Greece, Portugal, and the United Kingdom. Works of his are kept in public and private collections. He maintains a painting studio in Cyprus since 1982.