

Sanctuary: Interiors And Gardens



Exhibition by STEPHANIE WOOD
Forza 9 Gallery, Polis Chrysochous
 14 – 27 November 2009

Stephanie Wood's latest painting exhibition opens on November 14 at the new and delightfully expanded Forza 9 Gallery in Polis Chrysochous centre. Her new body of work is fresh and contemporary; characteristically bright and quirky, with something of a whimsical air. The paintings are both sophisticated and naive in style, the light treatment sometimes momentarily disguising the artist's serious intent.



In Sanctuary: Interiors and Gardens, Stephanie visually explores the concept of sanctuary: a place of beauty and intimacy where each of us feels safe and at ease, separated and protected from the unpredictability of the outside world. She paints both gardens and courtyards, and home interiors. These emotional oases, transformed by paint, were found sometimes in Cyprus, sometimes in Morocco, France or Spain. The artist's starting point is her own old stone house and walled garden in Droushia Village, near Polis; a very real sanctuary in her own life, which she shares with her husband Michael and an ever changing variety of house guests.

The word paradise comes from the Persian, meaning walled garden. Early Islamic gardens were always enclosed, keeping out the dusts of the desert and capturing the scents and the coolness of the shade and the water. Gardens are often considered places of spirituality, where we can lose ourselves in contemplation or meditation. Stephanie sees the Creator as very present in her own home and garden setting, and her use of tiny quirky objects imbedded in these paintings reflects this.

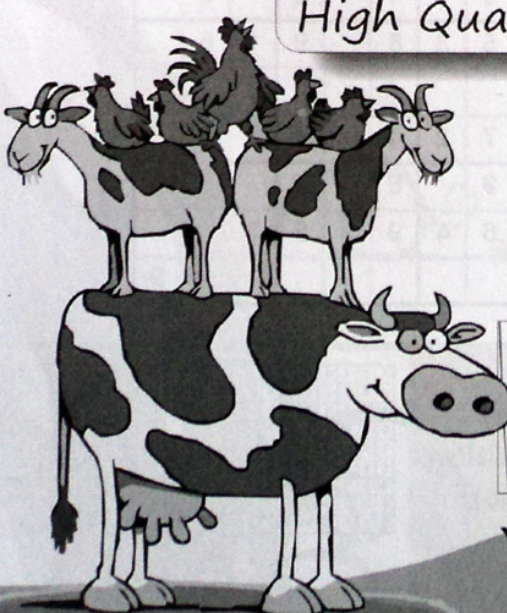





Sanctuary: Interiors and Gardens, continues from its opening night on November 14, at 7:00 p.m., until November 27. During the day Stephanie Wood and other artists will be working and demonstrating their art at the new premises of Forza9 (see directions below). Come and experience the new Forza 9 Gallery while you enjoy the ambiance created by Stephanie Wood's many evocative and colourful paintings.

Forza 9 Gallery is located in the centre of Polis Chrysochous, just behind Chix Chox Restaurant and next to Petrides Car Rental. Forza 9 Gallery is open Mo – Sa from 10AM – 3PM and by appointment. Call for more information: 99127428 or visit www.artgallery-forza9.com

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