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George Vogiatzakis

“RESIDENTS”

10th March – 8th April 2023

Ikastikos Kiklos DL Gallery, in cooperation with **Nina Kassianou**, presents on **Friday 10th March** the personal exhibition **“RESIDENTS”** of **George Vogiatzakis**.

RESIDENTS emerged out of a composition of “stage sets” I photographed by looking at the city as a blank canvas, using the photos of strangers I collected while wandering around various open markets.

I treated these strangers as orphans—abandoned by their last remaining relatives—or like migrants; a new kind of migrants, uprooted from their place (the market) and carrying with them the memories from their former, real life printed on a piece of faded photo paper, just as all migrants carry something precious in their sparse baggage. I brought these paper people into my house as if they had a soul, needs, desires, feelings.

In their eyes I read their stories, which I wanted to re-listen to like differently orchestrated tunes, under new circumstances, in contexts of the present time; at a moment that never really existed.

The choice of stage sets was not accidental. It was dictated by the subjects themselves. I wanted them to feel at ease in the surroundings that hosted them, probably in order to satisfy my need to see the two worlds coexist: the past and the present.

And everything seemed to acquire new meanings. As if the world was recreated through its photographed self, which knows how to pretend to be a supposedly objective, impartial record of the moment. A supposedly objective rendering of the truth. Of life itself.

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Exhibition Openings: Friday 10th March 2023, 18:30-21:30

Duration of exhibition: 10th March till 8th April 2023

Operating Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 - 20:00
Wednesday, Saturday 11:00 - 16:00

Sundays and Mondays closed

Entry to the exhibition is free for the public.