



MINAS CLARITY OF SHAPES

PHOTOGRAPHED BY C. COUTAYAR

Benaki Museum / 138 Pireaus str.

Opening: September 5, 2018, 20:00

Duration of the Exhibition: 6 up to 9 September 2018

PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, September 5, at 20.00, Benaki Museum/138 Pireaus str. will host the event titled *Minas «Clarity of Shapes»*. This presentation is a celebration that coincides with Mina's 80th birthday and includes almost 40 black and white photographs by C. Coutayar, "silver prints" on archival paper, numbered and signed by the photographer, that will be exhibited in the museum until September 9, 2018.

C. Coutayar's photographs, will feature portraits of unconventional people of today, of all ages, wearing Mina's jewellery. Alongside, in special displays designed by Minas, there will be exhibited some of his representing creations that the models wear in the photographs. The visual coexistence of the two artists, highlights their mutual artistic concerns and their mutual appreciation for one another.

Minas is a bohemian, multidimensional artist of the contemporary design. He portrays his art with archaic simplicity, alternating from one material to another with incredible grace and elegance and a variety of finishes, handles silver and gold in his jewellery, American and African walnut tree wood in his furniture, as well as, carbon fiber, stainless steel, Pentelic marble, and porcelain in his usable objects.

As the exhibition curator, Eleni Athanassiou, notes "without cut-rate compromises, with his sensitivities and the flawless quality of his creations, he approaches his works holistically and designs in the spirit of the concept of a "total artwork", like

another Van de Velde. His work, abstract and simple, with an emphasis on soft, flowing, serpentine lines, on strength and purity of form, has a rhythm – an element of balance, symmetry, harmony and stability – and acts as choreography, keeping chaotic flow at bay, both in space and in time. [...]”.

The presentation will be accompanied by a richly illustrated publication of 96 pages titled “Minas. Clarity of Shapes”.

Curator: Eleni Athanassiou

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