

## The Paintings of Hulusi Halit

Hulusi Halit is a Turkish Cypriot who has been living in Berlin since 1974.

He is presenting a collection of his paintings this month at Art gallery Kivotos 3000 in Polis - opposite the Polis police station.

Starting 19th July until 5th August, this promises to be an excellent exhibition which shouldn't be missed. The Mayor of Polis, Mr Angelos Georgiou will open the exhibition, at 17:00 on the 19th of July. Sevgül Uludag will present photos about missing and mass graves in Cyprus. Panicos Chrysanthou presents part of the film "Our Wall". Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot relatives of missing will also express their feelings during the presentation.

The exhibition will consist of three parts:

### 1. "Missing Cypriots"

I dedicate the largest and the most important part of the exhibition to this subject:

Sevgül Uludag's book, "Oysters with the missing pearls", which deals with the subject and which influenced me a lot, gave me the incentive to place the subject at the core of my exhibition.

We have been following the idea of organising a travelling exhibition together with Sevgül for some time now, with the objective to raise the public consciousness on the stories of the missing persons in Cyprus.

The aim of this exhibition is to draw attention on the work of some independent journalists, whose investigations enabled finding the remains of missing persons and after identifying them, handing them over to their families.

Painting a picture of the island and the stories of its people such as the personal tragedies of the missing seem too far away to raise interest in central Europe. Nevertheless, the wounds

caused to each other during the conflict, can only be healed



when these stories are made public, when the remains of the missing found and buried in dignity.

We are intending to show the exhibition in several European capitals in the near future, for example in Nicosia, Berlin, Brussels etc.

2. My work "Dry, living trees" is an homage to the beauty of trees, the trees of this island, The last findings and identification are concerned with the case of Kutlay Erk's father.

The exhibition starts in "my country", Cyprus and more specifically in Polis with the participation of Sevgül Uludag, Panicos Chrysanthou and relatives of the missing persons, who will share their experiences.

Unfortunately it was not possible to start the exhibition series in Berlin, the city I live in, as we failed to raise funding for the project - though Cyprus is an EU member state, the history the stories, treasures and secrets they bear. Drawings in black and white, showing the power of old knotty trees in which the observer will discover a lot of new, lively things after an intense gaze.

3. My work "Portraits, and Landscapes in Polis" is the result of my studies here in Polis and the surroundings from 2004 till today. They are some particular glances to the present interwoven with memories of my personal past.

### Hulusi Halit

Was born in 1954 in Koloni / Paphos in Cyprus, and started painting at the age of six. He received a nomination as best pupil of all Turkish secondary schools in Paphos by Ali Atakan.

In 1969 he won the highest award in a youth contest of all Turkish-speaking secondary schools in Cyprus with the painting "Young Couple".

In April 1974 he moved to Berlin, and in 1980-1986 he studied in Advertising and Communication at the University of Arts Berlin (HDK). From 1989-92 Professional education as tutor.

Here he applied his artistic skills in his professional work as educator. The experience he gained during his youth has a strong impact on his paintings, which reflects repeatedly his cubic tradition. His special interest is in the artistic dialogue with nature.

For the past ten years he exhibits in different Berlin Galleries.

Since 2004 in collaboration with the Embassy of Cyprus Berlin he presented several times Republic of Cyprus in some EU and national events in Germany.

This will be his second solo exhibition in Cyprus. His last exhibition in Cyprus "Glances at Cultures" took place in Melina Mercouri Hall in Nicosia at September 2005.

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