

# THE EDIT GALLERY

## Reclaiming

### Group Exhibition

\* In an effort to keep our guests safe and to comply with the government's regulations, we are limiting the number of visitors at a time.

**Exhibition Duration:** 15 June – 17 July 2021

**The Edit Gallery** 1 Agias Zonis str., 23 Nicolaou Pentadromos Centre, 3026, Limassol, Cyprus

**Working Hours:** Tuesday – Friday, 10:30 - 13:00 | 15:00 – 19:00

Saturday, 10:00 – 13:00



**Stella Kapezanou**

*Briseis*, 2021

Oil and Acrylic on canvas

170 x 140 cm

Courtesy of the artist and The Edit Gallery

**THE EDIT GALLERY is delighted to present the group exhibition 'Reclaiming'.**

Rape, sexual violence, and harassment narratives have recently dominated broadcast news and social media due to celebrity-involved cases of sexual assault. Therefore, the *#MeToo* movement of empowerment that exploded in the US during 2017, has lately made its way to Greece and Cyprus shedding light on the far-reaching impact of sexual abuse and the emotional and physical trauma that follows.

However, forced sexual initiation and coercion is not something unprecedented. The current rape and harassment narratives and the accompanying negative perceptions of rape victims have long-standing historical roots. More specifically, these issues were also a very prominent theme in Greek mythology,

where sexual violence against women and young men is rather complicated by the multiple forms it takes and the contexts in which it occurs.

The exhibition 'Reclaiming' aims in rewriting some Greek myths where women have been wronged and very often oppressed. Greek mythology often depicted women with a host of negative emotions: anger, jealousy, promiscuity, and even male subversion. Rape was a prominent theme and women were the subservient gender. On the contrary, men were generally synonymous with strength and leadership qualities.

Therefore, this exhibition aims in offering a benign explanation for the prevalence of these aggrieved female figures, the dynamic of gender power differentials and the perpetuation of these stereotypes.

The exhibition features an eclectic mix with Cypriot and Greek contemporary artists.

***Reclaiming* exhibition will feature works from:**

Antonakis (GR), Ariadne Diogenous (CY), Daphne Christoforou (CY), Efi Spyrou (GR/CY), Fikos (GR), Georgia Fambris (GR), Mariandrie Chrysostomou (CY), PASHIAS (CY), Stella Kapezanou (GR)

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