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## TALES OF CYPRUS



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If you have a story to tell or perhaps have photographs that I could possibly scan or copy to use in my exhibition - please do not hesitate in contacting me. I am more than happy to travel to your place of residence and will guarantee that any contribution on your part will be accredited to you and your family. Without your help, I cannot tell the full story...

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*A tribute to my parent's homeland*

As an artist I have always been drawn to my parent's homeland of Cyprus and in particular, its unique cultural heritage and traditions. My latest art project is based on stories and tales of the past as told by elderly Cypriots who I consider to be the last generation to have actually lived and witnessed a way of life on the island that has since disappeared. This way of life had existed on the island for centuries until the 1950s and in many ways exemplified the authentic Cyprus and the authentic Cypriot lifestyle. For many, the way of life in Cyprus changed forever after EOKA, independence and the Turkish invasion and even more so after the European Union, tourism and globalisation.

I am planning to have an exhibition in 2014 of my artwork and to launch a Children's book that pays homage to my parent's generation and the end of an era. In addition to my art exhibition I am also planning to reprint and exhibit old photos - scanned from people's photo albums - that depict life in Cyprus before the 1950s. As far as I can tell, this exhibition will be the first of its kind in Australia and will offer the visitor a unique and important glimpse into the past. More importantly, the exhibition will hopefully teach young people about a time, in Cyprus, when people who had a lot less in life were somehow more content and grateful.



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Στις αγαπημένες  
μου καλεσμένες Μαν-  
γιώταν δίδω ευχα-  
ριστίες την πρωτογραφία  
ως ένα μπουόν  
ένδυσμον  
Με' αγάπων  
"Αγα"

The photos on these pages represent a small sample of the images I hope to reproduce and exhibit in 2014. The photos were scanned with permission at the owner's residence using sophisticated technology and therefore avoiding any stress or concern regarding the handling of the photos.



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