

ATOPOS

CONTEMPORARY VISUAL CULTURE

PRESS RELEASE

Atopos Unlocked Occupy Atopos #KostisFokas

Curator // Vassilis Zidianakis

Opening // Wednesday January 28th, 2015 // 20:00-23:00 (the artist will be present)

Exhibition Days & Hours // Every Wednesday until March 18th // 14:00-22:00

ATOPOS // 72 Salaminos // Metaxourgeio // Athens // Greece (near Kerameikos and Metaxourgeio Metro stations)

Entrance free

Atopos Unlocked, the new program of **Atopos Contemporary Visual Culture (Atopos cvc)**, is inspired by the new research of **Atopos**, interested in the depiction of the nude body and how it is captured by the new generation of artists of **Tumblr** and other social media. The results of this research will be presented in a special publication titled **Unlocked**, in collaboration with **La Gaîté lyrique, Paris** in 2015. **Atopos Unlocked** continues with photographer **Kostis Fokas**.

The Greek artist divides his time between Athens and London. Following his first solo exhibition, which took place in London in collaboration with the **Queer Archive**, **Kostis Fokas** will now occupy the premises of **Atopos** to produce a series of new artworks as part of the **Occupy Atopos** residency. His photographs, often taking the form of a personal diary, have been described as 'a human sculpture testimony' and as a 'landscape where the paradox meets the ordinary'. Fokas uses his models as toys in a provocative and humorous manner, giving them the freedom to participate in the whole creative process. He often adds several tools and props, such as masks, sex toys or cheap cameras in his imagery, seeking to capture the moment, to encapsulate his subject between reality and fantasy.

Fokas' influences include photographer **Guy Bourdin**, the **Dada** movement, **Glitch Art** and after-midnight scrolling on **Tumblr** among other things. Extensive tributes dedicated to his photography have been published in **Metal Magazine**, **Beautiful/Decay**, **iGNANT**, **Lui**, **dazeddigital** and many more international publications and websites.

Additionally, as part of its 10 year anniversary **Atopos** «unlocks» its premises and collections to the public and presents an exhibition of British designer **Craig Green** and of the **Atopos Paper Fashion** collection. The presentation of the paper dress collection, which includes rare items by **Issey Miyake**, **Helmut Lang**, **Maison Martin Margiela**, **Walter Van Beirendonck** and **Hussein Chalayan**, the **Campbell Soup Dress** after **Andy Warhol**, the **Lisa Dress** by **Robert Wilson**, the **Yellow Pages Dress** by **Howard Hodgkin** among others, will change from week to week.

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