



# Superbloom

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## Front Cover

*Greenhouse I*

mixed media on canvas

82x82

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*Lonely For You Only*  
mixed media on canvas  
80x114

This work serves as the continuation of a larger, ongoing project focused on the exploration of the essence and quality of memory. Specifically, the memories caused by life altering events beyond our control, such as war. These are often characterized by their sudden and inexplicable nature and tend to usurp the comfort of everyday living and routine, pushing the survivors into a state of insecurity and instability. The traumatic quality of these events is further magnified and acquires an almost surreal aspect when experienced from the innocent and naïve perspective of a child.

This chapter of the above exploration is based on a rare, botanical event known as a “Super Bloom”, where a barren environment is blanketed by swathes of wildflowers, whose seeds had laid dormant beneath the dry soil for years, until they were awakened by excessive and intense rainfall. The desolate desert landscapes tend to produce flowers that bloom briefly – but in abundance.

When it comes to memories, it appears that the common notion is only partly true; they may appear forgotten or hidden away, but they are never really gone. Much like the dormant wildflower seeds, when the conditions are just right, they too can bloom again.

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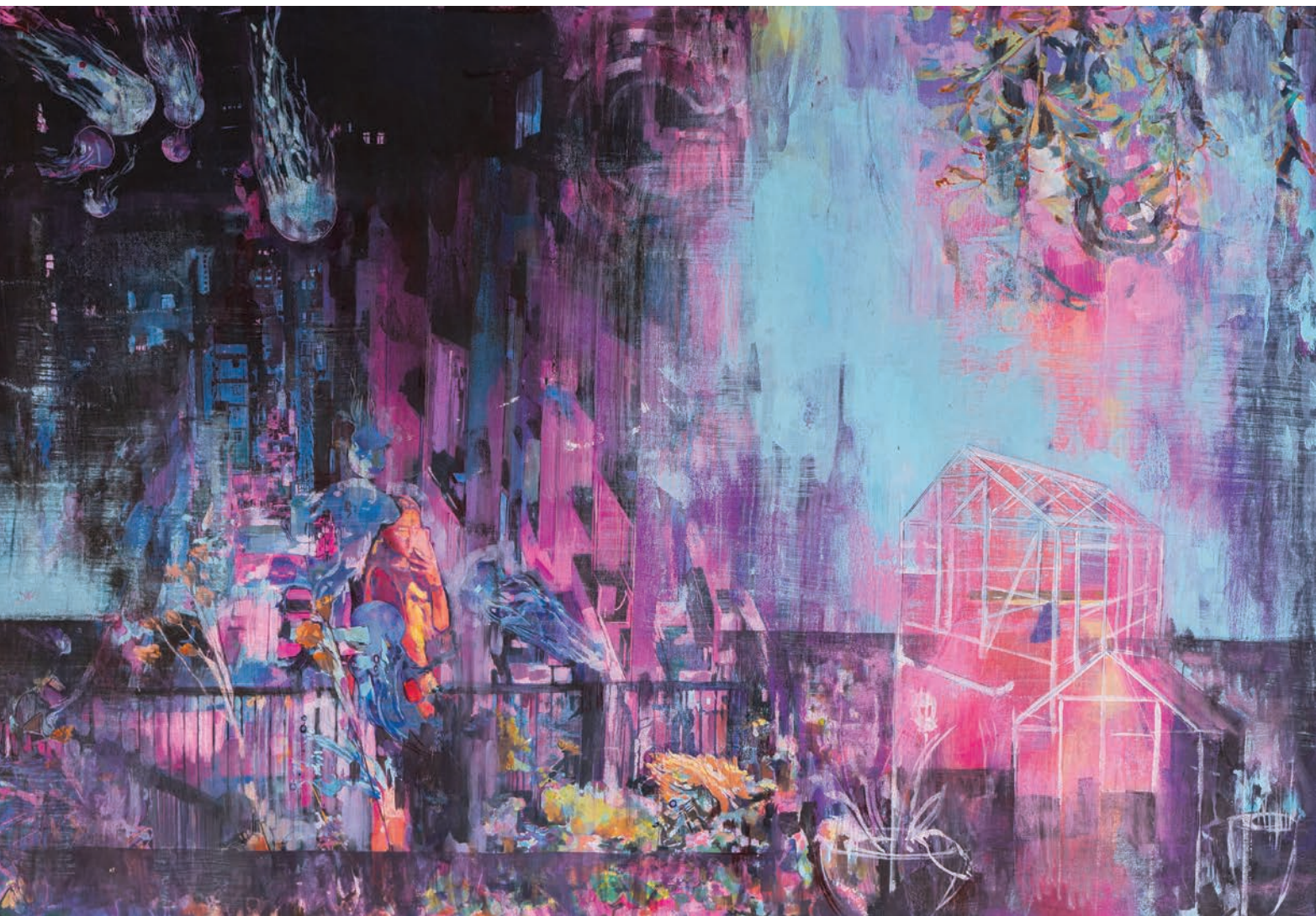
*A Superbloom*  
mixed media on canvas  
120x173





*A Caged Garden*  
mixed media on canvas  
110x165





*Night Creatures*  
mixed media on canvas  
80x120





*Such a Fine Day*  
mixed media on canvas  
80x110





*Greenhouse II*  
mixed media on canvas  
82x82





*Greenhouse III*  
mixed media on canvas  
82x82





*Enjoy*  
mixed media on canvas  
83x60



*This Must be the Place*  
mixed media on canvas  
83x60







*A Cage within a Cage*  
mixed media on canvas  
72x52



*Piece of Superbloom*  
mixed media on canvas  
72x52







*Three Yellow Cabins*  
mixed media on canvas  
57x40



*Yellow Cabin*  
mixed media on canvas  
57x40





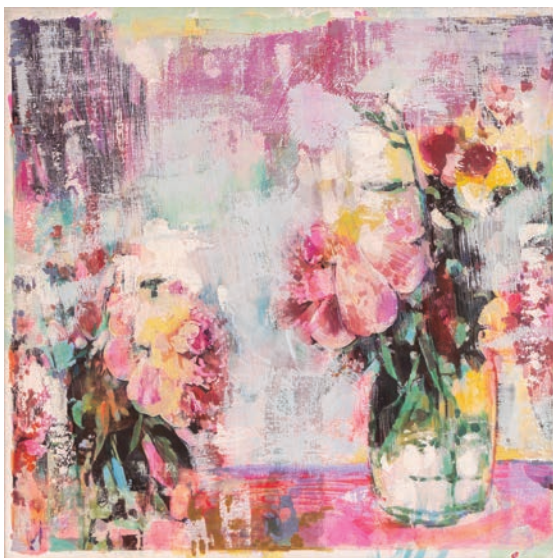
*Red Cabin*  
mixed media on canvas  
57x40





*In a Vase I*  
*In a Vase II*  
*In a Vase III*  
 mixed media on canvas  
 43x43 (each)





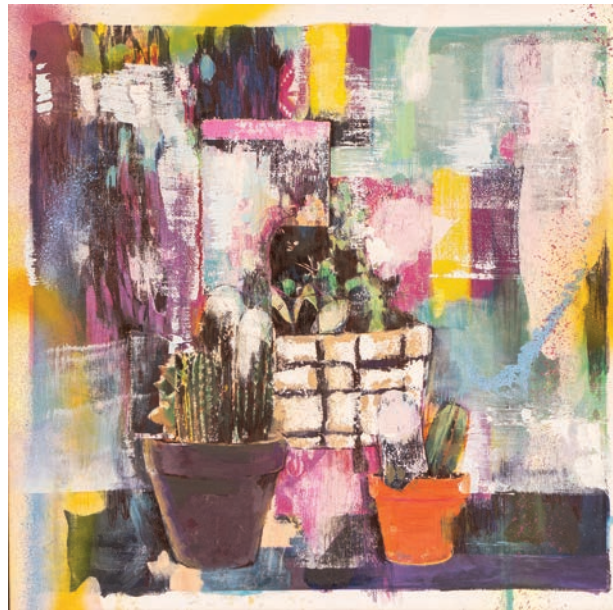
*In a Jar I*  
*In a Jar II*  
mixed media on canvas  
43x43 (each)





*Sharp Garden I*  
*Sharp Garden II*  
 mixed media on canvas  
 40x40 (each)





*Sharp Garden III*  
mixed media on canvas  
40x40





**Ioanna Kythreotou** was born in Larnaca in 1984. She studied Fine Arts at the University of Sunderland in the UK and continued with post graduate studies in Art & Design at the University of Wolverhampton. She lives in Larnaca where she works as an art teacher at the American Academy Larnaca. She has presented her work in various exhibitions in Cyprus, New York and Dubai. Her paintings are in the collections of the Larnaca Municipal Gallery, the Aradippou Town Hall, the Cyprus House (Consulate General of Cyprus) in Manhattan, New York, and the Imago Mundi-Luciano Benetton Collection, Treviso, Italy.

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 *SUPERBLOOM*, Alpha C.K. Art Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2016 *Stories of Dystopian Grandeur*, Apocalypse Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus

## Selected Group Exhibitions (selection)

- 2018 *Larnaca Biennale*, Larnaca, Cyprus
- 2017 *Sender/Recipient*, Cyprus Consulate, New York, USA
- 2017 *World Art Dubai 2017*, Dubai, UAE
- 2016 *9th Annual Exhibition of Young Cypriot Artists*, Akamantis Center, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2016 *Ancient Kition and the Modern Worlds*, Kition Archaeological Site, Larnaca, Cyprus
- 2014 *Change and Exchange*, Omikron Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2013 *Not a Day Without a Line*, Larnaca Municipal Gallery, Larnaca, Cyprus
- 2012 *Project Art: Larnaca – Europe 2012*, Municipal Gallery of Larnaca, Cyprus



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