

The Consulate General of Greece
in New York is pleased to present

KRISTINA WILLIAMSON **ONE YEAR ON KYTHERA**

November 15 - November 30, 2007

Opening Reception
Thursday, November 15th, 2007
6:00 - 8:00 PM



Blue Garage, 2005 © Kristina Williamson

Under the auspices of a J. William Fulbright grant, Williamson spent over one calendar year living and photographing on the Greek island of Kythera. Over the years Kythera has suffered through massive waves of emigration of its people in search of better opportunities abroad. These mass migrations have caused the population of Kythera to drop to a current mid-winter population of 2,500, leaving many villages laden with vacant homes and some completely abandoned. To the remaining Kytherians, these deserted homes and communities stand as visual reminders of a society once unified by tradition now transformed by ambitions of a different life abroad.

"During her residence, Williamson succeeded in approaching most of the different groups which make up Kytherian society. Without ever shedding the essential identity of outside observer, she was easily accepted by these groups and hence able to record, with discretion but also considerable empathy, both private and public moments of their lives. Her photographs, imbued with humour and tenderness, compose a beguiling mosaic of Kytherian society."

John Stathatos

Photographer; Director, Kythera Photographic Encounters

One Year on Kythera is a contemporary look into the lives of those who have chosen to remain on the island, and those now discovering it as their new home. It is a visual narrative of the interactions between tradition and modernization as imprinted within the daily activities of village families, their homes, possessions and surrounding environments.

"Few young artists have the depth of artistic vision that informs Ms. Williamson's photography. Her images are complex and sophisticated psychological essays. Her photographic record of island life and society are a study crucial to its history and serve as comparison in determining both the changes and the survival of the island's social and geographic landscapes."

Artemis Zenetou,

Executive Director, Fulbright Foundation - Greece

We invite you to join the artist for an opening reception on Thursday November 15th, 2007 and celebrate the debut of this work in New York.

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Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-2:30 PM, Tuesday and Thursday 9-3:00 PM