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## Art in the shadows

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Taking the lead in the island's shadow sculpture creations is artist Simoni Symeonidou with her fourth solo exhibition. Presenting shadow sculptures, with her ideas revolving around the human as an entity and their shadow as their substance, her latest exhibition shows the artist's continuous effort to develop the craft.

Through existential worries and exploration of emotions, human relations and inner searching, the artist does not set questions, nor does she suggest the answers, rather she shares the realisation of how similar and dissimilar we all are.

"Because we are humans. Round, curved humans. And that means that we have infinite sides," she comments on the topic.

This form of art is certainly unique in its kind and not something the Cypriot public has had the chance to see very often. Shining light on a sculpture that might seem shapeless, yet its shadow creates the art.

That is the beauty and trick of the shadow sculpture creations that Simoni works on. It is an innovative technique in the Cypriot art scene and she is perhaps the only Cypriot artist applying it.

Innovating and constantly enriching her projects, in this exhibition the artist and the sculpture not only change meaning but form too as Simoni manages to portray a witch having the shadow of a fairy, and trees and flowers with human shaped shadows.

Playing visual games with the mind, witnessing this rare yet impressive art form is something both adults and young art lovers can appreciate, bringing art closer to younger generations as well.

The title 'Vice Versa' is a universally known Latin phrase which indicates that a statement is equally true when its subject and object are switched. With this title the artist wants to declare the truth within the work on both its sides: the sculpture and the shadow.

Simoni likes to avoid the usual exhibition spaces and has chosen a venue that implements the same concept as her pieces; giving a second chance and alternative vision. A restaurant in the heart of Nicosia, which was closed for many years, changes identity and from November 5 until 30, will host the exhibition.

The Mayor of Nicosia Constantinos Yiorkadjis will open the exhibition on December 5 at 7pm. Between this exhibition and the artist's last one four years ago, Simoni has been active in in group exhibitions in Cyprus and abroad, while currently she is part of Larnaca Biennale 2018 with her work 'Naked shadow' being displayed at the Larnaca Municipal Gallery.

### Vice Versa

Solo sculpture exhibition December 5-20. Mitsi Building, 1 Stasinou Avenue, Nicosia. Monday-Friday: 5pm-10pm/Saturday-Sunday: 10am-1pm and 5pm-10pm. Opening night 7pm.