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EXPOSED: A SECRET GARDEN
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International artist Ana Tzarev, whose sole global representative is the Ana Tzarev Gallery, one of New York's most popular galleries, is in Istanbul for the opening of her exhibition *Exposed: A Secret Garden* at santralistanbul. The exhibition will be on view between November 23rd - December 28th at the Main Gallery of santralistanbul. The exhibition will debut 40 of Ana Tzarev's newest paintings for the first time.

"In many respects Ana Tzarev's attitude is closer to that of Matisse... [she] is a dynamic and visionary painter because she has a constant desire to get it all down, to recreate what she encounters in her own visual language... Her work reverts in spirit to an earlier and more heroic time. "

Edward Lucie-Smith

Ana Tzarev, whose paintings recall the works of post-impressionist and modern masters, has her solo exhibition at **santralistanbul** between November 23rd and December 28th.

The exhibition features the Croatian-born artist's most vivid, energetic and colorful works. Flowers are the main focus in her paintings, indicating her lifelong passion for them.

Tzarev, whose work is held in collections throughout the world from Europe to Australia, is greatly inspired by Hawaiian, Japanese and African cultures and arts. Her work reflects her in depth knowledge regarding the cultural history of these diverse lands: *"My paintings tell stories rich in the diversity, customs and traditions that shaped civilization throughout time. I document today's culture for future generations so that they can look back with pride on their own heritage and also appreciate the many different cultures that enrich the world."*

With studios in both Monaco and Thailand, the artist Ana Tzarev - who started painting later in life similar to great artists like Gauguin and Van Gogh - is visiting Turkey for the first time: *"I have always wanted to have an exhibition in Istanbul and now I feel very proud that **Exposed: A Secret Garden** is held here. I grew up listening to the stories my father told, who was a devotee to Ataturk. Having my exhibition in Istanbul is very close to my heart."*

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A designer of textiles previously, she traveled the world while she was working with her husband creating the department stores in New Zealand. As she was collecting items for the department store all around the world, she was able to experience many cultures and fell in love with the richness and uniquely beautiful art forms each had.

A workshop for 30 school children will also take place at **santralistanbul** in conjunction with Ana Tzarev's visit on the 21st November, prior to the opening of the exhibition. The children will get a chance to work with the artist, creating their own secret garden. The artwork from the children will then be on exhibition at the Ana Tzarev Gallery in New York in 2012.

After Istanbul, Ana Tzarev's **Exposed: A Secret Garden** exhibition will travel to two more venues in 2012, one at Cite Internationale des Arts in Paris and the other at the Saatchi Gallery in London.

About the artist:

Ana Tzarev was born in Croatia in 1937 surrounded by the inspiring presence of Renaissance art and the heritage of centuries of deeply rooted culture. Her work reveals her formal, classical education and a natural empathy for the dispossessed. A true original, Ana Tzarev has taken a new approach to painting, bringing a freshness and vitality to her canvasses seldom seen in the art world today. Her unique new style builds lush sculptural surfaces that give the total experience of the artist being in the moment, Tzarev has exhibited worldwide and was one of the international artists selected to design a portion of the Hanoi Ceramic Mural in 2009, the world's largest ceramic mural. The paintings on which her Wall design was based were featured in a solo exhibition in October 2010 at the Vietnam Fine Arts Museum as part of the city's Millennium celebration.

The State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg held a solo exhibition in July 2011, consisting of 52 of Tzarev's well-known floral paintings, spanning 11 years of the artist's career, to coincide with their famous "White Nights" festival. Another exhibition held in 2011 includes the Gildo Pastor Centre in Monaco. She holds to a disciplined schedule of painting every day.

Visiting:

santralistanbul exhibitions and the Museum of Energy are open to visitors daily, except Mondays, between 10.00-18.00 on weekdays and 10.00-20.00 on weekends. Admission details about the exhibitions at **santralistanbul** and the Museum of Energy may be reached through **HYPERLINK** "<http://www.santralistanbul.org>" www.santralistanbul.org.

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