



Press Release

Painting Exhibition 'Apotipomata' 2011 – Special Olympics at the Vorres Museum with the support of OTE and COSMOTE

Athens, 5 May 2011 – With OTE and COSMOTE as its main sponsors, once again proving their concern for vulnerable social groups, and aiming at disseminating the concept that being different is nothing less than human nature itself, the Vorres Museum is opening its doors to the public for the Painting Exhibition 'Apotipomata' 2011 – Special Olympics.

The exhibition is an initiative of the Association of Social Responsibility for Children and Youth – SKEP, in cooperation with the Vorres Museum, and is carried out under the auspices of His Excellency the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Karolos Papoulias.

The Exhibition will present paintings drawn by children and young people with special educational needs and mental disability in cooperation with pupils and students from general education institutions.

1,600 young people from 64 special education schools, social bodies and general education schools, have created together 700 paintings.

By painting all together, without discrimination, the children come closer and discover that diversity is a common factor for all, without it being an obstacle in creating relationships, while through this creative process they can build relationships based on understanding, respect and acceptance.

The Exhibition 'Apotipomata' 2011 – Special Olympics is organised in cooperation with the Organising Committee of the Special Olympics World Summer Games ATHENS 2011. The exhibition opens on Friday 6 May 2011 and will run until Friday 13 May, with free admission to the public. All the proceeds from the sales of the paintings will be given exclusively to the participating special schools and social bodies.

Regarding SKEP

The Association of Social Responsibility for Children and Youth – SKEP is a non-profit organisation that was founded in 2008 with the purpose of using Art as a means of giving voice to sensitive groups of young people and, at the same time, raising the awareness of young people not facing similar problems.

SKEP acts as a communication platform, connecting those youths with disabilities and young people living under adverse living conditions (from special education schools – social bodies – foundations) along with general education students, who rarely have the opportunity to share together experiences, opinions, emotions and ideas.