

Press Release

“Lead the Way,” a solo exhibition of drawings and paintings by Sebastian Boulter at **FokiaNou Art Space**

Opening: Thursday, 9 May 2019, 19.00

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Socrates:

Let us turn aside here and go along the Ilisos; then we can sit down quietly wherever we please.

Phaedrus:

I am fortunate, it seems, in being barefoot; you are so always. It is easiest then for us to go along the brook with our feet in the water, and it is not unpleasant, especially at this time of the year and the day.

Socrates:

Lead on then, and look out for a good place where we may sit.

Phaedrus:

Do you see that very tall plane tree?

Socrates:

What of it?

Phaedrus:

There is shade there and a moderate breeze and grass to sit on, or, if we like, to lie down on.

Socrates:

Lead the way.

Plato, Phaedrus, [229a] – [229d]

FokiaNou Art Space is pleased to present the work of **Sebastian Boulter**, an Athens-based painter from Finland whose work often refers to environmental issues. He is interested in manipulated landscapes by human beings and other traces and tracks that humans leave behind them in nature. This exhibition of a series of drawings and paintings takes as its subject the river Ilisos, from the area between Kaisariani and Kallithea. Although this part of the river has been covered, that does not preclude one from having a philosophical discussion with a friend next to the river.

Boulter holds a Master degree in painting from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of Brussels, Belgium. In Athens for the past year he has worked in the Finnish Institute at Athens as a curator of fine art events and has been involved in cultural exchange between Finland and Greece. The exhibition has been organized in collaboration between FokiaNou Art Space and the Finnish Institute at Athens, with a financial support from VISEK (Centre for the Promotion of Visual Art).