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### Exhibition

#### A tribute to a pioneer

NEARLY two years ago the island lost one of its great artists, Glyn Hughes, but an exhibition opening on Friday at the **Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre** will introduce his artwork to new generations and remind older ones of what he achieved.

Hughes, from Wales, studied art at Bretton Hall in Yorkshire and came to Cyprus in 1956. He first worked at the Junior School as an arts teacher.

Few artists have left such a mark on the local art scene as Hughes. His character, like his art work, was full of intensity and colour. He made sure he was involved in anything of interest to him happening on the island and he is considered a pioneer of abstract expressionism in Cyprus.

In 1960 he founded the first gallery in Cyprus, the Apophysis Gallery, with Christoforos Savva at a time when the country had just thrown off British rule and was trying to make a new start. This was a place where people could collect their thoughts, concentrate on their visions and create in a peaceful environ-

ment for the first time.

Hughes then went on to create Synergy, a combination of a conceptual and environmental art event, held annually until 1974.

The current exhibition examines the various aspects of the artistic personality of Hughes from 1931, when he was born, until his death, and presents, besides important works – paintings, costumes and set designs –, extensive archival material as well as many accounts of people who got to know him during his career.

Hughes' personal art collection will also be exhibited as well as all his articles that were published both in *The Cyprus Mail* and *Cyprus Weekly*.

The exhibition *Glyn Hughes 1931-2014* is organised by the arts centre, together with the Pierides Foundation and the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture, and in collaboration with the Glyn Hughes foundation. It is curated by Yiannis Toumazis.

The exhibition will be opened by president Nicos Anastasiades at 7pm.

#### Glyn Hughes 1931-2014

Retrospective exhibition of works by Glyn Hughes. Opens May 27 at 7pm until September 6. The **Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre**. Tuesday-Saturday: 10am-9pm. Tel: 22-797400

