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Looking In, Sculpture: wood, wire, water clay, and light installation by Eleni Giannopoulou

Eleni Giannopoulou was born and raised in Thessaloniki, Greece, in a non-art related family. She moved to Florence, Italy in the age of 18 in search of art education, where she studied in The Angel Academy of Art. She is currently completing her MFA in the New York Academy of Art while living and working in New York City (New York USA).

Her general focus is turned to people's stories and the relationship that she forms with them. Social issues are happening before her eyes and she has the need to be involved as part of this world. Volunteering in refugee camps in Greece changed a lot in the way she sees art, and her meeting with those people and their experiences led her mind closer to the works she wanted to create. In the meantime, returning to Greece and witnessing her country's degradation daily and around her made her start a series of the people that we face unwillingly and with fear, that we consider them outsiders and we choose to believe that they do not belong. Living in today's New York City kept fueling this body of work which eventually lead to a series of sculptured and painted installations in which *Looking In* belongs. In her current work, she is thinking of immigration, loneliness, privacy, voyeurism, and the desensitization of the city, while using materials found in the streets of New York.

Work can be viewed on her website: https://www.instagram.com/eleni__giannopoulou/.

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