



MIXED MEDIA ANGLES

Beyond the frame

Athens-based Canadian photographer/fine artist Chris Stewart adds a new dimension to photography

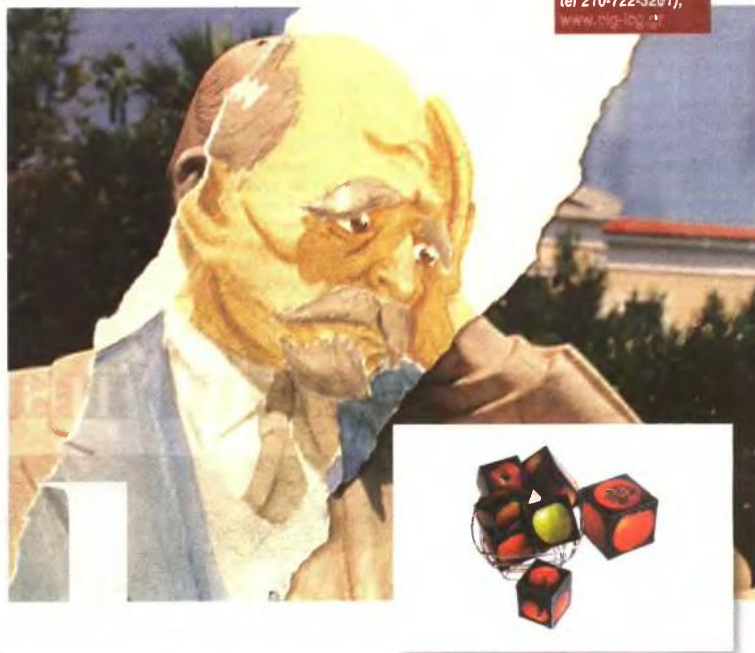
TAKING snapshots to another level, the *Senses* show has been a long time coming for recent Athens resident Chris Stewart. "I would often see people looking at my photographs, going, 'Well, all you did was go up to this flower and click!'," says Stewart about his move from conventional imagery to the more adventurous mixed-media realm. "Any professional will tell you there's a lot more to it than that, so I decided to take photography out of this simplicity and go from a rectangle that hangs on the wall to something a lot more unexpected!"

He started as a studio animator in Toronto, but a series of subsequent moves owing to his wife's professional obligations gave Stewart the push he'd always needed to take his art on the road. "It had been in the back of my mind for a while and relocating was a good opportunity to explore new paths," he notes.

While still working as an animator, Stewart had started up another pet project, called www.candycritic.org, where he reviewed

candy from around the world. This turned out to be a runaway online success and yet another reason to hone his visual skills, as photographing the treats he sampled was mandatory. That and the still photography required to add texture in 3D animation helped him reinvent himself as a photographer and later on as a fine artist. Moving away from snapshots of reality meant his work didn't just taunt people's vision but prompted all five senses - including taste - which lent their name to his first Athens-based solo show. "It was the candy photography - people always told me they'd get hungry just looking at the work!" You can expect to see painting interventions on traditional photographs, quirky photo collages and some yummy candy-inspired art.

Never forgetting it was his professional training that eventually led him to fine art, Stewart had been looking for a way to give something back and the Canadian Institute in Greece finally provided the means. Part of the proceeds from the *Senses* show will go towards the Institute's library in recognition of the role it has played in culture and education. As for the Candy Critic site, you'll be pleased to know it now features a vast array of local icecream and candy Stewart has sampled during his Athens stay, although he keeps his candy intake to a bare minimum since his continuing success means his future will never be entirely sugar-free.



Senses by Chris Stewart will open on December 7 at the Canadian Institute in Greece (7 Dionysiou Eginitou St. Ilisia, tel 210-722-3201), www.mcf.gr

new entries

MUSIC

■ **Monsieur Minimal** After successfully opening for Moby, Monsieur Minimal returns to his old stomping ground, Floral Cafe, to celebrate some of his best-loved tracks from sophomore LP *Pasta Flora* and to offer a taste of his English-language debut that's expected to come out in early 2012 - December 3 at Floral Cafe (80 Themistokleous St, Exarcheia, tel 210-380-0070). Entrance at 7 euros, www.floralcafe.gr

ART

■ **After the Rage** Group video art show *After the Rage* features 12 artists representative of the so-called Arab Spring in search of the symbolic dimensions of the new structure of Middle Eastern societies imposed by massive population mobilisations. The exhibition is organised by Lo and Behold and curated by Yorgos Papadatos - December 8-14 at Beton7 (7 Pynas St, Votanikos, tel 210-751-2625, www.beton7.com). Opening hours: Mon - Fri 2.30-8.30pm; Sat 2-6pm.

SEMINAR

■ **Introduction to the Art of Photography** Photography theoretician Platon Rivellis will be teaching a two-day seminar (in English) touching upon issues of creative photography and technique over artistic result, aiming to enable participants to develop criteria for the evaluation, appreciation and enjoyment of photography - December 10 & 11 at the Hellenic American Union, (22 Massalias St, Kolonaki, www.hau.gr). Contact George Baniokos at 210-368-0071, 210-368-0052. Course fee: 250 euros

also running

THEATRE

- **Cinderella on Ice - December 2-4** at the Badminton Theatre (Goudi, tel 211-101-0000, www.badmintontheater.gr). Tickets at 24-46 euros (students half price) from www.ticketnet.gr, www.viva.gr, 210-884-0600, Metropolis musicshops, Public bookshops
- **The Biggest Treasure in the World - till December** at the M Cacoymnis Foundation (206 Pireos St, Tavros, tel 210-341-8550). Sundays at 12pm, tickets at 10 euros.
- **Amadeus - till December** at the Vretania Theatre (7 Panepistimiou St, Athens, tel 210-322-1579). Tickets: 16-25 euros
- **Black Image Theatre of Prague - December 16-18** at the Badminton Theatre (Goudi, tel 211-101-0000, www.badmintontheater.gr). Tickets range from 15 to 35 euros www.ticketnet.gr, www.viva.gr, Metropolis and Public multimedia stores.
- **La Chunga - till December 30** at Epi Kolono (cnr 12 Nafpliou and 94 Lenorman sts, Kolonos, tel 210-513-8067, www.epikolono.gr). Open: Thu-Sat 9.15pm, Sun 7.15pm, Sat 6.15pm. Tickets 22 euros, 18 euros, Thu & Sat aft: 18 euros, 15 euros
- **World's End - till January 8** at the Rouf Theatre (cnr 10 Konstantinoupoleos and Andronikou sts, Gazi, tel 210-383-7191, www.urbn-theat.com). Tickets at 15 euros (students 12 euros)
- **Tuesday, at the supermarket - till January 8** at the Ex Machina Theatre (13 Akadimou St, Keramikos, tel 210-523-1131, www.syn-epi.com). Entrance at 15-20 euros
- **When Nietzsche Wept - till January 22** at Likofoi Theatre (7 Tournavitou St, Thiseio, tel 210-325-5444). Tickets at 39 Panepistimiou St, at 210-723-4567 and www.ticketservices.gr
- **Birdy - Now showing** at Altera Pars (123 M Alexandrou

- St, Kerameikos, tel 210-341-0011, www.AlteraPars.gr. Tickets: 18 euros (students 10 euros)
- **Ivan and the Dogs - Now showing** at the Proskino theatre (8 Kapnikoptirou St, Athens, tel 210-825-2242). Tickets at 15 euros
- **Marx at Soho - Every Monday and Tuesday** at Ilisia Theatre (4 Papadilamantopoulou St, Ilisia, tel 210-721-0045). Tickets at 12 euros
- **Red by John Logan - Now showing** at the Dimitris Horn Theatre (10 Amerikis St, Kolonaki, tel 210-361-2500)
- **Pandora's Box - Now showing** at Trionon Theatre (21 Kodrigktonos St, Athens, tel 210-777-7104, www.thiasokarella.weebly.com). Tickets: 12 euros
- **American Buffalo - Now showing** at the Poreia Theatre (3 Trikoron St, Viktoria Sq, tel 210-821-0991, www.poreiatheatre.com)

MUSIC

- **Xarakes Live - December 10** at Gagarin 205 (205 Liosion St, tel 215-540-0888, www.gagarin205.gr). Tickets at 15 euros, doors open at 9pm.
- **Gatsos Tribute featuring Maria Faradouri and Alkinoos Ioanidis - December 14 & 15** at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall (25 Martiou St, Thessaloniki, tel 2310-895-938/9, www.tch.gr). Tickets range from 15 to 50 euros.

SCREENINGS

- **Spanish Film Week - December 8-14** at the Olympion Cinema (10 Aristotelous Square, Thessaloniki, tel 2310-378-404). For further details please visit: www.emb-esp.gr/spanishweekcinema

FESTIVAL

- **New Writers Festival - December 9 & 10** at the Michael

Cacoymnis Foundation (206 Pireos St, Tavros, tel 210-341-8550, www.mcf.gr). Entrance is free.

DANCE

- **6 Degrees Under the Horizon - December 2 - 4** at the M Cacoymnis Foundation (206 Pireos St, Tavros, tel 210-341-8550). Tickets at 15 euros

WORKSHOPS

- **Creative Adult Workshops - December 6 - February 21** at The Cycladic Art Museum (4 Neophytou Douka St, Kolonaki, tel 210-722-8321/3, www.cycladic.org) Tuesdays 6-9pm, participation fee 250 euros.

ART

- **Photography as a Means of Creating or Overthrowing Stereotypes - till December 4** at the Thessaloniki Cultural Centre (108 Vas Olgas Ave, Thessaloniki, tel 2310-295-170). Free admission
- **Rosemonde Bron - Pache - till December 10** at the Titaniou Yiayianios Gallery (44 Vas. Konstantinou Ave, tel 210-729-7644 www.titaniumartgallery.com)
- **Monodrome - till December 11**, Diplareios School (3 Theatre Square St, Psyrri) and the Arts Centre - Eleftherios Venizelos Museum (Eleftherias Park on Vasilissis Sofias Ave) www.athensbiennial.org/AB/monodrome/monodrome.htm
- **The Back Rooms of the Mind - till December 15** at the Benaki Museum, Pireos Annex (138 Pireos Ave, tel 210-345-3111) www.benaki.gr
- **Material Quests - till December 31** at the Benaki Museum Shop, Pireos St Annex, (138 Pireos St, tel 210-345-3111) www.benaki.gr
- **Painting Today - till January 10** at the Athens Megaro Mousikis (cnr Vas Sofias and Kokkaili sts, Athens, 210-728-2333, www.megaron.gr). Entrance at 6 euros.