

**Exhibition of “Saved,” an Artistic Creation by Kaliopi Matheakis Announced**

***First NY Exhibition Hosted in Long Island City***

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Kaliopi Matheakis, creator of the unique galvanized wire 3D artistic creation entitled, “*Saved*” has announced its first public NY exhibition. After an 11-year hiatus, last exhibited in Crete, Greece, on January 4th, 2011, “Saved” is the center of an exhibition hosted by [PR Hair Extensions Salon](https://prhairextensions.com/), located at 27-24 Hoyt Avenue South, Long Island City, NY. The exhibition premiered on January 4, 2022 and it is available for public viewing on Wednesdays and Saturdays through February 5th, 2022, between the hours of 9 AM – 5PM.

“Saved” is one of the works created by [Kaliopi Matheakis](https://www.kaliopimatheakis.com/) out of an inspiration which she attributes to divine. While working the knitted wire in the creation of the 3D image she was thinking about the difficulties of the journey of pregnancy. Rolling and rollicking like the waves being battled by the boat name “Saved” in her creation, she thought about the stormy weather faced in pregnancy.

Upon completion of the inspired work, Ms. Kaliopi Matheakis decided on a goal of exhibiting “Saved” 40 times to represent the 40 weeks of pregnancy. She also decided that any proceeds from exhibitions and or the sale of the proprietary artistic creation would be donated to a non-profit that services women and babies.

Kaliopi Matheakis is an inspired artistically inclined creative who developed the art of wire knitting to honor the traditions of her ancestral Greek heritage. Greek women were expert knitters out of necessity, taking the craft beyond the fundamental into the realm of the artistic. While the men relied on their skill in fashioning galvanized wire to solve repair problems throughout the day.

Born in New York City, Kaliopi Matheakis was brought to Greece at the age of eight. She grew and matured on the legendary island of Crete returning to NYC on an inspiration at the age of twenty-eight. Throughout her schooling in Greece, Kaliopi found a fascination and skill in all things artistic, working with pencils, paints, and clay, she also gravitated to sculpting.

During her time in Greece as she trained for a career in cosmetology with a specialty in hair extension application, Kaliopi continued to perfect the process of artistic wire knitting which she began toying with years earlier. Now settled in New York as the proprietor of a busy salon, Ms. Kaliopi Matheakis has been struck with the inspiration to continue the forty exhibitions of “Saved”.

Kaliopi Matheakis commented during the exhibition announcements, “For me this is a labor of love. I hope others will feel its inspiration. This will be the 4th of the 40th exhibitions of “Saved” that I promised myself would happen. Galleries who wish to exhibit “Saved” in an effort to reach the promised number 40, please contact me. I welcome everyone to visit the exhibition at PR Hair Extensions Salon, at 27-24 Hoyt Avenue South, Long Island City, NY. It premiered on January 4, 2022. Public viewing is on Wednesdays and Saturdays through February 5th, 2022, between the hours of 9 AM – 5PM.”

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