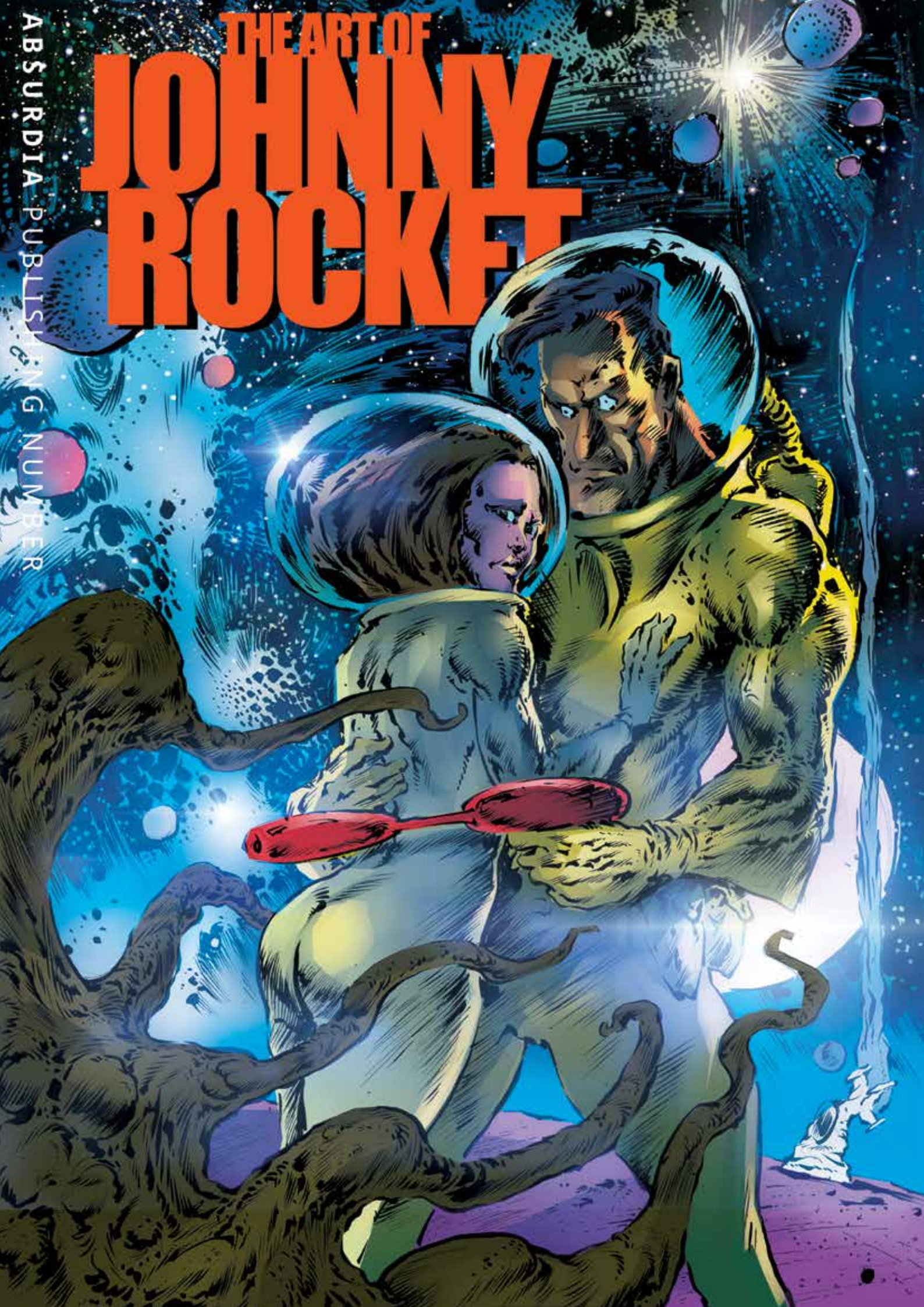


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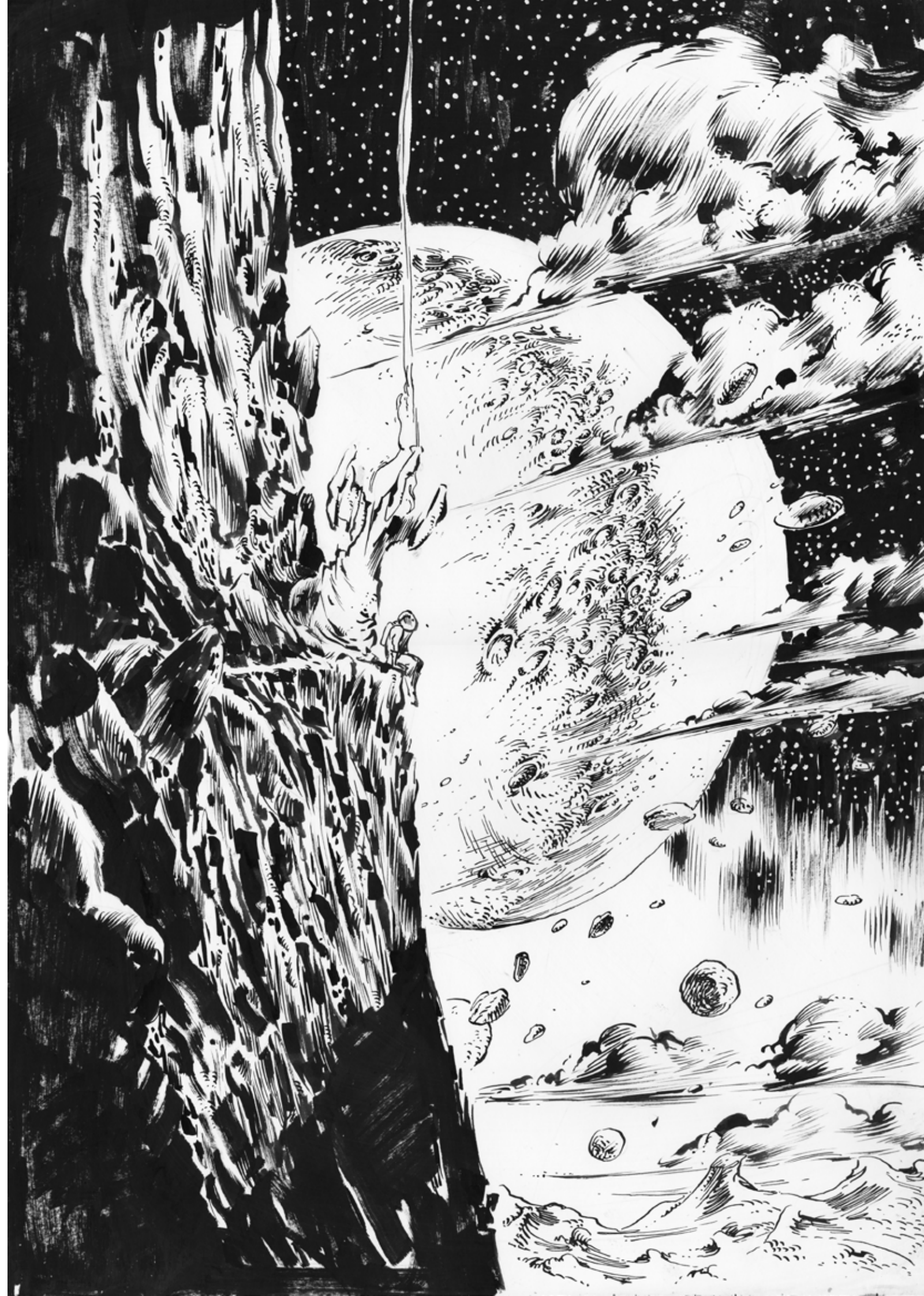








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## BIOGRAPHY

Vassilis Gogtzilas is a comic book artist, painter and illustrator. Best known for The Bigger Bang which he illustrated and co-created with scriptwriter D.J. Kirkbride. As well as for The Adventures of Augusta wind another comic written by J.M. DeMatteis. Both released by IDW Publishing.

His art is characterized by intense experimentation and alternations of technical and design materials through a completely personal expressionistic style that presents melancholic, often fabulous, surreal worlds!

He began publishing in various magazines and newspapers in the city he grew up in Thessaloniki mainly for the newspapers Macedonia, Thessaloniki and Aggelioforos. His work can also be found in the insert magazines of these newspapers such as Epilogos, Sunday. He has been a contributor to Eleutherotypia's comic book magazine 9.

He collaborated by publishing a significant number of comics and covers. He has also illustrated many covers and articles for ATHENS Voice magazine. A collaboration that lasted for almost 10 years.

Since 2007 his comics have been released in America via Image comics in Popgun anthologies and the one shot Mister Universe. The Bigger Bang followed by The Biggest Bang is a comic book series that received great reviews and still stands out as one of the best for 2015 & 2016 from the Den of Geek website. His collaboration with the legendary writer J.M. DeMatteis in The Adventures of Augusta Wind and The Adventures of Augusta Wind: The Last Story continues a series of well distinguished moments in comics.

In 2014 he realized a personal exhibition at Les Yper Yper. Following are personal exhibitions at the Tettix Gallery as well as at the Ro Gallery.

His illustrations were included in TASCHEN's Illustration Now among the most well known illustrators in the world.

## LIST OF WORKS

Born 1978, Thessaloniki, Greece. With studies at AAS College (graphic design). Official membership of the Chamber of Fine Arts of Greece.

### INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Taschen's Illustration Now Vol. 2 (2009).

Official presentation of illustration works.

POPGUN comics anthologies (Vol. 2, 3 + 4) (2007) IMAGE Comics.

MISTER UNIVERSE (one - shot) (2009) IMAGE Comics.

Titmouse Mook Vol. 2 (2010) Titmouse Publishing.

MISERY CITY (2010) MARKOSIA Enterprises

TRANSMETROPOLITAN ALL AROUND THE WORLD (2010) CBLDF Publishing.

THE ADVENTURES OF AUGUSTA WIND (2012) IDW Publishing.

Written by J.M. DeMatteis .

THE BIGGER BANG (2014) IDW Publishing.

Written and co-created by D.J. Kirkbride.

THE ADVENTURES OF AUGUSTA WIND: THE LAST STORY (2015) IDW Publishing.

THE BIGGEST BANG (2016) IDW Publishing.

HOW MY MIND WORKS (2018) The Comics Journal online.

FULL BLEED Vol. 2 (2018) Published by IDW Publishing 's PDX - Wood-works.

Creative director Dirk Wood. 2018.

SPLOARKT! (2021) Spanish edition with selected comics work (Fester entertainment)

HEAVY METAL MAGAZINE #316 (2022) Heavy Metal publishing.

THE EXCAVATOR (2022) Illustrated novella written by J.M. DeMatteis. NeoTextBooks

HOME (2023) Illustrated novella written by Matheson Greene. NeoTextBooks

THE EDWARD GLOOM MYSTERIES (2023) Spellbound comics & SYZGY Publishing. Written by J.M. DeMatteis

YOU WOULD DIE 2 IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU (2023) Insert comic book. 15 Anniversary Edition DVD of It's My Party And I'll Die If I Want to. Written by Tony Wash. A Scotchworthy production.

Vampiress Carmilla #13 (2023) Inside front cover comic. Story by Artie Godwin.

### GREEK PROJECTS

Illustrator and political cartoonist on regular basis for THESSALONIKI and MACEDONIA newspaper (1998 - 2000)

EPILOGES magazine, insert in Macedonia newspaper (1998 - 2007)

SUNDAY magazine, insert in Aggelioforos newspaper (2004 - 2005)

ATHENS Voice magazine (2004 - 2012)

### FREQUENT COLLABORATOR COMICS CREATOR

9 comics magazine (2000 - 2010)

SoComic.gr internet comics platform (2011 - 2016)

Galera magazine (2007)

Epifany Comics magazine (2021 - present)

Mikros Iros Vol. 1 (2023) Tribute to Mikros Iros characters created by Stelios Anemodouras. Mikros Iros Publications.

### PUBLICATIONS

DYNAMITE (comic book series about soccer)

MR. UNIVERSE (2006) Comicworld Editions

MISERY CITY Vol. 1 - 3 (2010 - 2014) Jemma Press

### COMMERCIAL

Collaborations with many ad and creative offices such:

Red Creative (Deniman comic)

Red Fish (Product illustration)

Basis, N-Orasis (Concept art - storyboards)

Paris Koutsikos (National Theatre of Greece)

Jemma Press (Book covers)

Tetragono (Book covers)

### ANIMATION - MOTION GRAPHICS

ET3 TV title sequences (2006) design and direction

2-L-8 music video (2009) design and direction

Stelios Salvador music video (2020) design and direction

### FILM - MUSIC

D.Batistatos - After Dark (CD cover)

Stelios Salvador - Golden Key (LP cover)

Stelios Salvador - Best Of (LP cover)

Rusty Cadillac - My Only Sin (LP cover)

The Interrogation (Film poster)

Directing Hell (DVD cover)

### ART, DESIGN AND ILLUSTRATION LECTURER

AAS College (2005 - 2016) animation and Games design Bachelor courses

AKTO College (2016 - 2022) animation and graphic design courses.

### EXHIBITIONS

Les Yper Yper (2014) personal exhibition

Tettix (2016) personal exhibition

Ro Gallery (2019) personal exhibition



