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Under the Rectorship of Erato Chatzisavva, Associate Professor and Rector of the Athens School of Fine Arts, and the Deanship of Professor Ioannis Messinis, the School will confer the title of Doctor Honoris causa upon Michelangelo Pistoletto, artist and founder of Cittadellarte – Fondazione Pistoletto.

Michelangelo Pistoletto (born in 1933 in Biella, Italy) is one of the most important representatives of Arte Povera and a pioneer in the synthesis of art, society and the environment.

The distinction recognizes Mr. Pistoletto's groundbreaking and enduring contribution to contemporary art, his pivotal role in redefining the relationship between art and society, and his lifelong commitment to artistic research that bridges creativity, ethics, and social transformation. His visionary concept of the Third Paradise and the establishment of Cittadellarte have profoundly influenced the dialogue between art, sustainability, and collective responsibility—values that deeply resonate with the academic and artistic mission of the Athens School of Fine Arts.

The award ceremony will take place in Biella, Italy, on October 29, 2025 (12.00). This award recognizes Michelangelo Pistoletto's outstanding contribution to contemporary art and his pioneering engagement in connecting art with society and the environment.



