

# NIKOS MANESSIS

## Wood Sculptor



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### ARTISTIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wood Sculptor with a personal workshop in Neapolis, Lasithi, Greece (1993 – present)

Specialization in Ecclesiastical Woodcarving (1982 – present)

Woodcarving Workshop “Andravidiotis Brothers” (1981 – 1992)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching at the Woodworking Department, Heraklion (KEDIVIM, University of Thessaly) (2024 – present)

Woodcarving Instructor – Woodcarving School, Holy Metropolis of Petra & Hersonissos (2018 – present)

Private woodcarving lessons across Crete (2018 – present)

Woodcarving Instructor, Chronic Disease Treatment Center of Lasithi (1992 – 1996)

### ARTISTIC PRESENCE

I have participated in numerous group and solo exhibitions of sculpture and woodcarving in Greece and abroad, as well as in symposiums, festivals and public demonstrations. Selected highlights include:

- 2025 – Thessaloniki International Fair (TIF), invited by the Ministry of Culture
- 2025 – Group Exhibition: Osaka, Japan (Organizer: World Wood Day Foundation)
- 2020 – Group Exhibition: Ankara, Turkey
- 2019 – Group Exhibition: Antik Cisterna, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 – Group Exhibition: Genesis Art Gallery, Platanias, Greece
- 2018 – Solo Exhibition: News Beach, Karteros, Greece
- 2014 – Solo Exhibition: Cactus Royal Hotel, Stalida, Greece
- 2013 – Solo Exhibitions: Mirabello Hotel & Cretaquarium, Agios Nikolaos & Gournes, Greece

### ORGANIZATION & PROMOTION OF WOODCARVING ART

Organization and participation in the annual Panhellenic Woodcarving Symposium (2018 – present)

Promotion of the establishment of a Woodcarving Museum within the Region of Crete (2025)

Educational woodcarving YouTube channel (2023 – present)

Transformation of fossilized tree trunks into an open-air sculpture park in Kroussia, Sfakia (2022 – 2023)

### EDUCATION

Athens School of Silversmithing (1986 – 1987)

Diplareios School, Department of Furniture Making – Graduated with distinction (1982 – 1983)

Apprenticeship and employment at the Woodcarving Workshop “Andravidiotis Brothers” (1981 – 1992)