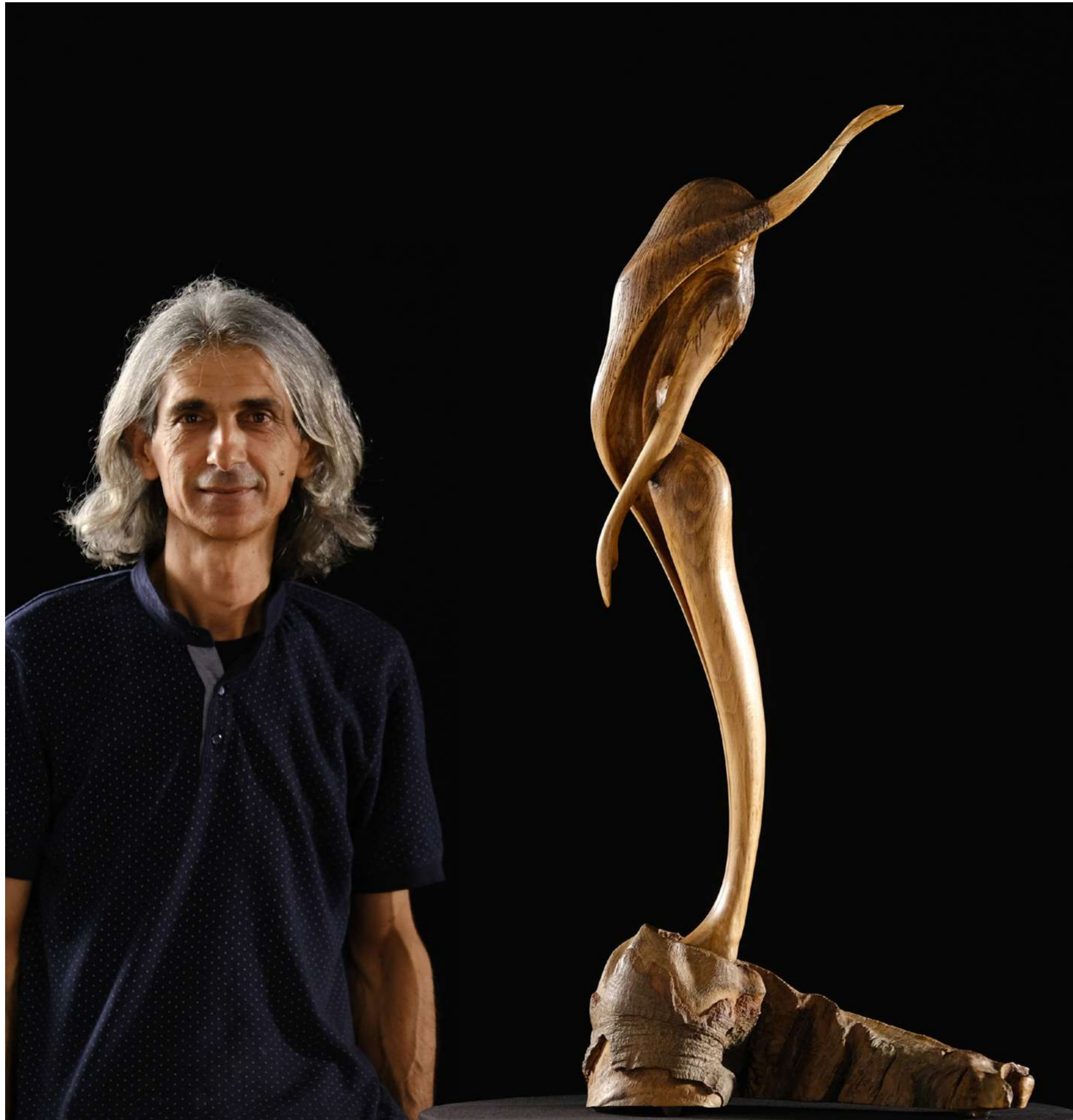




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Ayhan Tomak, born in Antakya in 1970, graduated from Istanbul University in 1993. The artist, who has been a part of the IFAR ART group founded under painter Erol Deneç's leadership in 1995, has produced numerous works in painting and sculpture throughout his 28-year professional art career. In 1995, he held his first exhibition at Istanbul University Ö.K.M. Exhibition Hall, and since then, he has participated in over 50 domestic and international painting and sculpture exhibitions, continuing to showcase his works to audiences and collectors. His artworks can be found in two museums, the Gabon Ministry of Culture Museum and the Eskişehir Wooden Museum, and he collaborates with collectors from many countries. In his works, he blends elements of Anatolian Mythology and the Hellenistic Period with his own interpretation, turning the artwork into a storyteller. During his years in Antakya, he used his knowledge and experience with wood carving in his sculptures and began using wood as a primary material in the 2000s. Ayhan Tomak, an invited participant at domestic and international wood symposiums, has been hosting workshops with individual or group participants since 2009. Currently, he continues to meet with his students at Ayhan Tomak Workshop (in Balat) and his studio (in Çatalca Binkılıç) which is being established as an institute.

Since the beginning of his art career, Ayhan Tomak has worked in various fields including sculpture, painting, functional art, illustration for newspapers and magazines, collections for institutions, and one-of-a-kind designs for TV and film industries. He also acts as an advisor for manufacturing companies on production standards for specialized tools and accessories required for wood carving. Starting from 2020, he has experimented with metal as a material and started creating monumental sculptures.

His first metal monument sculpture project was initiated for the B40 Balkan Cities Network (founded by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu and presided by him, consisting of 23 mayors from 11 Balkan countries). This 6.20-meter-long work, presented by Ayhan Tomak at the request of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, has been on display in B40 Balkan Cities Park since November 2022. Ayhan Tomak, who shares his knowledge with students at esteemed universities such as Boğaziçi University, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, and Istanbul Technical University, is currently working on publishing a book documenting his professional experiences.



# THE TREE OF PEACE

Corten Metal



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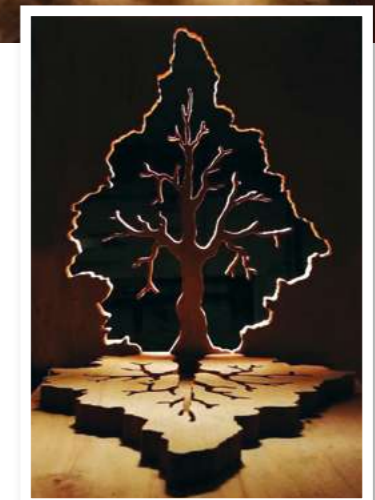
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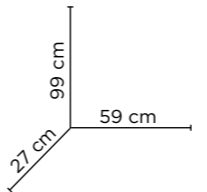
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Beech and Olive Wood

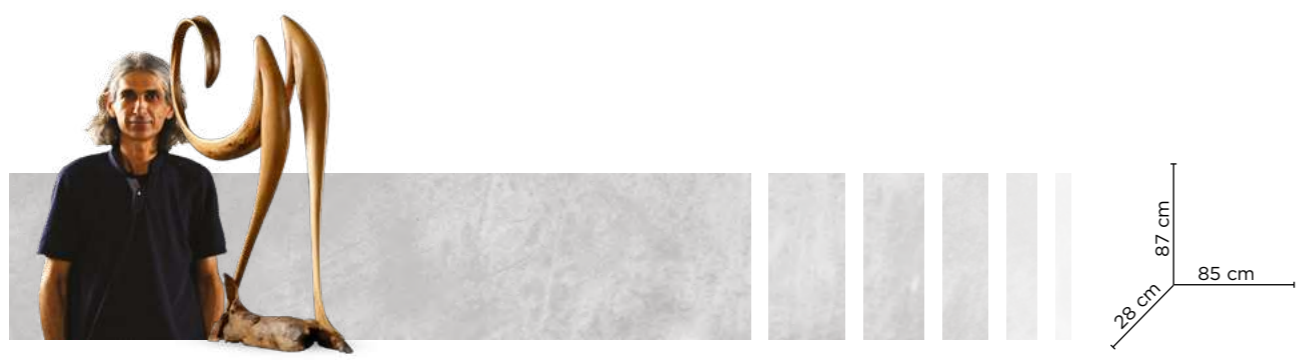


**ENCOUNTERS** / EZEL

Beech, Hornbeam, Oak Wood



**ENCOUNTERS / LA PERA**  
Beech Wood



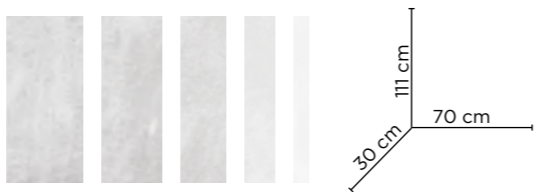
**PROMETHEUS**  
Beech Wood





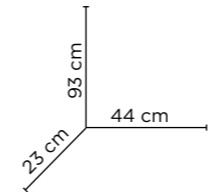
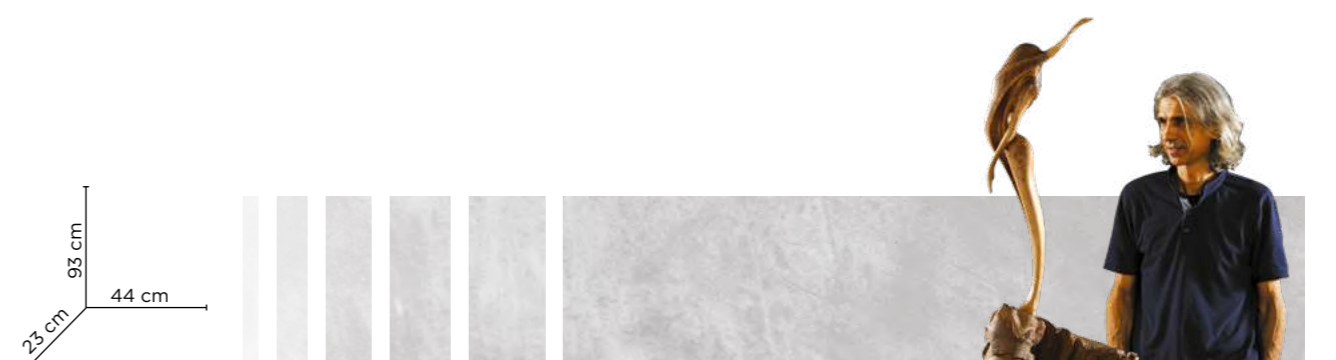
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Beech, Linden, Hornbeam and Oak Wood



# WEATHERCOCK

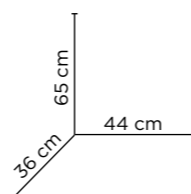
Oak and Beech Wood





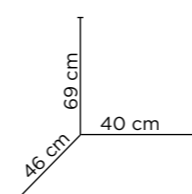
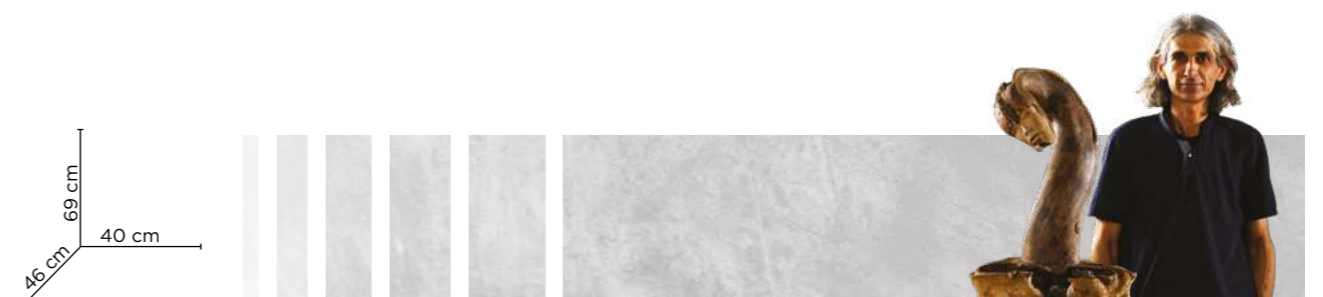
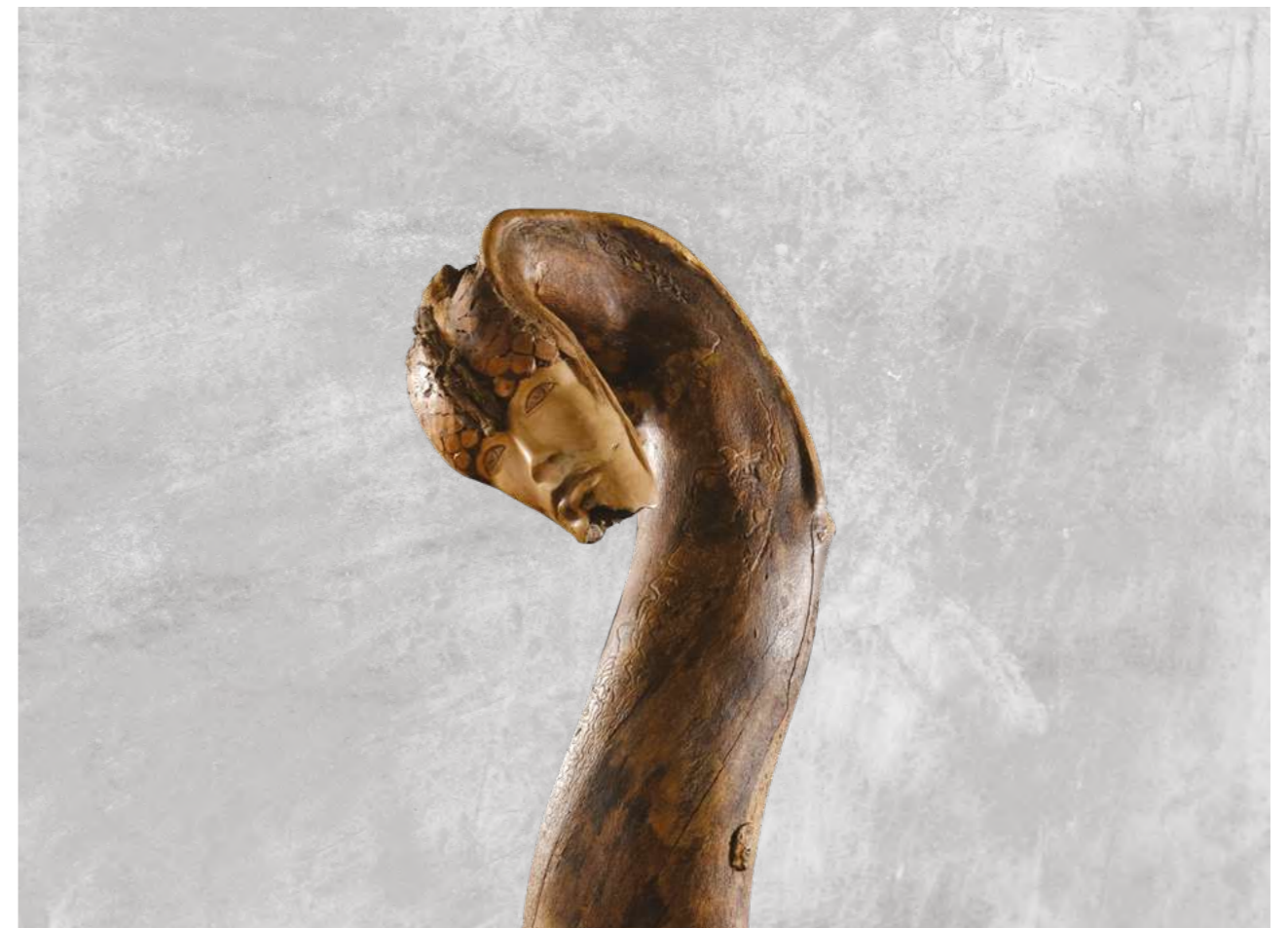
# LUPE

Hornbeam, Beech and Oak Wood



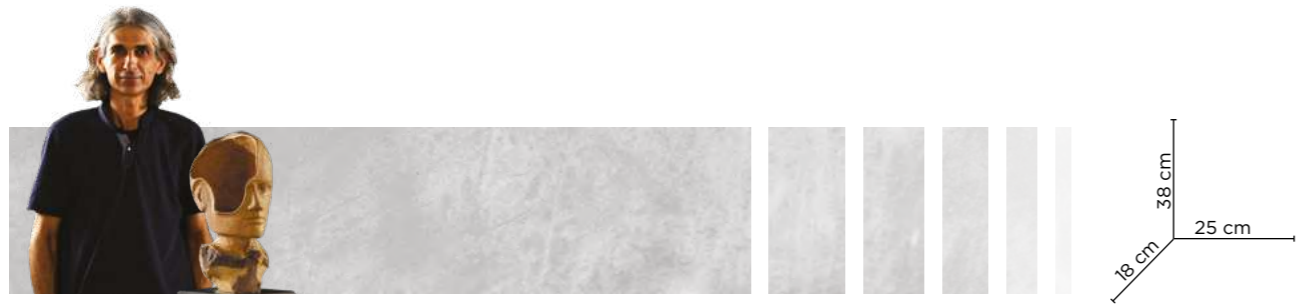
# THE QUEEN OF SNAKES

Beech and Oak Wood

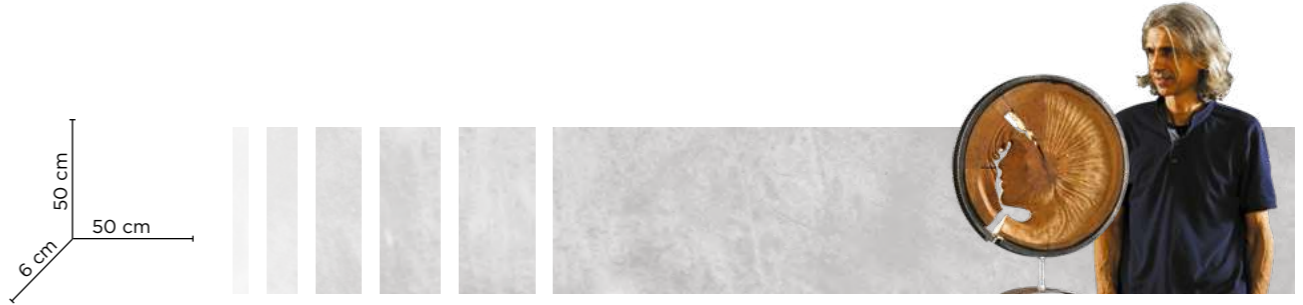




**ANATOMY**  
Alder Wood



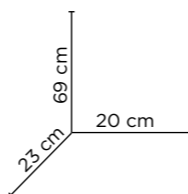
**LUNAR ECLIPSE**  
Beech Wood and Metal





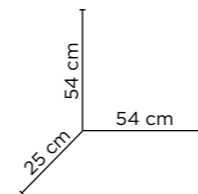
# PENTHESILEA

Linden and Kavlan Wood



# MOMENTS BECOME MEMORIES

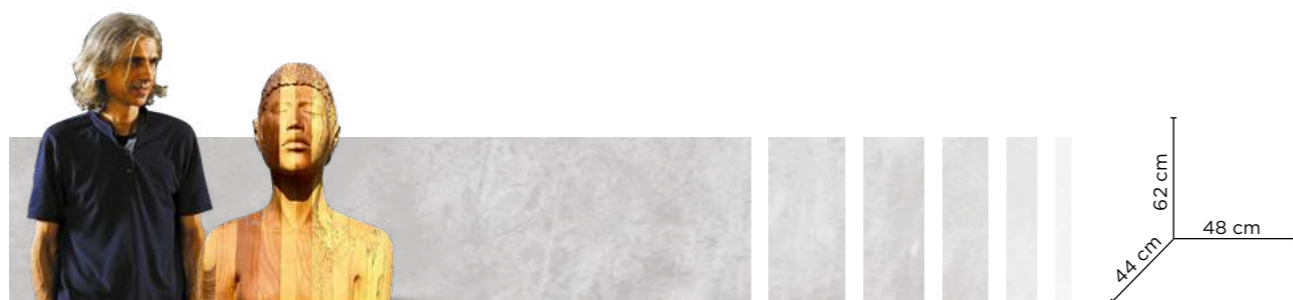
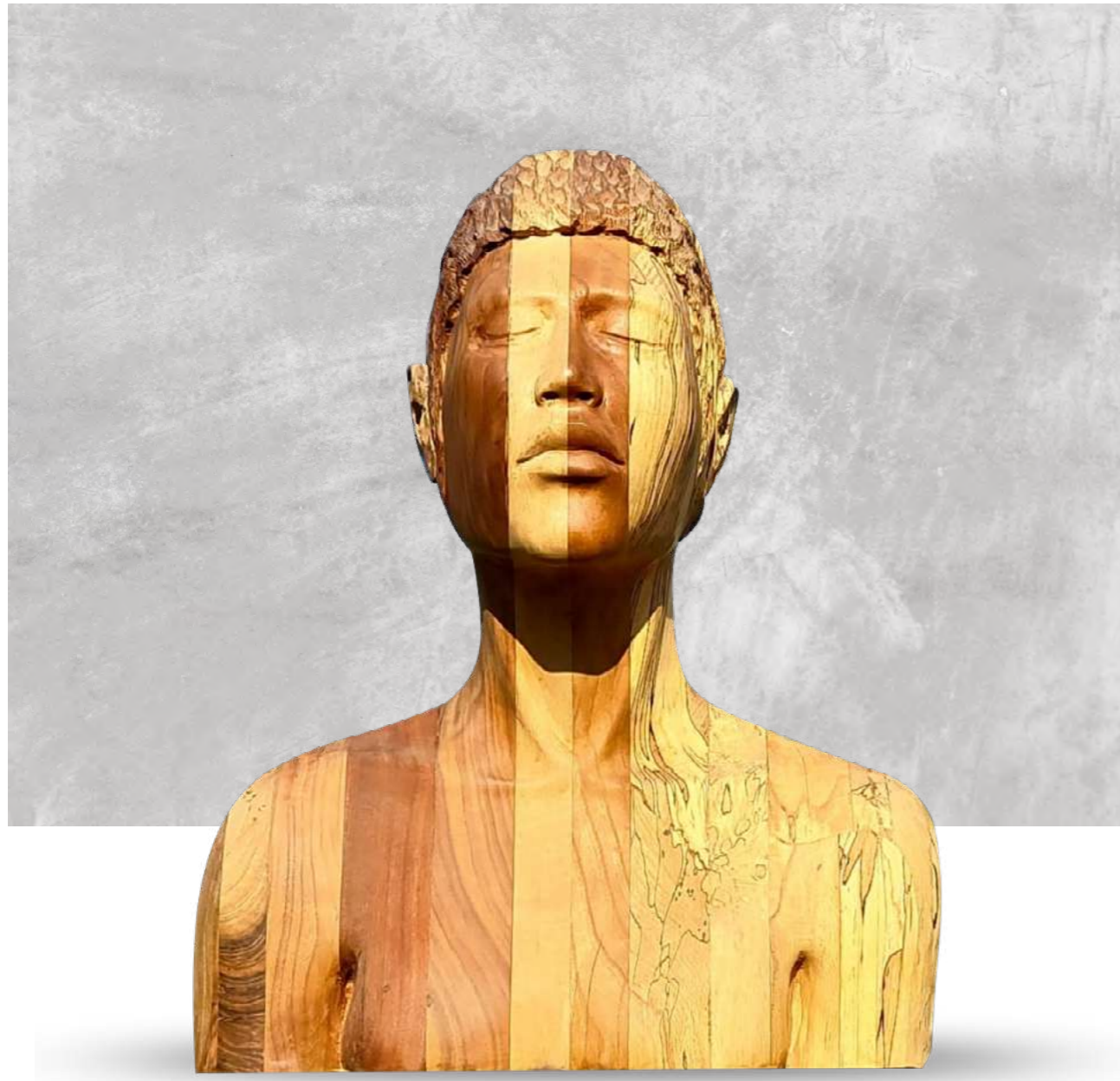
Beech and Linden Wood





# OUR SKIN, OUR COLOR, OUR HARMONY

Walnut, Mahogany, Mulberry and Beech Wood



# HIDDEN LIFE

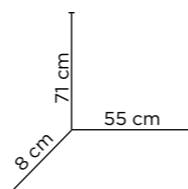
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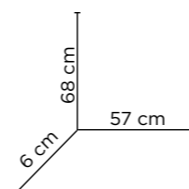
# DREAM

Spruce Wood



# TROIA

Mazel Wood





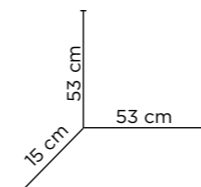
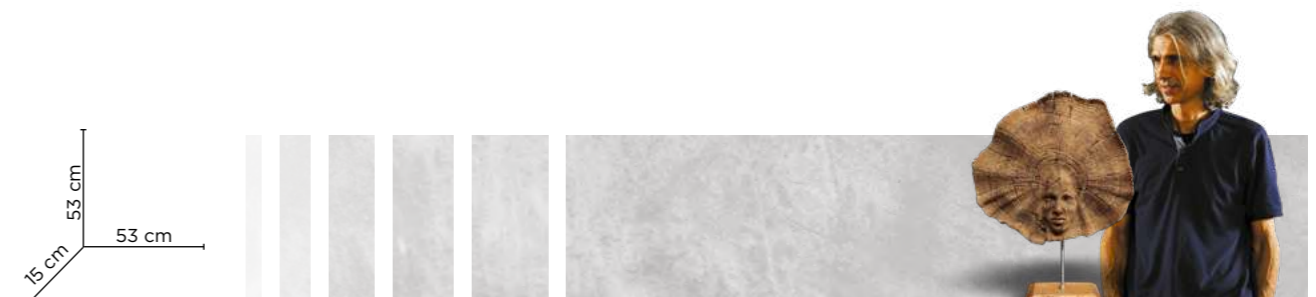
# MEDUSA

Olive Tree



# THE SUN

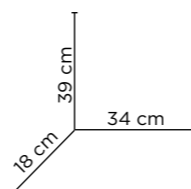
Ash Tree





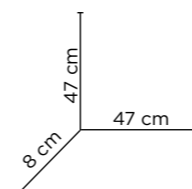
# HYPATIA

Olive and Linden Tree

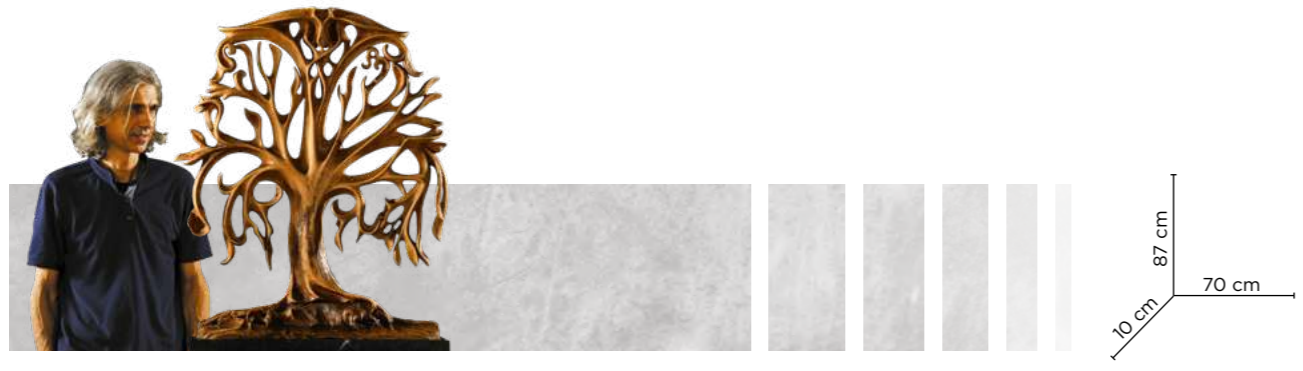


# INNER LOOP

Olive Tree



**TREE OF LIFE / 2012**  
Beech and Oak Wood



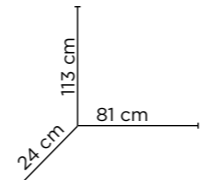
**TREE OF LIFE / TEMPEST**  
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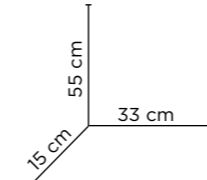
# WISH TREE

Cherry Wood

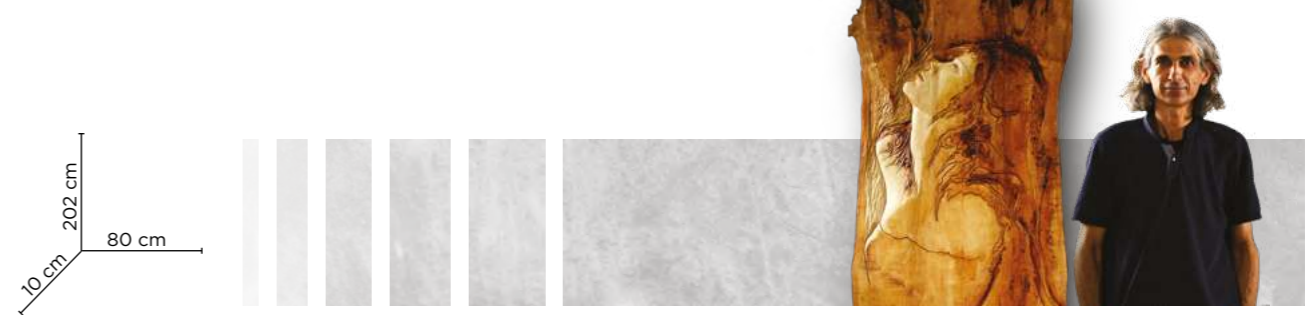
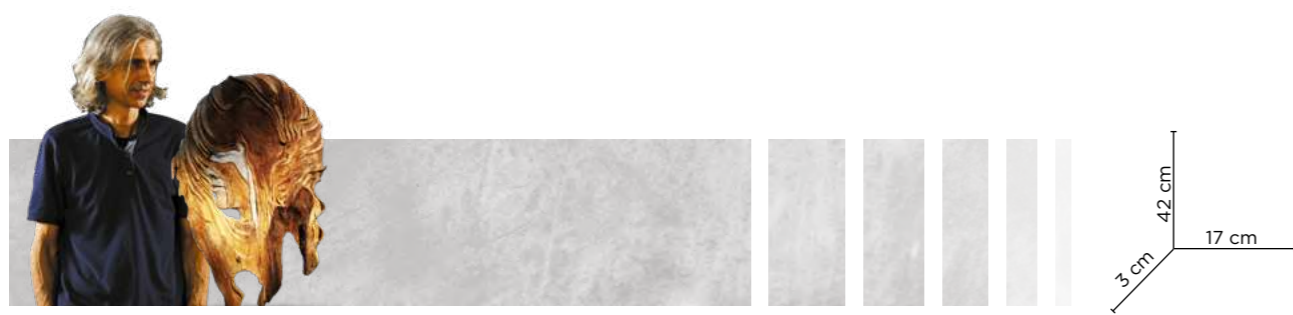


# LOVERS

Cherry Wood









# GAIA

Mirror / Linden and Hornbeam Wood



# ARTEMIS

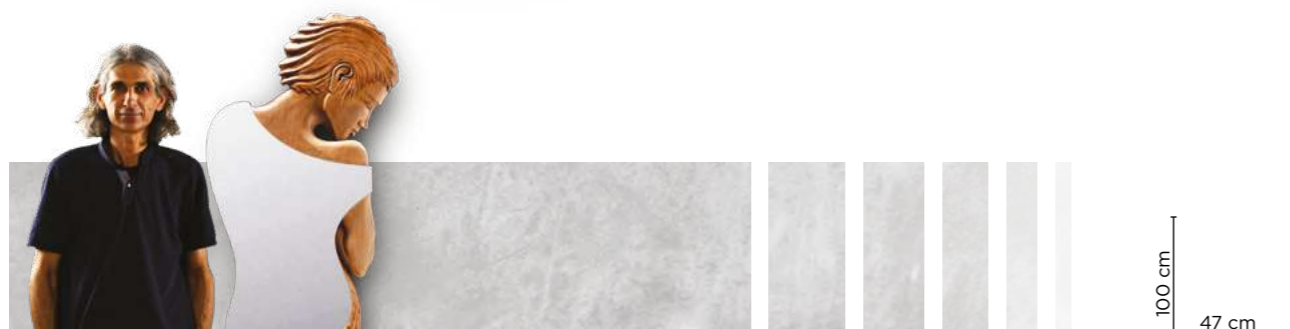
Mirror / Beech and Linden Wood





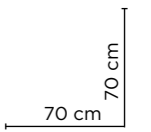
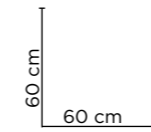
# TYCHE

Mirror / Linden and Hornbeam Wood



# FACE TO FACE

Mirror / Linden and Hornbeam Wood



## EXHIBITIONS

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 Dubai	Middle East Design & Hospitality Week, Dubai World Trade Centre
2020 Istanbul	1st Istanbul Art and Antique Fair, Istanbul Congress Center
2019 Istanbul	20th International Büyükçekmece Culture and Art Festival, "Peace and Life" Sculpture and Design Exhibition, Büyükçekmece AKM
2016 Istanbul	"Reflections from Painting to Sculpture", Key Art Project
2006 Adana	"The Colors of Woman", Adana State Fine Arts Gallery
1999 Bursa	Akbank Art Gallery
1999 Istanbul	Yaşarbank Exhibition Hall
1998 Istanbul	Atatürk Library Exhibition Hall
1997 Istanbul	Dual Painting Exhibition, Yunus Emre Cultural Center
1997 Istanbul	Dual Painting Exhibition "Towards the Dream" Basın Museum Art Gallery

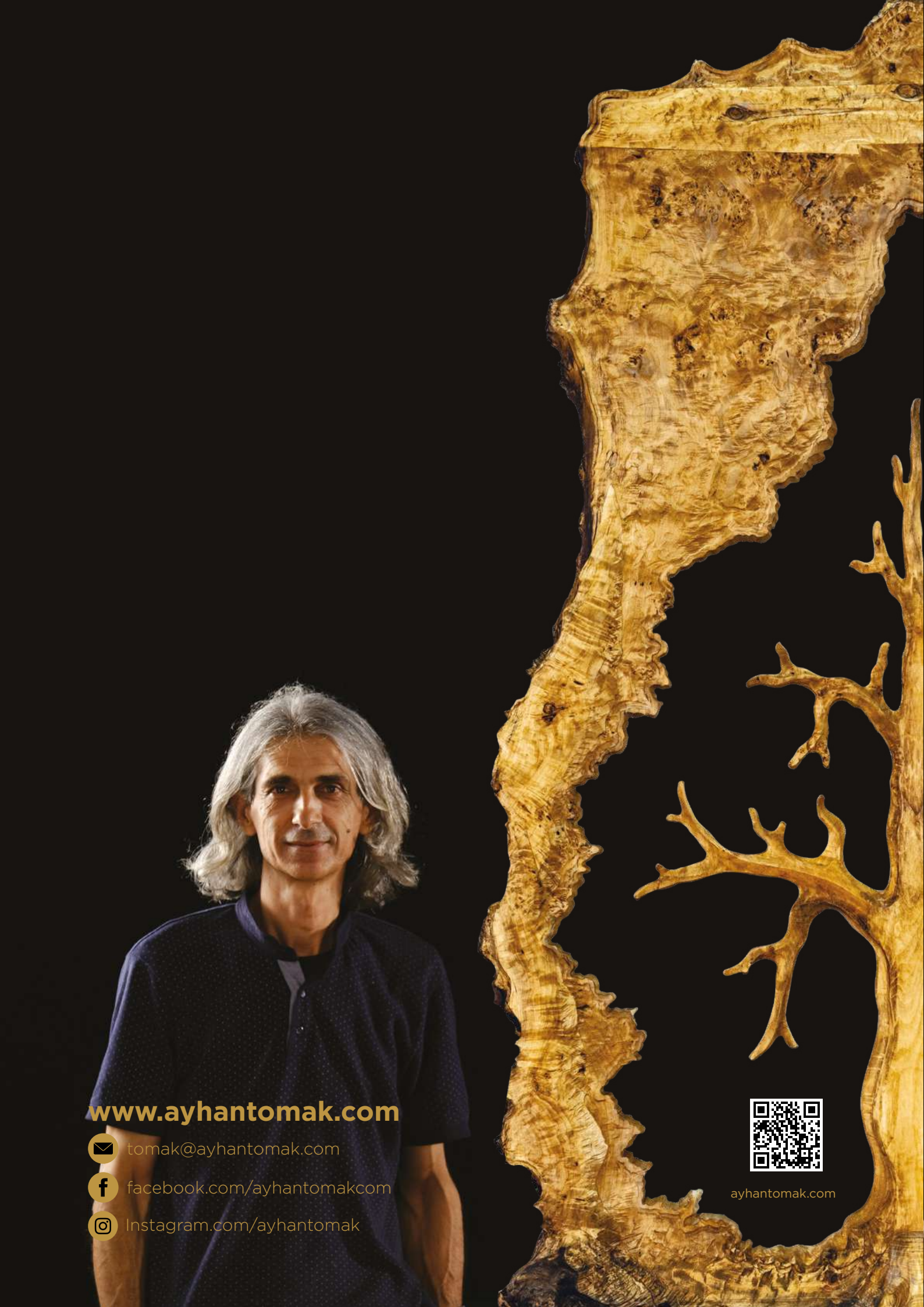
### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 Istanbul	5th Istanbul Art and Antique Fair, Lütü Kirdar Congress Center
2024 Derbyshire	"Timeless Imagination II" International Art Exhibition, Imanaka Interiors, The Whitworth
2024 Bucharest	Sibiu Contemporary Art Festival, "Crossing Borders", Altemberger History Museum
2024 Istanbul	"Butterfly Effect", Historical Hüsrev Kethüda Hammam
2024 Bucharest	"Lights Over the Balkans", The National Museum of the Romanian Peasant
2023 Istanbul	4th Istanbul Art and Antique Fair, Lütü Kirdar Congress Center
2023 Bucharest	"Istanbul As You've Never Seen It", MNLR
2019 İstanbul	"Tomorrow's After" Mixed Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, Trump Art Gallery
2017 Izmir	Teos Culture and Art Association, Seferihisar Marina
2017 Istanbul	Art 7/24 Volum5 Art and Design Exhibition, Armaggan Art & Design Gallery
2016 Nottingham	Timeless Imagination Imanaka Interiors Exhibition, Lally Gallery, Erewash Museum
2015 Helsinki	Fine Art Exhibition, Helsinki International Artists' Association, CAISA
2013 Istanbul	Korea 2013 Turkey, Joint Art Exchanges, CRR Concert Hall
2013 Istanbul	TUYAP Art Fair, Gallery Eksen
2013 Izmir	2nd International Izmir Biennial of Arts, International Izmir Fairground
2013 Istanbul	Master and Young Artists Painting, Sculpture and Ceramic Exhibition, Gallery Eksen
2012 Istanbul	ARTIST 22nd International Istanbul Art Fair, TUYAP, Gallery Eksen
2012 Istanbul	"Development" Plastic Arts Exhibition, Gallery Eksen
2012 Istanbul	"Home & Garden" Interior Architecture & Decoration Fair, Marjinart Gallery, Lütü Kirdar Congress Center
2011 Londra	"Joint" Exhibition, La Galleria Pall Mall
2011 Izmir	1st International Izmir Biennial of Arts, Seba Art Gallery
2011 New York	SOFA 2011, International Sculpture Objects and Functional Art Fair
2011 Istanbul	ArtExpo Istanbul, International Art Center
2010 Istanbul	"Origami Rose" Painting Exhibition, International Art Center
2009 Istanbul	TUYAP Art Fair, Gallery Sanat Gezgini
2009 Helsinki	Helsinki International Artists' Association (HIAA)
2008 Helsinki	Helsinki International Artists' Association (HIAA), "Home" Exhibition
2000 Istanbul	Kadıköy Municipality Culture and Art Center
1999 Istanbul	Grup Dört Renk Painting Exhibition, Taksim Art Gallery
1999 Istanbul	Grup Dört Renk Painting Exhibition, Salih Zeki Kolat House of Culture
1997 Istanbul	IFAR Painting Exhibition, MEB Art Gallery
1996 Edirne	IFAR Painting Exhibition, Thrace
1995 Istanbul	IFAR Painting Exhibition, Atatürk Library Exhibition Hall
1995 Istanbul	IFAR Painting Exhibition, Perpa Trade Center Exhibition Hall
1995 Istanbul	Painting Exhibition, Istanbul University ÖKM Exhibition Hall

## EVENTS

2024 Manchester	Republic of Turkey Manchester Consulate General, Republic reception, Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel
2024 Istanbul	23rd Erguvan Festival, Wood Carving Workshop and Children's Exhibition, Çatalca
2024 Antakya	"Speaking the Language of Trees" Workshop, Samandağ
2023 Istanbul	22nd Erguvan Festival, Wood Carving Workshop, Çatalca
2022 Istanbul	"The Tree Of Peace" Balkan Cities Monument, Zeytinburnu Seaside
2022 Istanbul	Support for Mothers, Future for Children Project, Wood Carving Workshop for Individuals with Special Needs, Binkılıç
2022 Istanbul	21st Erguvan Festival, Wood Carving Workshop, Çatalca
2019 Istanbul	Feeling the Wood 3, Ayhan Tomak Students Sculpture and Design Exhibition, Kadıköy BMKM
2019 Istanbul	Feeling the Wood 2, Ayhan Tomak Students Sculpture and Design Exhibition, Büyükçekmece AKM
2018 Eskişehir	4th International Wood Sculpture Festival, The Voice Of The Wood, Odunpazarı
2018 Istanbul	Wood Carving Workshop, Boğaziçi University
2018 Istanbul	Wood Carving Workshop, İTÜ Art Fest
2017 Helsinki	Wood Carving Workshop
2017 Izmir	Feeling the Wood Exhibition & Workshop, Teos Culture and Art Association, Seferihisar
2017 Istanbul	Linden Festival, Wood Carving Workshop, Amfili Park Ataşehir
2017 Istanbul	Feeling the Wood, Ayhan Tomak Students Sculpture and Design Exhibition & Workshop, Kadıköy BMKM
2015 Eskişehir	World Tree Day Events, "Tree and Humanity" Symposium
2014 Nottingham	Wood Carving Workshop
2013 Nottingham	Eastwood Arts Festival, Wood Carving Workshop
2013 Istanbul	Panel and Exhibition as Part of International Women's Day Events, İTÜ
2013 Istanbul	TRT Türk, Live Broadcast, Guest Artist
2013 Gabon	3rd International Wood Sculpture Symposium, Libreville
2012 Istanbul	TRT Türk "İşim Hayatım" Program, Guest Artist
2010 Istanbul	TRT Türk "Bi'Dünya Tasarım" Program, Guest Artist
2009 Istanbul	TRT3-TRTGAP "Başarının Formülü" Program, Guest Artist
2009-2011 Istanbul	Bench Design, Nişantaşı Sanat (Cumhuriyet) Park
2009-2010 Istanbul	Wooden Sculptures and Accessories for Ezel TV Series
2008-2010 Istanbul	Wooden Relief Carving and Painting Works for Aşk-ı Memnu TV Series

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