

## *Biography*

### **Maggy Ioannou**

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Maggy Ioannou was born on January 26, 1971, in Athens Greece.

After years of schooling on sketching and painting she studied Graphic Design in the Vakalo Art & Design College in Athens Greece.

She began her career in 1991 as a professional visualizer in advertising and freelance illustrator, and later on, as an Art Director, working in various advertising agencies in Greece. In 2016 she wrapped it all up in order to focus fully on her ceramic art.

She studied ceramic sculpting, ceramic form and technology with renowned ceramic artist Marilena Michopoulou, sculpting with sculptor Altin Patselis, wheel throwing with Stavros Perakis and she has attended numerous workshops, enriching her knowledge and techniques.

Being self-taught on porcelain and with no available local schooling in Greece, on porcelain studies, she reached out to Antoinette Badenhorst, a renowned porcelain artist based in Mississippi, attending two, 4-week online courses, gaining knowledge and confidence, making it a turning point on her practice.

Working mainly with high-fired stoneware clay and porcelain, her art is symbolic, sometimes surreal, and even though it's three-dimensional in present time she's clearly influenced from her background as an illustrator, the pop surrealism of Mark Ryden and the '90s Lowbrow art movement.

In 2022 she founded her own company "Maggy Ioannou Art".

### **Studies:**

1988-1991. Graphic Design, Vakalo Art & Design College, Athens, Greece.

2016-2023. Ceramic Art studies in "Clay Form Sculpture" art school 2017-2018. Ceramic sculpting with Altin Patselis.

Maggy Ioannou is a founding member of the Greek Terractiva Art Group.

### **Seminars/Workshops:**

2017. Velimir Vukicevic, Decorative Porcelain Techniques, Patras Greece

2018. Antoinette Badenhorst, Understanding Porcelain, International 4 weeks online course.

2019. Antoinette Badenhorst, Hand building Porcelain, International, 4 weeks online course.

2018. Rafa Perez, "Clay Distorted" Patras, Greece

2020. Ilias Christopoulos, Slips Technology, Patras, Greece

2023. George Vavatsis, Ceramics Materials & Technology

2023. Cecil Kemperink, "Weaving Clay" Patras, Greece

2023. Guy Van Gut, "Translucent Paper Porcelain" Patras, Greece

2023. Ilias Christopoulos & George Vavatsis, Raku firing & wood kiln construction.

### **Awards:**

2020. 3rd prize \_ 58th Panhellenic Ceramic Art Competition/Exhibition

2023. 2nd prize \_ 61st Panhellenic Ceramic Art Competition/Exhibition

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

### **2018**

13 – 23 June. CLAY STORIES #2, Melanythros Art Space in Pagkrati, Attica, Greece.

November 2018 - January 2019. 56th Panhellenic Competition for Ceramic Art, Marousi, Attica, Greece.

### **2019**

18 - 27 January. 5th International Documentary Festival, Art Exhibition "Gender Equality", Kalamata, Greece.

5 April - 11 May. "Metamorphosis", at Eleni Marneri Gallery, in Athens, Greece.

2 November - 10 December. Panhellenic Ceramics Exhibition, curated by Group Ceramists Traces, at the "Agora Argyri" Gallery, in Patras, Greece.

December. Sculpting Competition organized by the Panhellenic Ceramists Society. Earned Distinction.

November 2019 - January 2020. 56th Panhellenic Competition for Ceramic Art, Marousi, Attica, Greece.

### **2020**

November 2020 - January 2021. 58th Panhellenic Competition for Ceramic Art, Marousi, Attica, Greece.

Awarded 3rd Prize

### **2021**

12 June - 26 September. 6th Exhibition of Ceramics, housed at the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Olympia.

### **2022**

14 April - 15 May. "Vernal Ceramics" at Medley-Athens, at the Acropolis district.

8 June - 2 July. CLAY STORIES #3, Melanythros Art Space in Pagkrati, Attica, Greece.

### **2023**

14 April - 15 May. "Circles & Wreaths" at Medley-Athens, at the Acropolis district.

14 - 21 May. Ceramics Symposium in Syros Greece "4500 Years Later", hosted by Chimera Culture Syros. Exhibition housed in the Archaeological Museum of Syros, Greece.

28 July - 7 September. "Specimens of the Soil", Sealed Earth Galleri in Imerovigli, Santorini, Greece.

14 September - 14 October. "Anama" curated and hosted by Chimera Art and Craft, Syros, Greece.

November 2023 - January 2024. 61st Panhellenic Competition for Ceramic Art, Marousi, Attica, Greece.

Awarded 2nd Prize

### **2024**

15 - 29 February. "Piato" Thematic exhibition by 6exi Contemporary Ceramics in Thessaloniki, Greece.

21- 31 March. "Women Ceramic Artists of Greece" in MonCoin Greek Ceramix Contemporary Gallery, in Thissio, Athens.

27 May. "Ancient Greek motifs in contemporary depictions" at Medley-Athens, at the Acropolis district.

5 - 14 July. "Pandora" curated and hosted by Chimera Art and Craft, Syros, Greece.

13 July - 24 August. "Visionaries of yesterday - Teachers of today" part of the Greek Biennale of Contemporary Ceramics, Santorini, Greece.

1 - 23 November. CLAY STORIES #4, "Beyond Limits", Melanythros Art Space in Pagkrati, Attica, Greece.

### **2025**

*Upcoming:*

24 May - 1 June. Ceramics Symposium in Syros Greece "Chasing Chimeras", hosted by Chimera Culture Syros, Greece.

5 - 27 July. "Edison's Dream" curated and by Chimera Art and Craft, Syros, Greece.

19 August- 7 September. "Lithosphere", Ceramics project and exhibition hosted by Kerameio, Serifos island, Greece.