

# PORTFOLIO

ZSOLT NAGY



# ARTIST STATEMENT

After retiring, I was finally able to dedicate time to pursuing my artistic aspirations, which had been present since my youth. This marked the beginning of my exploration into sculptural techniques and the utilization of materials such as concrete and timber. After visiting Chihuly's exhibition in Kew Gardens and Tremenheere Gardens in Cornwall I became interested in how sculptures can interact with the exterior environment.

My early fascination with the simplification of forms observed in tribal and ancient art motivated me to create my own interpretations of masks and totems using materials like concrete, bamboo, and wood, with the intention of placing them in outdoor settings.

The stark reduction of form seen in Brutalist metropolitan architecture near my home, in contrast with the natural surroundings, inspired me to combine forms, textures, and patterns in my artwork. My sculptural pieces engage in a play with the viewer's perception of positive and negative space, and their interaction with light and darkness, as well as soft and sharp elements. A minimalistic color palette is utilized to allow each shape to convey its unique presence. Presently, my preferred medium is timber, including both softwood and plywood. My sculptures and reliefs are treated with chalk paint and protected with a soft wax or varnish finish.

# ABSTRACT SCULPTURES

My preferred material to currently work with is timber and my favorite color is black. The sculptures are treated with chalk paint and protected with a soft wax (indoor) or varnish (outdoor) finish.



Stone 6 | 2025

Nordic spruce painted

H 29cm | W 28cm | D 10cm | 1,89kg





Stone 4 | 2025



Nordic spruce painted

H 29cm | W 20cm | D 9cm | 1,34kg



Stone 5 | 2025

maple painted

H 7cm | W 17cm | D 13cm | 0,55kg





Stone 3 | 2025

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maple painted

H 7cm | W 19cm | D 14cm | 0,52kg



Stone 2 | 2025

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maple painted

H 6cm | W 19cm | D 13cm | 0,33kg





Stone 1 | 2024

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Nordic spruce painted



H 40cm | W 33cm | D 8cm | 2,86kg



Black Cross Sections | 2025

Nordic spruce painted

H 39cm | W 12cm | D 12cm | 0,72kg



Decaying Structures | 2024

Nordic spruce painted

H 40cm | W 19cm | D 14cm | 0,55kg





Black Recesses | 2024

Nordic spruce painted

H 40cm | W 14cm | D 11cm | 1,59kg





Orthogonal Shapes | 2024

Nordic spruce painted

H 80cm | W 25cm | D 25cm | 3,51kg

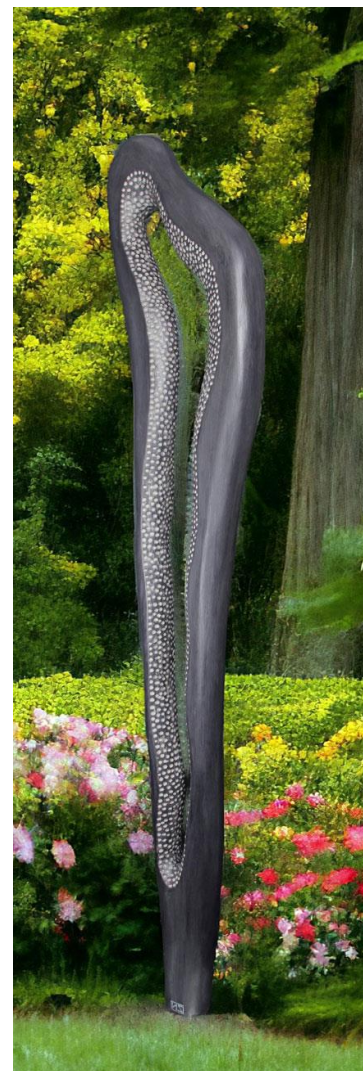


Organic Form | 2023

Nordic spruce painted

H 61cm | W 24cm | D 6cm | 1,65kg





Organic Form 2 | 2024

Nordic spruce painted

H 120cm | W 24cm | D 6cm | 2,70kg

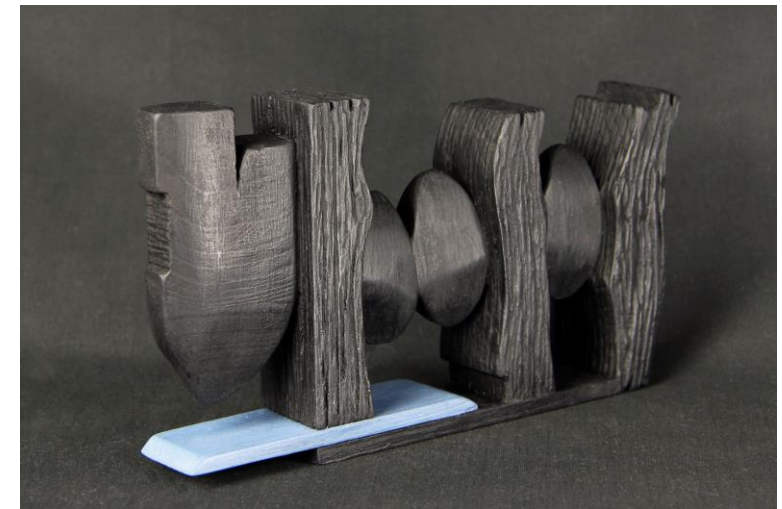
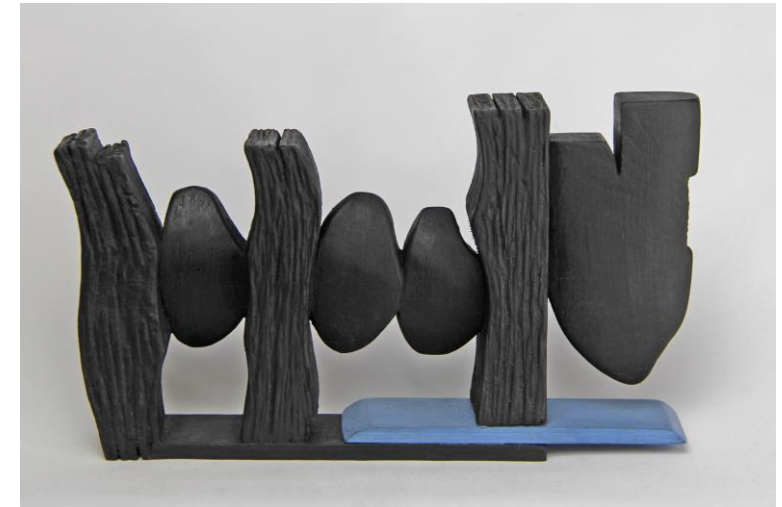
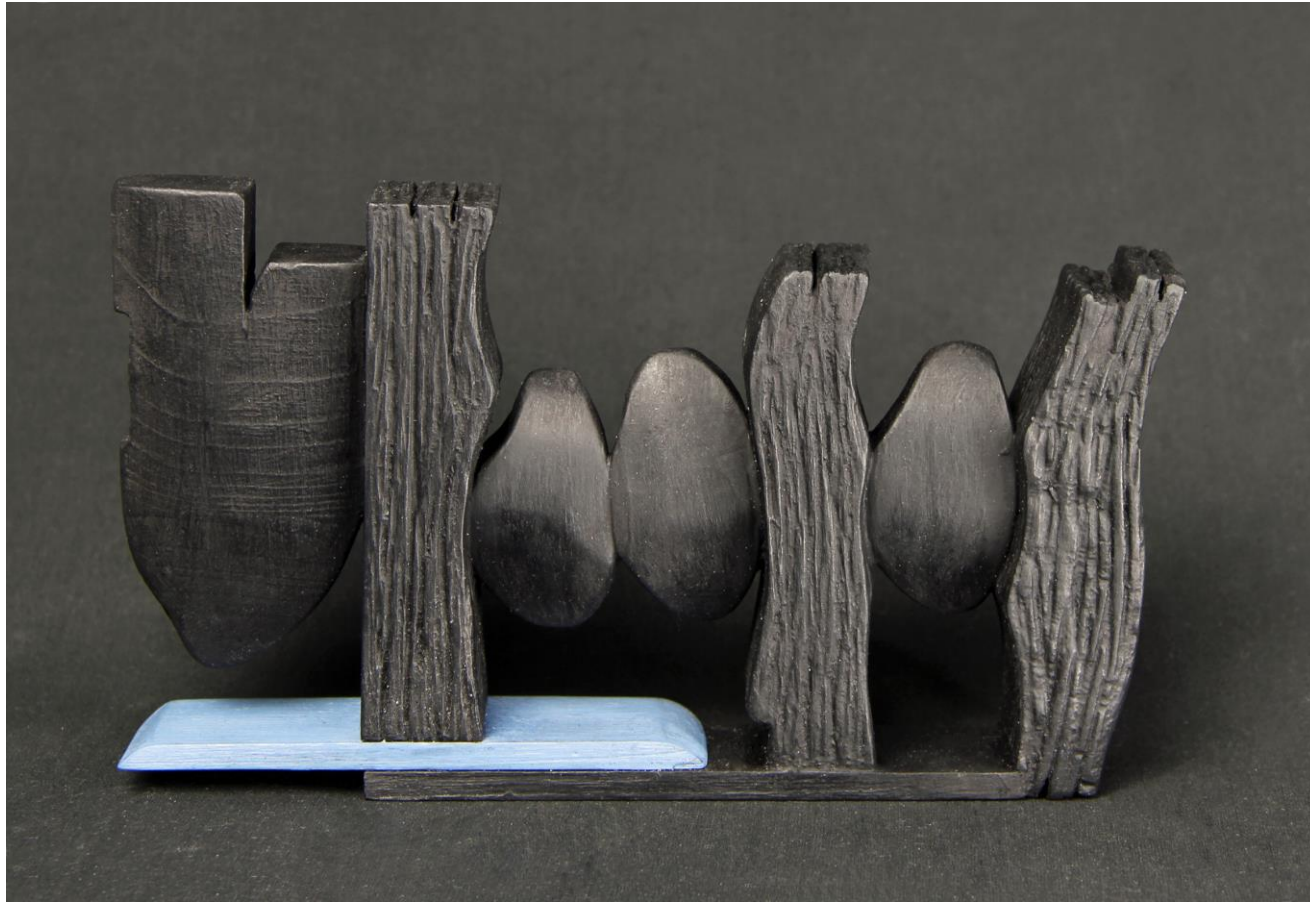


Homage to Motherwell | 2024

Nordic spruce painted

H 20cm | W 39cm | D 6cm | 1,04kg





Homage to Motherwell Study | 2023    Nordic spruce painted    H 10cm | W 18cm | D 3cm | 0,11kg

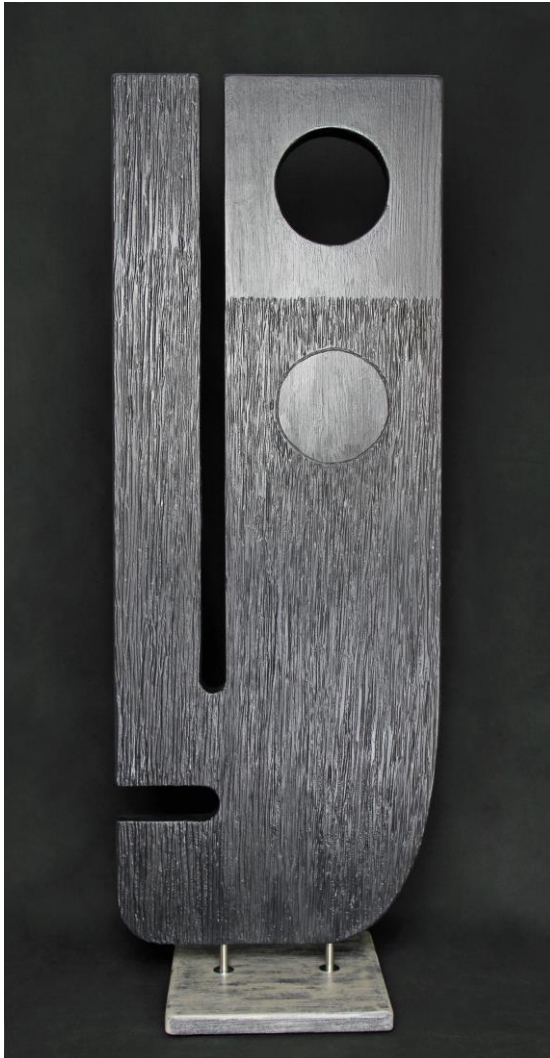


Human Violence | 2023

oak painted

H 120cm | W 20cm | D 2cm | 3,30kg





Face Nr.1 | 2023



Nordic spruce painted



H 80cm | W 30cm | D 3cm | 3,11kg



Face Nr.2 | 2023



Nordic spruce painted



H 80cm | W 30cm | D 3cm | 2,92kg





Two Focal Points | 2023



Nordic spruce painted

H 25cm | W 11cm | D 3cm | 0,22kg



Organic Shapes | 2023

Nordic spruce painted

H 80cm | W 25cm | D 3cm | 0,90kg





Homage to Hapworth | 2023



Nordic spruce painted



H 40cm | W 24cm | D 5,5cm | 1,72kg

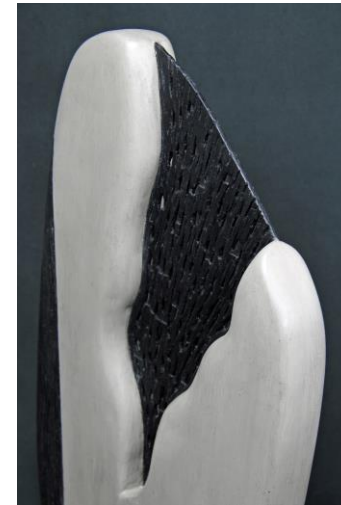


The Secret of the Holes | 2023

Nordic spruce painted

H 49cm | W 12cm | D 4cm | 0,78kg





Black Membrane |2023

Nordic spruce painted

H 37cm | W 26cm | D 4cm | 1,12kg



Blue Gap | 2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 40cm | W 15cm | D 5cm | 0,43kg

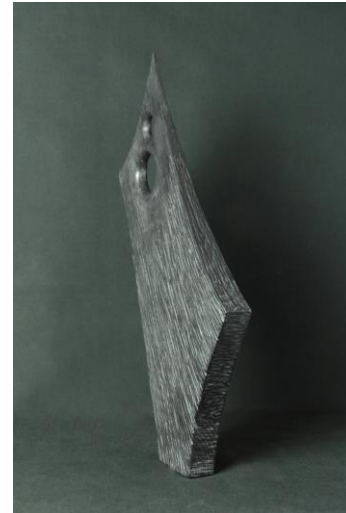


Homage to Art Déco | 2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 28cm | W 8cm | D 8cm | 0,38kg





Extravagant Trapezoid |2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 40cm | W 25cm | D 3cm | 0,40kg





Penetrated Soft Shape | 2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 35cm | W 20cm | D 8cm | 0,36kg



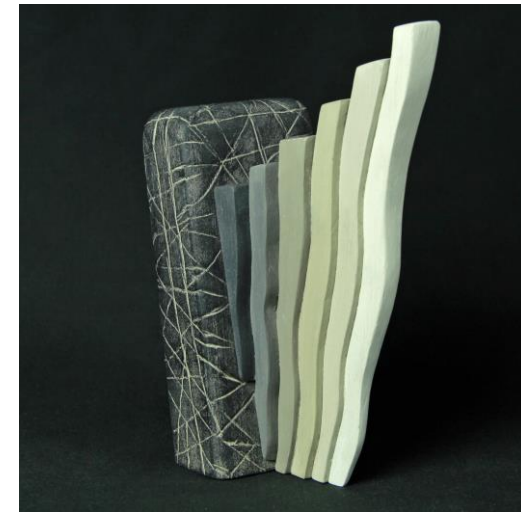
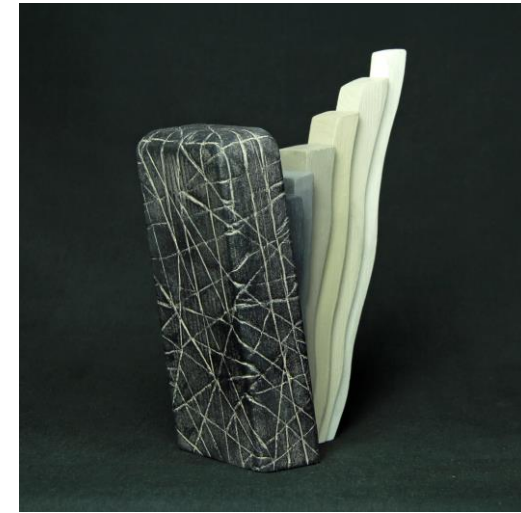
Soft and Angular Shapes | 2022

Nordic spruce painted H 39cm | W 8cm | D 6cm | 0,65kg



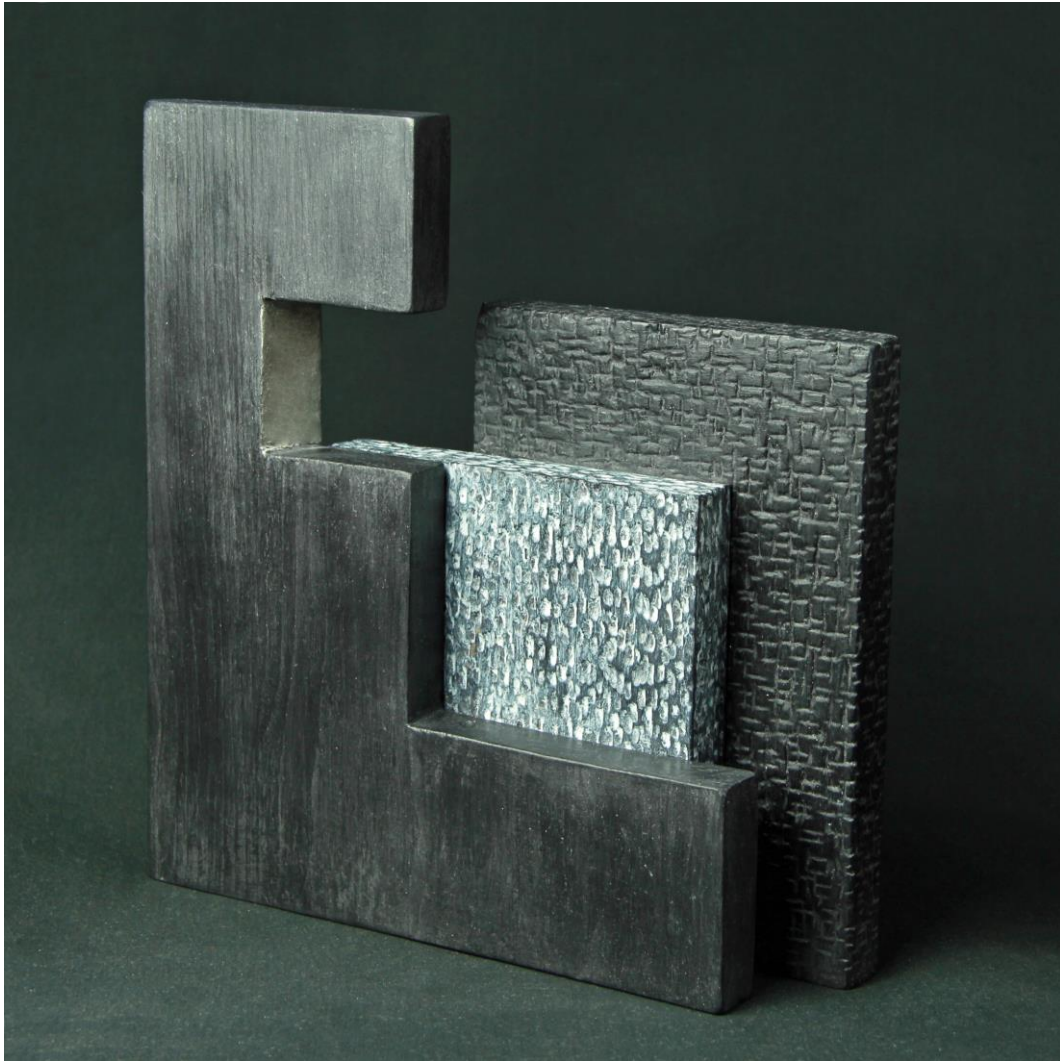
Envolvement | 2022

Nordic spruce painted



H 21cm | W 14cm | D 8cm | 0,33kg

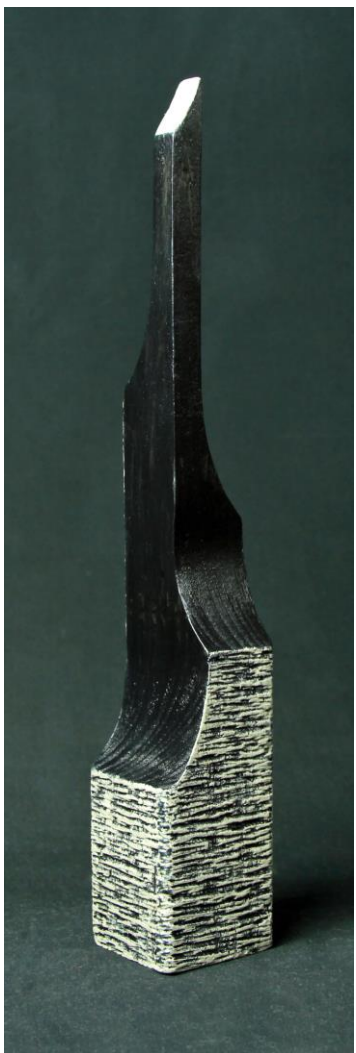




Well-Ordered Layers | 2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 22cm | W 21cm | D 8cm | 0,49kg



Ambitious Shape | 2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 34cm | W 5,5cm | D 5,5cm | 0,18kg





Dark Polyhedra | 2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 30cm | W 8cm | D 8cm | 0,47kg





Saint Sebastian | 2022

Nordic pine painted

H 25cm | W 19cm | D 8cm | 0,65kg

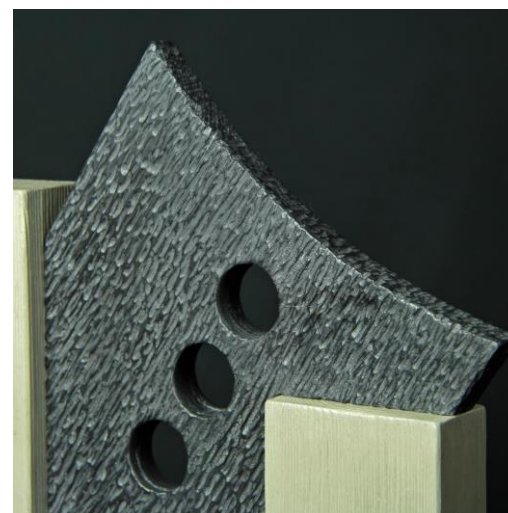






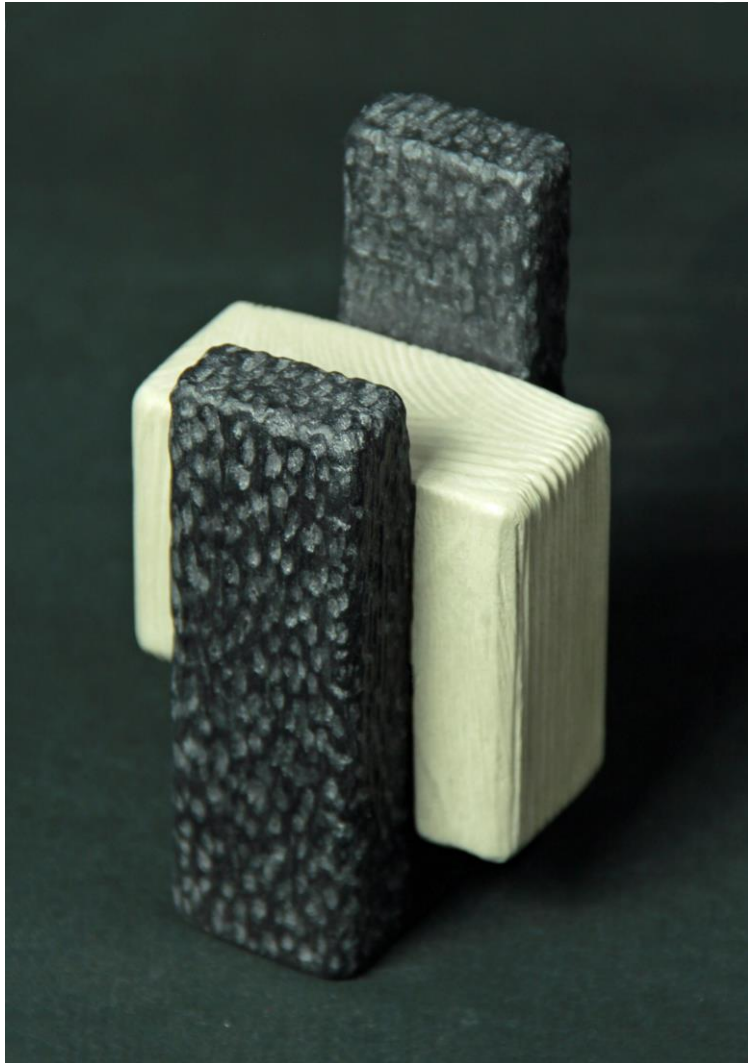
Inclination | 2022

Nordic pine painted



H 33cm | W 32cm | D 4cm | 1,01kg



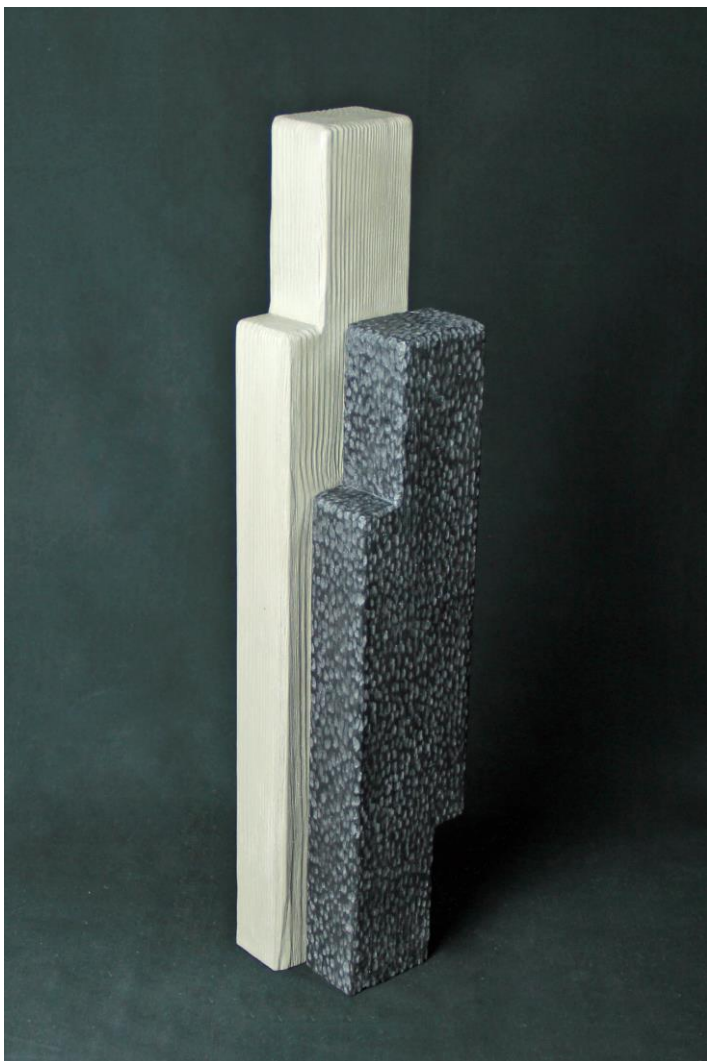


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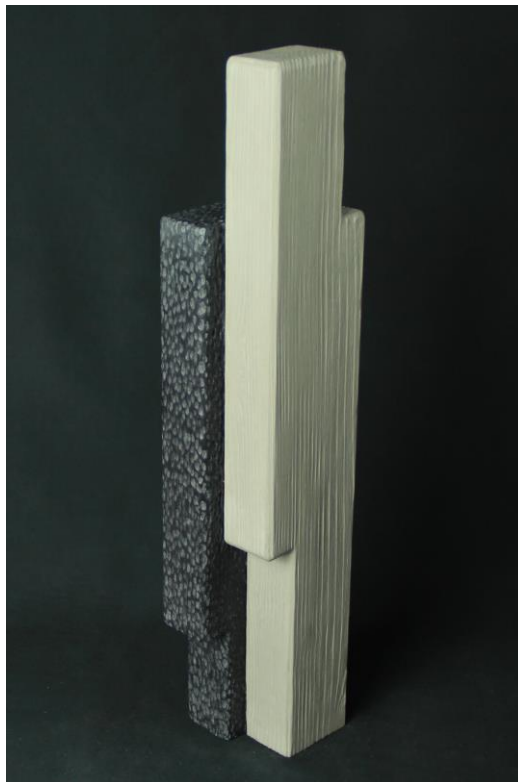
Nordic spruce painted



H 14cm | W 8cm | D 8cm | 0,23kg



Alongside | 2022



Nordic spruce painted



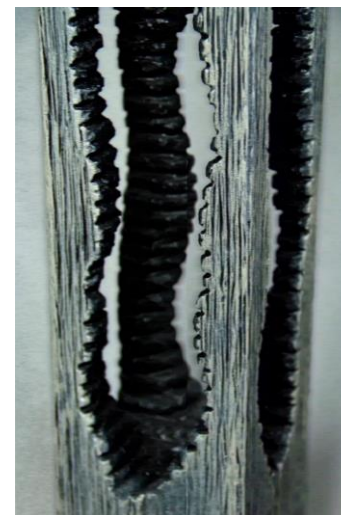
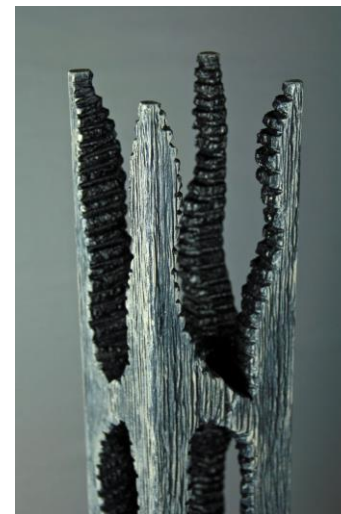
H 44cm | W 9cm | D 8cm | 1,00kg



Natural Gothic | 2022



Nordic spruce painted



H 80cm | W 11cm | D 11cm | 1,65kg





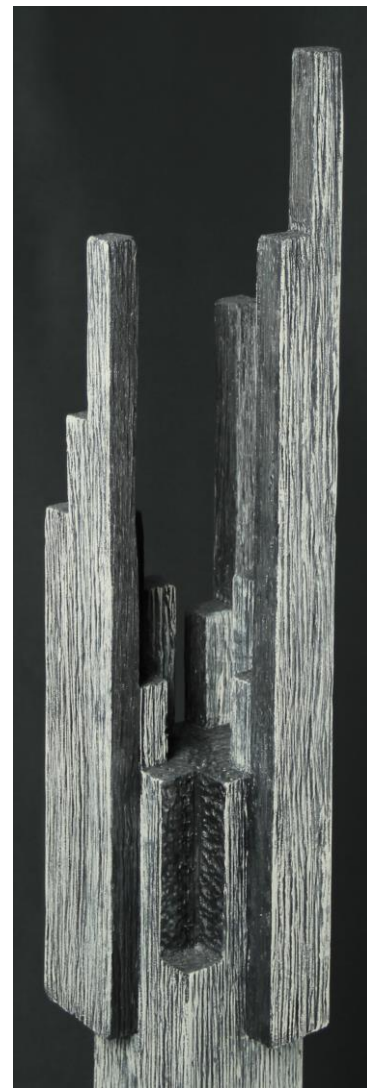
Open Wounds | 2022



Nordic spruce painted



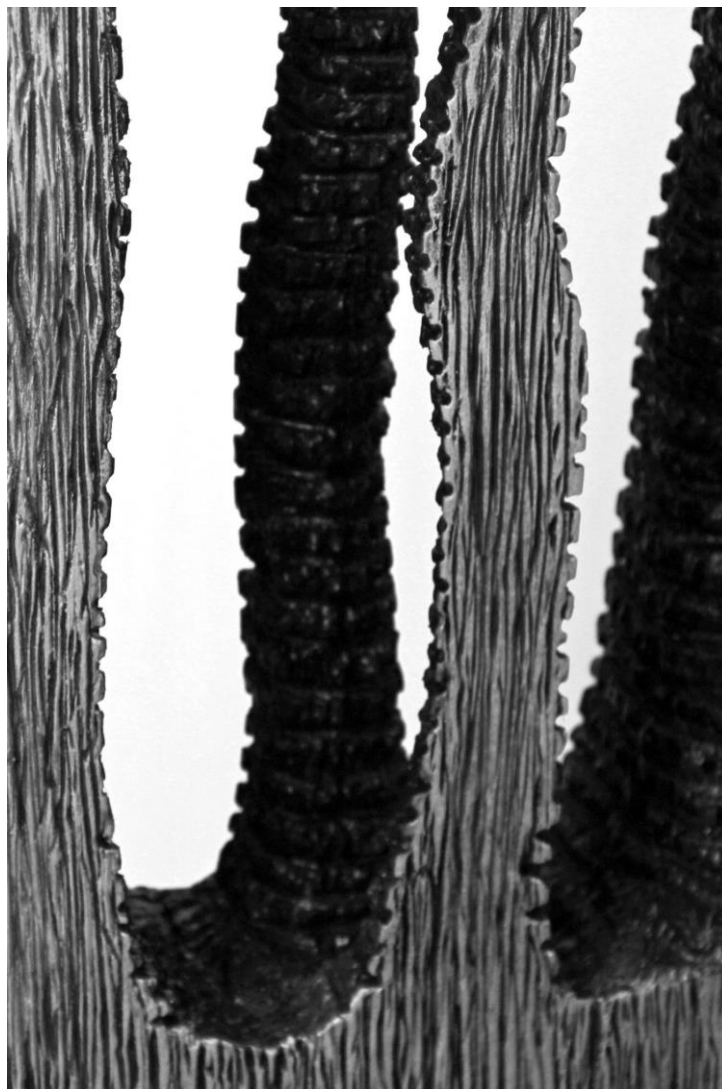
H 80cm | W 8cm | D 4cm | 0,81kg



Black Inside | 2012

Nordic spruce painted

H 110cm | W 12cm | D 12cm | 2,67kg



Upthrusting Shapes | 2021

Nordic spruce painted

H 90cm | W 24cm | D 8cm | 3,16kg





Natural | 2020



Nordic spruce painted



H 90cm | W 16cm | D 8cm | 2,76kg

# WALL OBJECTS

Creating wall sculptures seems like the natural progression from freestanding pieces. Just like at my sculptures I experiment with organic and geometric shapes here. The reliefs are treated with chalk paint and protected with a soft wax finish.



2.4D | 2023



Nordic spruce painted

H 30cm | W 20cm | D 2cm | 0,55kg







2.1D | 2023



Nordic spruce painted

H 30cm | W 20cm | D 2cm | 0,54kg



2.3D | 2023



Nordic spruce painted

H 30cm | W 18cm | D 2cm | 0,48kg





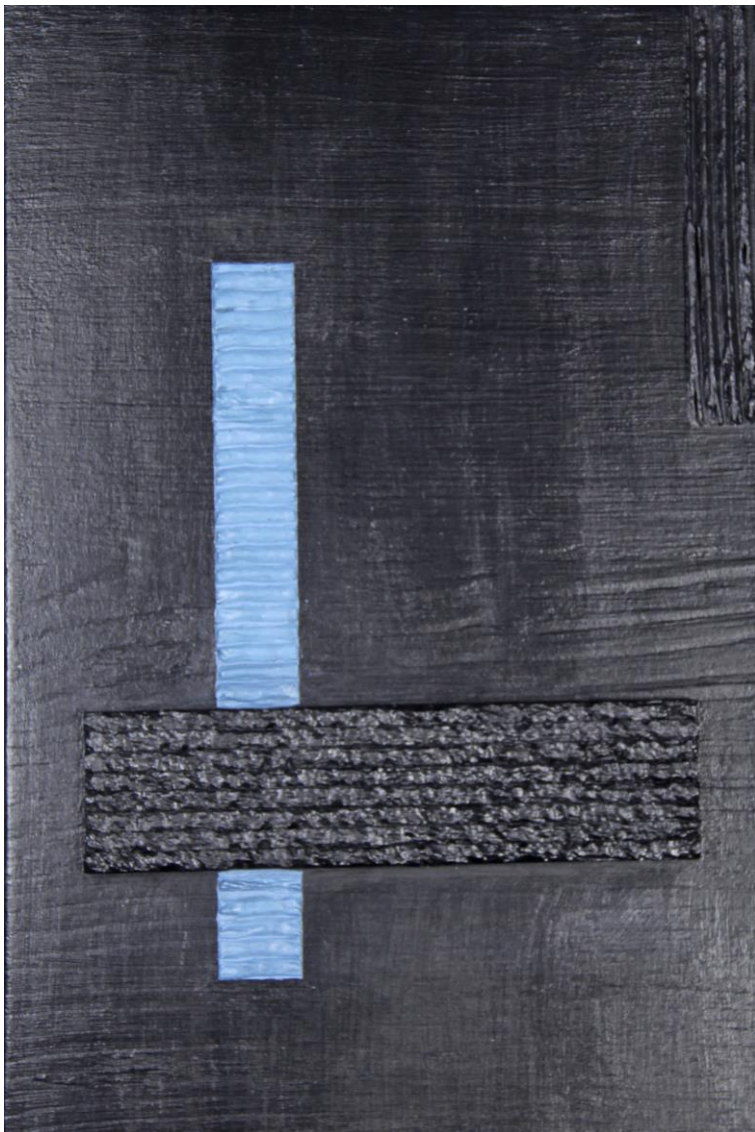


2.5D | 2023

Nordic spruce painted

H 30cm | W 20cm | D 2cm | 0,60kg

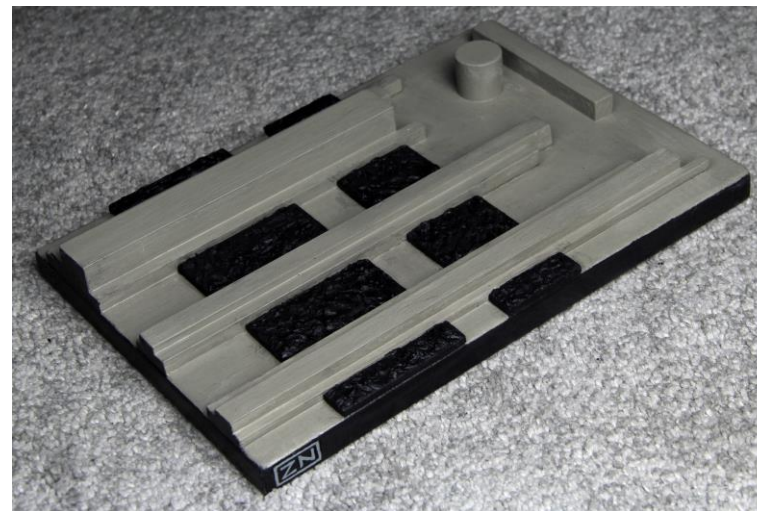




2.2D | 2023

Nordic spruce painted

H 30cm | W 20cm | D 2cm | 0,48kg



2.8D | 2023

Nordic spruce, beech painted

H 30cm | W 20cm | D 4cm | 0,76kg





Estuary | 2023

ply poplar painted



H 52cm | W 52cm | D 6cm | 2,10kg





Constructivist Relief | 2023

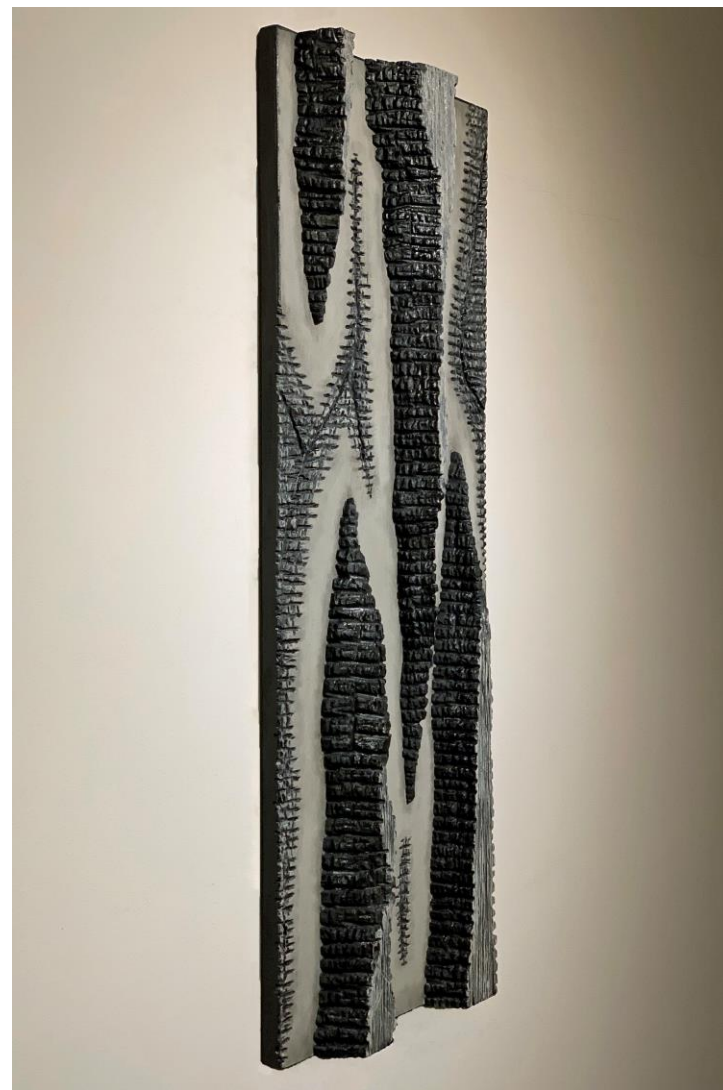
ply poplar painted

H 27cm | W 27cm | D 6cm | 0,94kg



Faultlines | 2021

Nordic pine painted

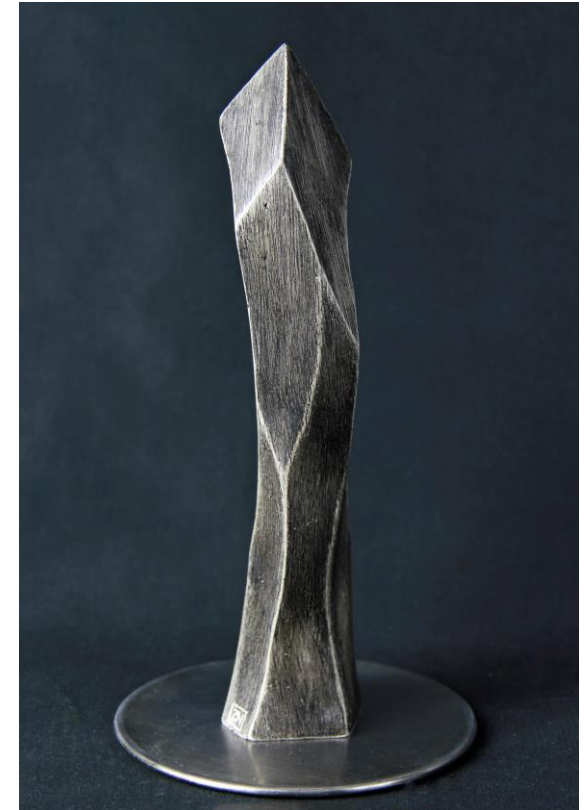


H 80cm | W 32cm | D 6cm | 2,90kg

# TOTEMS

My early fascination for tribal artworks has led me to create my personal collection of totems. After studying a range of tribal totems and wooden statues my sculptural totems showcase a variety of stylistic characteristics within my own designs.





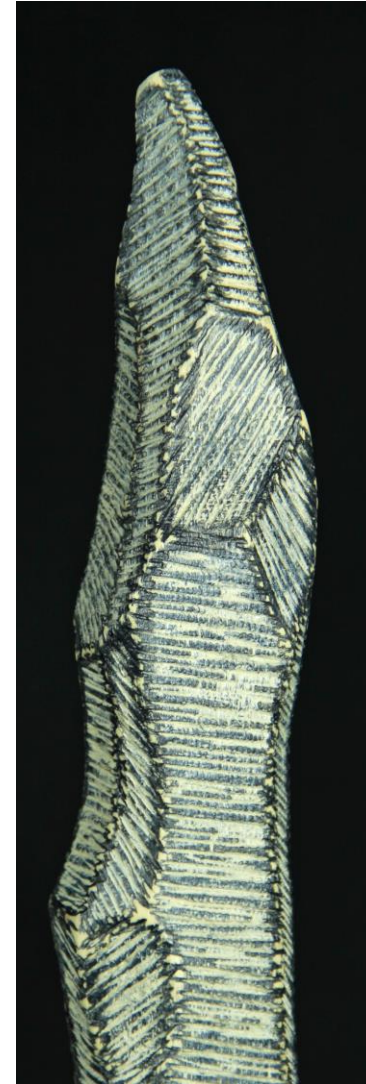
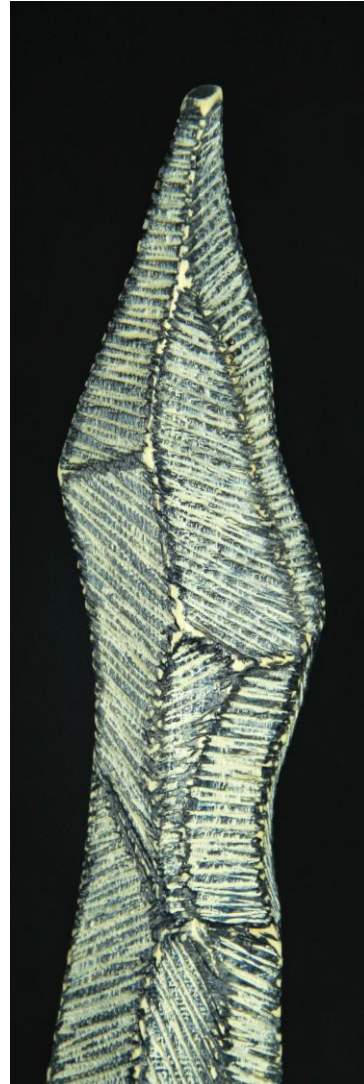
Totem of Curved Surfaces | 2022    air-dried clay painted    H 18cm | W 5cm | D 4cm | 0,29kg



Totem in Black | 2023

Nordic spruce painted

H 90cm | W 8cm | D 8cm | 2,73kg



Abstract Totem | 2022

Nordic spruce painted

H 83cm | W 7cm | D 6cm | 0,84kg





Blue totem | 2020



Nordic spruce painted



H 90cm | W 8cm | D 8cm | 2,54kg



Burned totem | 2021



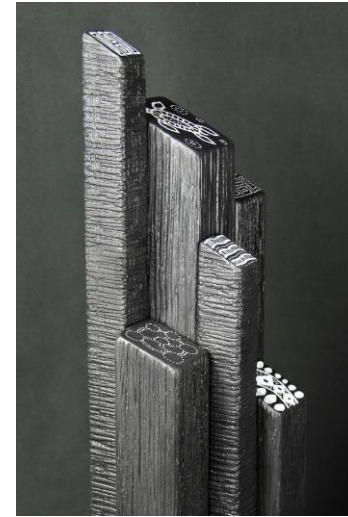
Nordic spruce painted

H 90cm | W 8cm | D 8cm | 2,50kg

# TRIBAL TOTEMS

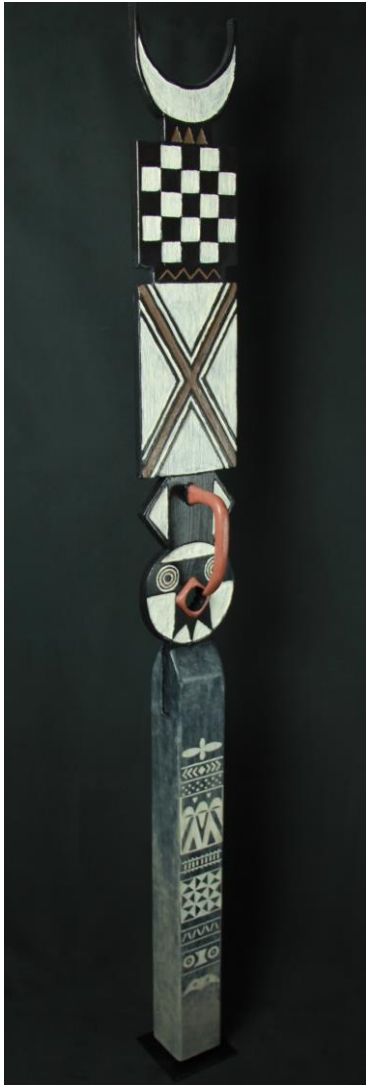
Tribal totems originally served ritual purposes in different ancient cultures. My totems are purely intended for decorative use are created from concrete, bamboo or wood and sealed for outdoor suitability.





Aboriginal Patterns | 2023

Nordic spruce painted H 44cm | W 14cm | D 11cm | 01,52kg



Nwantantay totem | 2022

Bwa / Burkina Faso

H 156cm | W 16cm | D 13cm | 3,00kg





African totem | 2020



Senufo / Ivory Coast



H 167cm | W 11cm | D 13cm | 5,50kg

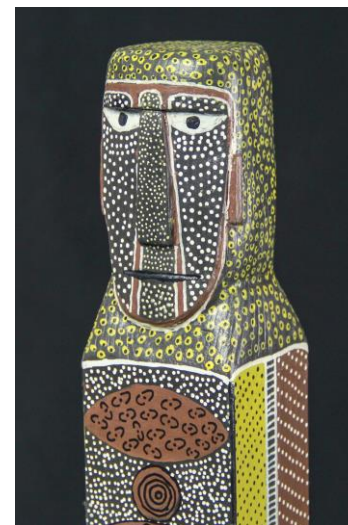




Aboriginal totem| 2020



Tiwi / Australia



H 70cm | W 8cm | D 8cm | 2,11kg

# DRIFTWOOD

Driftwood preserves the natural beauty of a deceased tree. Weathering and water often give the wood a unique patina and smooth surfaces. Driftwood provides a means to capture the transience of nature in art while also appreciating the wood's natural beauty..



After Death | 2023

Pillar: Nordic spruce painted

H 31cm | W 6cm | D 12cm | 0,73kg



# AFRICAN MASKS

My fascination for African tribal artforms, especially intricate mask designs, started when I was quite young. My sculptures have been inspired by studying hundreds of tribal masks over the years and showcase a variety of cultural stylistic characteristics. My masks are created by kneading concrete, decorated with pastels and sealed for outdoor suitability. The masks shown below are not reproductions of original designs and not carved out of wood, they are artistic representations and purely intended for decorative use.



Vuvi mask | 2020

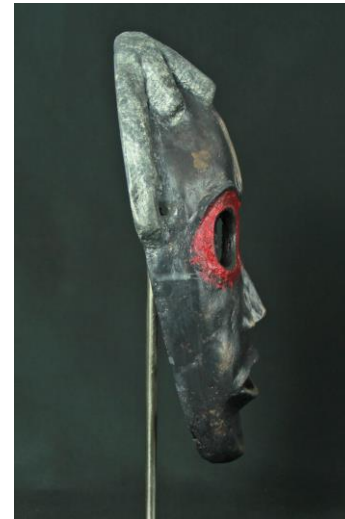
Vuvi / Gabon



H 25cm | W 15cm | 0,74kg



Dan -firewatch- mask | 2020



Dan / Ivory Coast

H 29cm | W 17cm | 0,77kg





Bembe mask | 2020



Bembe / Congo

H 30cm | W 16cm | 0,87kg



Zande mask | 2019



Zande / Congo

H 27cm | W 12cm | 0,47kg



Lega mask | 2019

Lega / Congo



H 24cm | W 16cm | 0,66kg





Hemba -chimpanzee- mask | 2019

Hemba / Congo

H 22cm | W 20cm | 0,99kg



Lega mask | 2019

Lega / Congo



H 29cm | W 19cm | 1,28kg

# ABOUT



Zsolt Nagy was born in Budapest in 1951. He demonstrated his artistic inclinations from an early age and even achieved recognition during his childhood, winning a linocut prize at the age of 14. He graduated from TU Budapest, earning a Master of Science degree in 1975. Following the completion of his diploma, he embarked on a nearly 40-year-long career as an IT expert for various international companies. During this period, he relocated to Vienna.

After retiring in 2013, he was finally able to dedicate time to pursuing his artistic aspirations, which had been present since his youth. This marked the beginning of his exploration into sculptural techniques and the utilization of materials such as concrete and timber. He introduced his collection for the first time in 2022, and since then, he has actively participated in various exhibitions, showcasing his growing body of work. He is member of the Professional Association of Visual Artists of Austria.



# EXHIBITIONS

## 2025

- Works In Wood (first solo), Bezirksmuseum Hietzing, Vienna, Austria

## 2024

- Exotic Worlds, KreativRaum Galerie, Vienna, Austria
- Group exhibition, Kulturankerzentrum, Vienna, Austria
- Art Session STP 2024, Glanzstoff Hallen, Sankt Pölten, Austria
- Behind Reality, Galerie am Park, Vienna, Austria
- Abstract and Phantasy, Contemplor Galerie, Vienna, Austria
- District View of Things, Kunstsalon Schönbrunn, Vienna, Austria

## 2023

- Dimension 3, Uptown Galerie, Graz, Austria
- Art Walk, open-air exhibition, Tulln, Austria
- Sommergalerie, NV-Center-Galerien, Sankt Pölten, Austria
- Art Session STP 2023, Glanzstoff Hallen, Sankt Pölten, Austria
- Licht & Schatten, CITYgallery, Vienna, Austria

# EXHIBITIONS

## 2022

- Time To Inspire, Westfield SCS, Vösendorf, Austria
- Let's Dance, KreativRaum Galerie, Vienna, Austria
- Abstract, CITYgallery, Vienna, Austria
- Peace, Galerie am Park, Vienna, Austria

# ART CATALOGS

- Artistcloseup Contemporary Art Magazine #18 ,Ospel Netherlands 2024
- AbstrArt Volume 2, Make Art Gallery, Rome 2023
- Catalog Frieden, Verein Kunstschaffen, Vienna 2022