

# Giorgos Vavatsis

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Giorgos Vavatsis was born in Thessaloniki, Greece, in 1974. He studied Visual & Live Art in Gloucestershire University, in England from 1995 to 1998. In 2000, he returned at his hometown and he established his own workshop, where he still works. His ceramic works has been shown in several solo and group exhibitions in Greece and abroad. He participated in 12 ceramic symposiums around Europe and Asia. In 2012, he won the 1st prize in the 50th Panhellenic Ceramic Competition. From 2002 until today he teaches ceramics in Museums and Art Schools in Northern Greece and in his own workshop. In 2013, he established the ceramic production company, «Hakah Ceramics Design Production», specialized in stoneware table and drink wares. In 2017, he creates a project space named “6exi”, where national and international invited artists expose their work in the public of Thessaloniki. He is a member of Chamber of Fine Arts of Greece since 2011, of Artaxis.com since 2018 and of International Academy of Ceramics (IAC) since 2021.

## About

1974: Born in Thessaloniki, Greece.

1995-1998: BA "Visual & Live Art", Cheltenham & Gloucester C.H.E., UK

2000: Establishment of pottery studio in Thessaloniki, Greece

2013: Establishes «Hakah Ceramics Design Production», Thessaloniki, Greece.

2015: Establishes [www.ceramics-camp.com](http://www.ceramics-camp.com) with Kostas Karakitsos in Kavala, Greece.

2017: Establishes «6 exi – Contemporary Ceramics», Thessaloniki, Greece

## Teaching

2017: Minerals and clay seminar, Patras, Greece

2015

– up to now: Organizer – Instructor of “Ceramics Camp”, Avramilia, Greece

2014: Pottery summer seminars for kids, "Santorini of the Past Cultural Village & Museum", Santorini, Greece

2013: European training programme “KERAMIKH”, KETHEA, Thessaloniki

2010- 2012: Workshop of Visual Arts, Municipality of P.Mela, Thessaloniki, Greece

2002-2010: Workshop of Visual Arts of Kilkis, Greece

- 2009: Pottery seminars for kids, GREEK STATE MUSEUM, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2006-2007: Pottery seminars for kids, MACEDONIAN MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2000-2004: Workshop of Visual Arts of Stavroupoli, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2021: "Ash & Mineral Glazes", Sealed Earth, Athens

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2022: "Clay Diaries", Markiyianni Str. Acropolis, Athens, Greece
- 2014: "Art Windows OTE", Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2013: "About a bowl", Vouleftiko, Nafplio, Greece
- 2012: VOULEFTIKON, Nafplion, Greece
- 2010: ORFEOS 20ART Gallery, Xanthi, Greece
- 2010: "In memory of - revising", M-ART SPACE Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2009: "In memory of", LOLA NIKOLAOU Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2007: LOLA NIKOLAOU Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece (in participation with Liliana Sebec)
- 2002: ZEFXIS Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

### **Group Exhibitions**

- 2022: "East meets West: Greek and Catalan Ceramics in Paxos", Paxos, Greece
- 2022: "Flow", Twin Ottoman Bath of Trikala, Greece
- 2021: Ceramic Exhibition at Geological Museum of Kastraki. Kastraki, Meteora
- 2021: "6<sup>th</sup> Ceramic Exhibition", Kerameon Ixni, Archeological Museum of Olympia, Greece
- 2020: "3<sup>rd</sup> International Visual Culture Exhibition (IVCE#3) – VIRTUALIZATION MOVEMENT", Faculty of Fine Arts and Designs of Universitas Sebelas Maret, Surakarta, Indonesia
- 2019: "5<sup>th</sup> Ceramic Exhibition", Kerameon Ixni, Patras, Greece
- 2019: "Five Greek Ceramic Artists in Paris", Chris Boicos Fine Arts, Paris, France
- 2019: "Vanities and Still Lives", Chris Boicos Fine Arts, Paris, France
- 2019: «Ceramics is...», Genesis Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2018: "4 Elements", Lola Nikolaou Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2018: "Earth, Wind & Fire", Chris Boicos Gallery, Paxoi, Greece
- 2018: "TRIO", D'art Gallery, Instabul, Turkey
- 2017: "Tea Invitation", RO Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2017: "Delphi", Archeological Museum of Delphi, Greece
- 2017: "Diversities", Balkan Art Gallery, Xanthi, Greece
- 2016: "5 Ceramists on Paxos Island", Chris Boicos gallery, Paxoi, Greece.
- 2016: "Wine Spirit", Casa Bianca, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 2015: "TORA", Alma Contemporary Art Gallery, Trikala, Greece.
- 2015: "53d Panhellenic Ceramics Competition", Athens, Greece - Invited artists
- 2015: "Epiroes" – Troupakis Tower, Old Kardamili, Kalamata, Greece

- 2014: "Kerameon Ihni, the beginning", Archeological Museum of Patra, Patra, Greece
- 2013: Kunst im BLAUEN HAUS, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2013: "Food for tools", LOLA NIKOLAOU Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece (in cooperation with Ektoras Mavridis)
- Oct 2012: "50th Panhellenic Ceramics Competition" Athens-Greece, **1st prize - "Floral expansion"**
- Jun 2012: "Metabasis", M-ART AEGINA Gallery, Aegina, Greece
- 2011: "100% Greek Design", M-ART SPACE Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2010: "Holly Art", LOLA NIKOLAOU Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2010: "Art to Use", LOLA NIKOLAOU Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2009: M-ART SPACE Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2009: "Ana-Kata", TSAKIRIS CULTURAL CENTER, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2005: "Fabrika Fabiana", URBAN MAGUSAR gallery, Radovljica, Slovenia
- 2005: "Art Symposium", Skyros, Greece
- 2004: "European Ceramics Competition", Marousi-Athens, Greece
- 2003: "Art Action Field Kodra", Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2003: "Potters of Thessaloniki", ALATZA IMARET, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2003: "Italian and Greek Ceramics", Faenza, Italy
- 2002-2003: "Artigianato Ceramica Moderna, Italy (Pesaro) – Slovenia (Ljubljana) – Greece (Kilkis)
- 2003: "44th Panhellenic Ceramics Exhibition", (2nd merit award), Athens
- 1998: "The Pittville Connection", Reynolds Warehouse, Gloucester, UK

### **Symposiums**

- 2021: "International Ceramics Symposium: Exploring Slipware Ceramics", Aigina, Greece
- 2020: "15<sup>th</sup> International Visual Arts Workshop and Exhibition in Thailand", Bangkok, Thailand
- 2019: "14<sup>th</sup> International Visual Arts Workshop and Exhibition in Thailand", Bangkok, Thailand
- 2017: "3<sup>rd</sup> International Eskisehir Odunpazari Workshop of Ceramic Firing Techniques", Eskisehir, Turkey
- 2017: "V International Mediterranean Terracotta Symposium", Cyprus
- 2016: "IV International Mediterranean Terracotta Symposium", Cyprus
- 2015: "2<sup>nd</sup> International Colony of Ceramic Art" – Varbonj, Croatia
- 2015: "Symposium of Byzantine Ceramics" – Troupakis Tower, Old Kardamili, Kalamata, Greece
- 2014: "Vounaria 2014" – Wood fire kiln building, Koroni, Greece
- 2011: "Earth & Water III", Avramilia, Kavala, Greece
- 2010: "Earth & Water", Avramilia, Kavala, Greece
- 2003-2007: "Fabrika Fabiana", Radovljica, Slovenia
- 2002: "Art.Ce.Mo.", European Ceramic Project (Italy, Slovenia, Greece), Pesaro, Italy

### **Collections**

POH-CHANG ACADEMY OF ART, Bangkok, Thailand  
 ODUNPAZARI MUNICIPALITY, Eskisehir, Turkey  
 BEDESTEN, Nicosia, Cyprus.

MUSEI CIVICI DI PESARO, Pesaro, Italy  
MOHAMED ALI Institute, Kavala, Greece  
MAROUSHI Municipality Building, Marousi, Athens, Greece.