

## Nikiforakis Polichronis



Polichronis Nikiforakis was born and lives in Heraklion, Crete. He studied veterinary medicine at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, a profession that he has been practicing to date. He was introduced to artistic photography at a very young age, receiving stimuli and knowledge from his father. Starting from 1984, he has been actively and consciously involved in photography, shortly before his college years. In Greece he received his first award (silver medal) in 1989, at the annual Greek photo competition of the Hellenic Photographic Society.

He has been a member of the Hellenic Photographic Society of Crete since 1982. From 1998 until 2013 he is elected to the Board of the Hellenic Photographic Society of Crete at the position of the Curator. Since 2013 he is elected as President of the society. He has participated in many seminars, lectures and workshops in Greece and abroad. (e.g. Stratos Kalafatis, Nikos Economopoulos, Lambros Papanikolatis, Eleni Mouzakitis, Lia Nalbandidou Haris Kakarouhas Manos Lykakis, Giorgos Myriangos, Vangelis Giotopoulos, Akis Duzlatzis, Alex Soth, John Law, AL Shamse Saeed, Berlingieri Nicolas).

Since 1999 he teaches the technical and aesthetics aspects of photography at the workshops for beginners and advanced students, organized by the Hellenic Photographic Society of Crete, as well as in workshops organized by unions of teachers, dentists, engineers, etc. in order for their members to acquire basic knowledge on photography. He has written educational material for almost all areas of artistic photography (e.g. composition, digital cameras and their use, photography types, photometry, film, photographic lenses, color, etc.)

Starting from 2008, he has been a member of the Global Photographic Union (GPU), and since 2009 he has been elected as the Secretary General. He holds the world art titles of GPU Zeus, GPU Cr3, EFIAP / b, ESFIAP, PSA 3 \*.

He has taken part in dozens of group exhibitions, in various parts of Greece and abroad. He made the first solo exhibition in March 2008 at the Basilica church of St. Markos in the city of Heraklion, Crete. His photos have been included in many publications.

He has been a jury committee member in many national and international competitions of photographic art.