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CREATIVE PROFILE

Born in the Greek city of Komotini and currently working in that city and in London. My self-taught practice encompasses sculpture, design, research and experimentation with recycled and found materials. I have created a unique and innovative process for recycling a variety of materials into forms such as fully playable musical instruments, sculpture and functional audio speakers. My work has been seen throughout Greece and exhibited in London. Music performed on my instruments has been played at European Union events, at conferences and cultural festivals in Greece and beyond.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2014

Presentation and performance at the opening of the annual Exhibition of the *Athenion* art association

Papanikolaou Foundation,
Komotini, Greece

European Union 35th Session of OPEKEPE

Komotini, Greece.

2013

Exhibition and concert 'When ecology meets arts and Music'

Thessaloniki, Greece

Exhibition and prototype concert 'When ecology meets arts and music'

Music School 'Maria Callas',
Kalamata, Greece

Display of musical instruments

Hobgoblin music stores, London

Exhibition, presentation, speech, live musical event, "Art, sport and literature against violence at school" Comenius international student project

Music School of Komotini, Greece

2012

Recycled art, exhibition and concert with ArtEco Band

Theatre Sofouli, Thessaloniki,
Greece

2011

Exhibition and first presentation of the musical ensemble EcoArt band which plays with recycled musical instruments

Music Concert Hall of Komotini,
Greece

Chris & Areti couple in art, couple in life, Multi space for arts and books Papatotiriou ,FEX, Visual walk through the old town of Xanthi, Greece

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015

Jazz, Exhibition by the artist Thierry Noir with collaborative

Howard Griffin Gallery, London

Sculptures and musical instruments

<http://howardgriffingallery.com/exhibitions/jazz/>

2014

Sound of Rhythm, exhibition and musical events with recycled musical instruments Ecofest, Istanbul, Turkey

2013

1st Festival of Student Creativity, exhibition and musical event Park of High Alonia, Aegio, Greece

2012

The Value of Wasted Materials International Exhibition, Leonardo da Vinci Lifelong learning program, Kilkis, Greece

Recycling with Art. Do not Throw it, exhibition and musical event Teloglion Art Foundation, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Thracians artists exhibition

Event space for culture, Municipality of Komotini, Greece

2011

Events for the release of Komotini, artists' exhibition Cultural Centre, Municipality of Komotini, Greece.

MEDIA

2015

Howard Griffin Gallery exhibition,

<http://www.eugreeka.com/jazz-by-thierry-noir-chris-tsonias/>

The paper violin school,

<http://www.violinschool.org/a-paper-violin/>

2014

Innovative functional art, Eco friendly loudspeaker: ad-hoc-news.de, Berlin, Germany,

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/innovative-functional-art-eco-friendly-loudspeaker-box--/de/News/37335421>

A Violin Made Of WHAT?? A Half-Baked Notion, Proudly Canadian Blog

<http://ahalfbakednotion.blogspot.gr/2014/09/a-violin-made-of-what.html>

2013

White Tower exhibition and concert, Interview and shots from the event, Macedonia TV & TV 100, Thessaloniki, Greece. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5BJJxGKQ20> Concert with musical instruments made of paper and fabric, White Tower Thessaloniki, Dramania.gr

Recycled orchestra @ White Tower Thessaloniki 2013, Saloniki TV,

<http://el.saloniki.tv/?id=19374>

International Exhibition Handbook, Epimorfotiki Kilkis SM LLC, August Horch Akademie, Audit Conseil Expertise Formation, "The Value of Wasted Materials",
<http://epimorfotikikilkis.blogspot.gr/2013/04/international-exhibition-handbook.html>

Prototype concert by the Music School of Kalamata "Maria Callas", Messinia news, The Rhodian - Daily Morning Journal Rhodes, farenews.gr, livester.gr,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjYF4ZXgw10>

Aegio: With joy and smiles completed the student festival for Environment and Recycling, Patras events.gr
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=dBcg4A4UINc

2012

Athenian and Macedonian Press Agency (AMPE) , Interview, Thessaloniki, Greece.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyVpvdHRu00>

Radio Arvyla, Live TV show (interview and ArtEco Band Live appearance), ANT1 TV , Athens, Greece.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1nhqmfVz5k>

"The Value of Wasted Materials", kilkis24.gr, thevalueofwastedmaterials.blogspot.gr,
<http://thevalueofwastedmaterials.blogspot.gr/2012/09/kilkis-international-exhibition-of-items.html>

Recycled musical instruments, Recyclart.org, itclips.net, Technology mashup & more.....
<http://www.recyclart.org/2012/11/recycled-musical-instruments/>
<http://www.itclips.net/2012/11/18/recycled-musical-instruments/>

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE/PRESENTATION

"About the possibilities of recycling in music, art and entertainment"

Music school of Komotini, Greece.

Presented to:

Music school of Komotini - 25 March 2013

Environmental education class of the 2o High school of Komotini - 26 March 2013

Environmental education class of the 1o High school of Xanthi – 27 March 2013

PATENTS

Patent owner of Industrial Property Organization of Greece (OBI) Patent by Chris Tsonias No.: 20110100013 / 1007747 international Classifications (INT.CL 8) : G10D 1/00 Title: "Stringed musical instruments made of soft and flexible materials". (Such as, paper, textile-fabric, synthetic or used leather, cardboard, etc)