

## ŞİNASİ TEKMAN

1933 Born in the village of Yiğitler (Arçoz).

Completed Secondary School and High School educations in Nicosia. Started to show interest on literature owing to his Literature teacher Zeki Burdurlu.

1950-52 Published his first writings in "Çığır" Magazine prepared by the students of Turkish High School.

1952 Passed the Teacher College exam (the College was a milestone for Tekman).

1954 Was appointed to the first place where Tekman started teaching, Selamiye.

1955 "Poems to Children of Atatürk" and "Nasrettin Hoca Poems"

1956 Wrote the plays, "Green Island Tree and Forest Poems" and "Easy Come, Easy Go".

1957 Married to Miss Nevruz. His son Ali was born in 1956 and his daughter Çiğal was born in 1963.

1956-58 Specialized in wood working and ceramics in King Alfred College, England (he got a scholarship).

1958 Established his personal atelier in Lefke and started doing art work.

1959 First time exhibition – in Lefke, with ceramics artist Lerzan Öke.

1961 First solo exhibition – in Nicosia, continued his sculpture work until he died.

1962 Chosen to Handicraft Improving Committee as a member. Found the Turkish Handicraft Association very same year.

1980 Participated in the establishment of Cooperative for Handicrafts sponsored by United Nations. Performed army duty during the years of domestic disturbance and war.

1968 Appointed to Türk Maarif College where he work as a teacher, vice director and director respectively until 1995 in which he was retired.

1992 Founding member of Democrat Party.

1992-93 Regularly wrote columns in New Democrat, the media organ of the Democrat Party.

1994-96 Member of Eastern Mediterranean University Board of Trustees and Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council.

1995-2001 Founding director of International American College.

1996 Established Tekman Art Center on Ledra Palas Road where he had exhibitions and poem nights.

1999 Participated in the Turkish Bank Culture and Art Award Board.

2001-05 Displayed his sculptures and old objects of his family in Büyük Han.

2005 Received "Honorary doctoral" degree from Eastern Mediterranean University, Department of Educational Sciences.

2005 Lost his battle with cancer and passed away.

### Solo Exhibitions

1962 "Cauterization and Carving" Exhibition, Turkish Cypriot Civil Servants Institution, Nicosia Branch, Nicosia – Cyprus.

1963 Royal Air Forces, Akrotiri Training Center, Cyprus.

1983 20 Temmuz High School, Nicosia – Cyprus.

1993 Exhibitions in Kyrenia, Güzelyurt, Lefke, Dipkarpaz, Yeşilirmak, Famagusta and Nicosia within the scope of the 35<sup>th</sup> Art year, From Dillirga to Karpaz.

1990 HP Gallery, Nicosia – Cyprus.

1998 American Center, Küçük Kaymaklı, Nicosia – Cyprus.

2001 Bahçeşehir University, İstanbul - Turkey.

2005 Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta – Cyprus.

### Group Exhibitions

1959 Lerzan Öke and Şinasi Tekman, Karadağ Community Center, Lefke.

1963 Art and Sculpture Exhibition, Cevdet Çağdaş and Şinasi Tekman, Ledra Palas Hotel, Nicosia.

1967 Art and Sculpture Exhibition, Cevdet Çağdaş and Şinasi Tekman, Ledra Palas Hotel, Nicosia.

1968 Art and Sculpture Exhibition, Cevdet Çağdaş, Şinasi Tekman and Dr. Kemal Karaderi, Ledra Palas Hotel, Nicosia.

1974 Art and Sculpture Exhibition, Özden Selenge, Şinasi Tekman, Turkish Cypriot Primary School Teachers Syndicate Building, Nicosia.

1977 "K.T.F.D Art Exhibition" State Fine Arts Gallery, Ankara - Turkey.

1982 "YESTERDAY-TODAY" Exhibition in Turkish Cypriot Art and Sculpture. Visual Artists Association, Turkish Cypriot Airways Terminal Hall, Nicosia.

1986 Art and Sculpture Exhibition, AKM (Atatürk Culture Center), Nicosia.

- 1988 Exhibition with Münise Özmulla within the framework of the 30<sup>th</sup> Art Year, AKM, Nicosia.  
1988 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Europe Art Biennale, Ankara – Turkey.  
1992 “Brush Strokes Across Cultures” Group Exhibition, South Nicosia- Cyprus. HP Gallery, Nicosia.  
1992 4<sup>th</sup> International Asia-Europe Art Biennale, Ankara – Turkey.  
1996 “Plant a Tree” Exhibition, HP Gallery, Nicosia.  
1998 “Cyprus İkdısat Bank, Group Sculpture Exhibition”, Nicosia.  
2003 6<sup>th</sup> International Güzelyurt Culture-Art Festival, Group Exhibition, Güzelyurt Exhibition Hall, Cyprus.  
2004 Group Sculpture Exhibition with Artemis Antonıou, Paphos- Cyprus.

#### **Awards**

- 1980 KTFD 5<sup>th</sup> Year Award.  
1987 2<sup>nd</sup> State Art-Sculpture Exhibition Award.