Press Release (ENG)

Morfi Gallery is delighted to announce **“Step into my World”**, Panicos Spanos’s second major solo exhibition on the island, on **September 16th**, **Friday**, at **19:30pm**. The pioneering metal sculptor Panicos Spanos invites you to see his new cutting-edge works, by stepping into his creative imagination. Centring on figurative sculptures, the exhibition aims to immerse the viewer into the artist’s creative process, and to offer a doorway to the world through Spanos’s eyes.

Spanos was born in 1976, in Limassol, Cyprus. He discovered his love for metal while working as a craftsman at a lighting manufacturer. It wasn’t until fourteen years later, that he studied classical painting and ceramics under the prolific Cypriot artist Pambos Michlis. Eventually, he opened his own studio as a metal sculptor, and stayed true to his medium ever since. He has shown in various exhibitions in Cyprus and is part of private collections all over the world such as Russia, the U.S.A, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, the UK, and Greece. Panicos created numerous public sculptures in Cyprus such as *Icarus* at the Ayia Napa promenade, *Cerberus* at the Ayia Napa sculpture park, the *Olympic Champion Pavlos Kontides* at Limassol’s Nautical Club, and the monument of Miners at Kalavassos village, among many others.

The works in **“Step into my World”** are exemplary of Spanos’s ongoing exploration of his inner thoughts, surroundings, and society at large. The artist draws from a wide-range of influences, most notably the concept of time and space, the natural kingdom, and the infinite potential of humanity. Spanos’s sculptures are playful and often reflect his fascination with cartoon illustration and pop culture, while others are edgy and fierce. The viewers are invited to use the sense of *sight*, *hearing* and *touch,* to identify with the artist’s creative process, and become one with his world. In Spanos’s words: “Art has to come out naturally, effortlessly, and organically. I sculpt what I feel, and I try not to overthink. To make art is to feel free, but only when you feel free, can you make art.”

Morfi Gallery is located in the heart of Limassol’s historical centre, at Agkyras 84, 3042. The exhibition will be on **until September 26th, Monday**. Morfi Gallery is open from **Tuesday to Friday 10:00 - 12:30 and 16:30 - 19:00, Monday and Saturday 10:00 - 13:00.** The exhibition is curated by the artist's agent Nefeli Stylianou.