

*2024 Spirit Vessel*  
ARTIST STATEMENT  
Christine Palamidessi  
150 words

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Christine Palamidessi likes to tell stories about art and artifacts, myths, goddesses, saints and couples, warriors and virgins.

She creates sculptures of figurative forms that persist in cultures from all over the world. The iconic shapes are built from layers of hardened paper, using an age-old technique she learned from mask makers and cartapesta artisans in Italy.

Her art is influenced not only by archeological finds she tracks down in museums, caves and private collections but also by her work as a yoga teacher and writer. Yoga references speak to alignment, chakras, and how the soul presses onto the inside layer of our skin. Viewers can actually look inside many of her sculptures.

On a continuum, she explores the question we all grapple with: making sense of where we come from--personally, ancestrally, geographically--and how that relates to who we are and how we experience life and love now.