

Algis Kemezys' ***BORN IN STONE*** (composite photographs)
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Internationally exhibited photographic artist **Algis Kemezys**, is showing his latest, ***Born in Stone*** (composite photographs of stone and ancient Greek sculpture) in the **National Archaeological Museum** in Athens, home to the greatest collection of Greek art on the planet.

The show is called *Born in Stone*, but in reality it was *Born in the Museum*. It was inside this building, in the presence of its many treasures, that the notion for these images was first conceived, and then completed with absolute devotion during the last three years. Miraculously for Algis, it is inside the same museum's walls

that the work is receiving its most articulated showing to date.

The stone, which forms the back-grounds of the images, is also from antiquity. Kemezys chose the holy rock upon which sits the Athenian Acropolis, and that of the famed quarries of Paros Island, whose pure-white, translucent marble inspired the greatest work of Phideas and of Praxiteles.

The fusion of the perfect, life-like sculptures to the stone from which they sprung makes for images that linger in the pleasure centers of the mind as they propel the imagination into mythology. They tell the tales of a storied civilization whose artistry has informed the very roots of western culture. The museum's former director, Dr. George Kakavàs, declared *Born in Stone* the most original interpretation of ancient sculpture that he has ever seen.

This interest in sculpture and the infinite visual possibilities of stone is an on-going theme in Kemezys' work. It began in childhood, when his mother showed him that he could find "faces" on stone, and culminated in his award-winning, hour-long documentary *Mimetoliths*, a visual poem to the anthropomorphic rocky highlights of the island of Crete (Greece). ***Born in Stone*** continues his quest into the artistry that resides in stone all around us.

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