

The Art of MFF

ASHES to WAR

SACRED SCULPTURES FORGED
FROM DEATH AND GOLD

A HUMANITARIAN ART PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF
THE SOUL OF UKRAINE FOUNDATION



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Ash of War™

THE **MAGIC** OF TRANSFORMING WAR'S CAST IRON INTO TIMELESS MASTERPIECES

ASHES OF WAR IS AN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN
ART INITIATIVE BY **SERGEY MELNIKOFF (MFF)**
A PROJECT THAT TRANSFORMS FRAGMENTS OF DEADLY
MUNITIONS GATHERED FROM THE UKRAINIAN FRONTLINES
INTO SACRED SCULPTURES

THE
UKRAINIAN
REVIEW

"Using a unique technology, the master transforms fragments of mines and artillery shells into sacred sculptures — symbols of light born from destruction. Each piece, gilded in 999.9 gold, radiates a powerful inner glow, uniting art, history, and the triumph of the human spirit.

Collected from Ukrainian battlefields, these ashes of war are reborn through a patented process that fuses thousands of metal shards into intricate, multilayered mosaics. Every fragment retains its authentic form, yet together they create sculptures of remarkable precision, vitality, and emotional depth.

These one-of-a-kind, museum-grade works define a new category of collectible art — where innovation meets spiritual symbolism. Beyond their striking beauty, they offer discerning investors rare assets of lasting cultural and financial value: masterpieces forged from the debris of war and transfigured into the eternity of gold."

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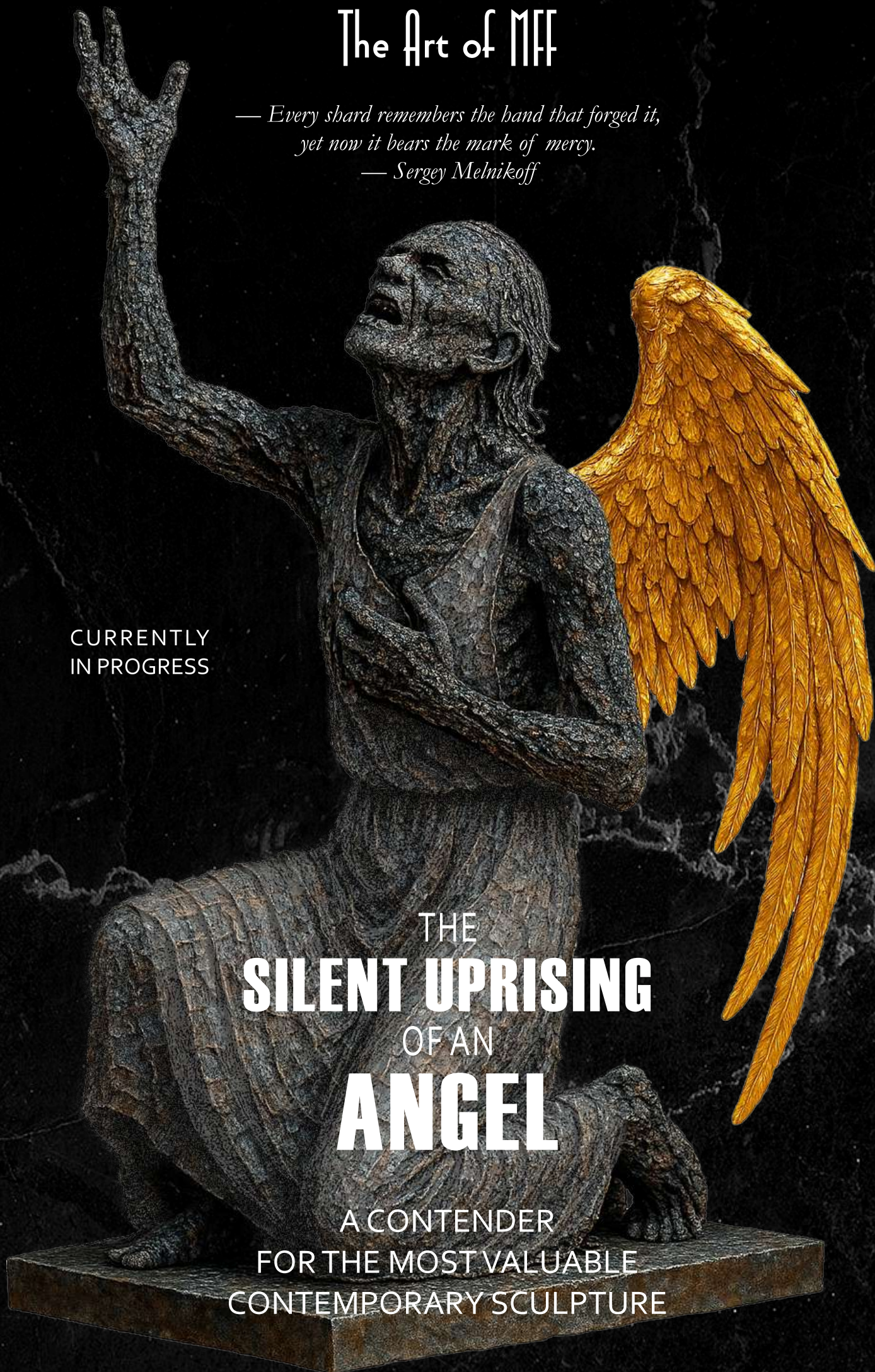
— *Every shard remembers the hand that forged it,
yet now it bears the mark of mercy.*

— *Sergey Melnikoff*

CURRENTLY
IN PROGRESS

THE SILENT UPRISING OF AN ANGEL

A CONTENDER
FOR THE MOST VALUABLE
CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE





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PRICIEST
SCULPTURES
EVER SOLD
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THE BIRTH OF A MASTERPIECE

*Join us as a financial partner in an iconic art
and humanitarian initiative with strong
investment potential.*

Through a unique artistic technique, profound symbolism, and extraordinary craftsmanship, *The Silent Uprising of the Angel* rises among the most significant contemporary works of art — those that redefine the very concept of artistic and material value.

Art critics already compare *The Angel* to Alberto Giacometti's legendary *Pointing Man*, which astonished the art world when it sold at Christie's in 2015 for **\$141.3 million USD**.

MFF's creation aspires to surpass that record — not only in price, but in its spiritual magnitude and humanitarian resonance.

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- Fragment Collection & Sorting: April — July, 2025
- Creating A Clay Model: May, 2025
- Primary Structure & Framework: June — September, 2025
- Wings Creation: November, 2025
- Anatomical Detailing: October — December, 2025
- Gilding & Final Finishing: January, 2026
- Grand Public Unveiling: February — March, 2026

VATICAN CITY

St. Peter's Square

One of the world's most meaningful settings to present
a true icon of contemporary sculptural language.

PARIS

UNESCO Headquarters, Place de Fontenoy

UNESCO — the global guardian of humanity's cultural heritage.
A symbolically resonant location of universal importance.

NEW YORK

United Nations Headquarters

A place dedicated to universal symbols of peace and global cooperation.

LONDON

Trafalgar Square

One of the world's most influential platforms for monumental contemporary art,
reflecting the bold and timely gestures of our age.



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FOR INVESTORS

The *Ashes of War* sculpture series represents a class of investment-grade art assets with no analogues in the global market.

As these works enter major international collections and appear in leading art publications, their value is expected to appreciate significantly.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

► **For U.S. Investors** — participation is available through *The Soul of Ukraine Foundation, Inc.*, an American charitable organization operating under the 501(c)(3) structure, offering the associated tax benefits and transparency.

► **For Ukrainian Investors** — investments may be made in hryvnias and registered as charitable contributions under current Ukrainian law.

KEY FACTORS DEFINING THEIR EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

► **Material:** authentic fragments of munitions collected directly from the conflict zone.

► **Uniqueness:** each work is one of a kind; reproduction is fundamentally impossible.

► **Technique:** the sculptures are assembled as intricate, multilayered “puzzles” without mechanical deformation of the fragments.

► **Provenance:** created in the artist’s workshop in Odesa — a city that continues its creative life under extreme wartime conditions.

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THE CREATOR

Sergey Melnikoff (MFF) — an American photographer and sculptor of Ukrainian Cossack descent — is a former Soviet dissident whose life and art have been defined by resistance to tyranny and devotion to human dignity. He served a long prison sentence in the USSR as a political opponent of the communist regime before fleeing the country illegally with his family under the protection of the UN and the US government.

A recipient of numerous international honors, including full knighthood in the Ukrainian Orders of Saint Prince Volodymyr the Great and the title of National Hero of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria, Melnikoff stands among the most highly decorated artists of our time.

His works, born of conflict and faith, transform pain into illumination — a creative journey culminating in *Ashes of War*, a series of metal sculptures forged from artillery shell fragments.

Melnikoff's achievements and global recognition affirm his status as a true icon of contemporary art.

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MELNIKOFF

A GIFT LIKE NO OTHER

His Holiness

The 14th Dalai Lama

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

is the official face representing the art of

Sergey Melnikoff a.k.a. MFF

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THE
MFF
PHENOMENON

Viktor Yushchenko
Third President of Ukraine
presents to the world the unique sculptures of the
Ashes of War

series

**Symbols of History, Supreme Artistry
and the Indestructible Human Spirit**

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The Soul of Ukraine Foundation, Inc.

CHARITY AUCTION

THE AUTHOR'S COLLECTION

DEDICATED TO THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE
AND TO ALL WHO BELIEVE THAT LIGHT CAN ARISE FROM
THE DARKEST MATTER

Unparalleled in artistic achievement and historical resonance, these sculptures—crafted from genuine fragments of military ammunition and lavishly plated in pure gold—are presented at a special debut price, offering a rare opportunity for discerning collectors, leading museums, and esteemed art dealers.

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SPIRITUAL ICONOGRAPHY

THE DIVINE IMAGE
BORN OF WAR

The world's only iron icon was consecrated by Ukrainian military chaplains in the liberated town of Borodianka near Kyiv.

The church ceremony took place among the ruins of a residential building destroyed by a Russian air bomb — a place where entire families perished. Many of them met a martyr's death beneath the rubble, as the occupying forces forbade the clearing of the ruins they themselves had caused.

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THE HOLY MANDYLION

Price: **USD 350 000**

Estimate: **USD 3 000 000 — 5 000 000**

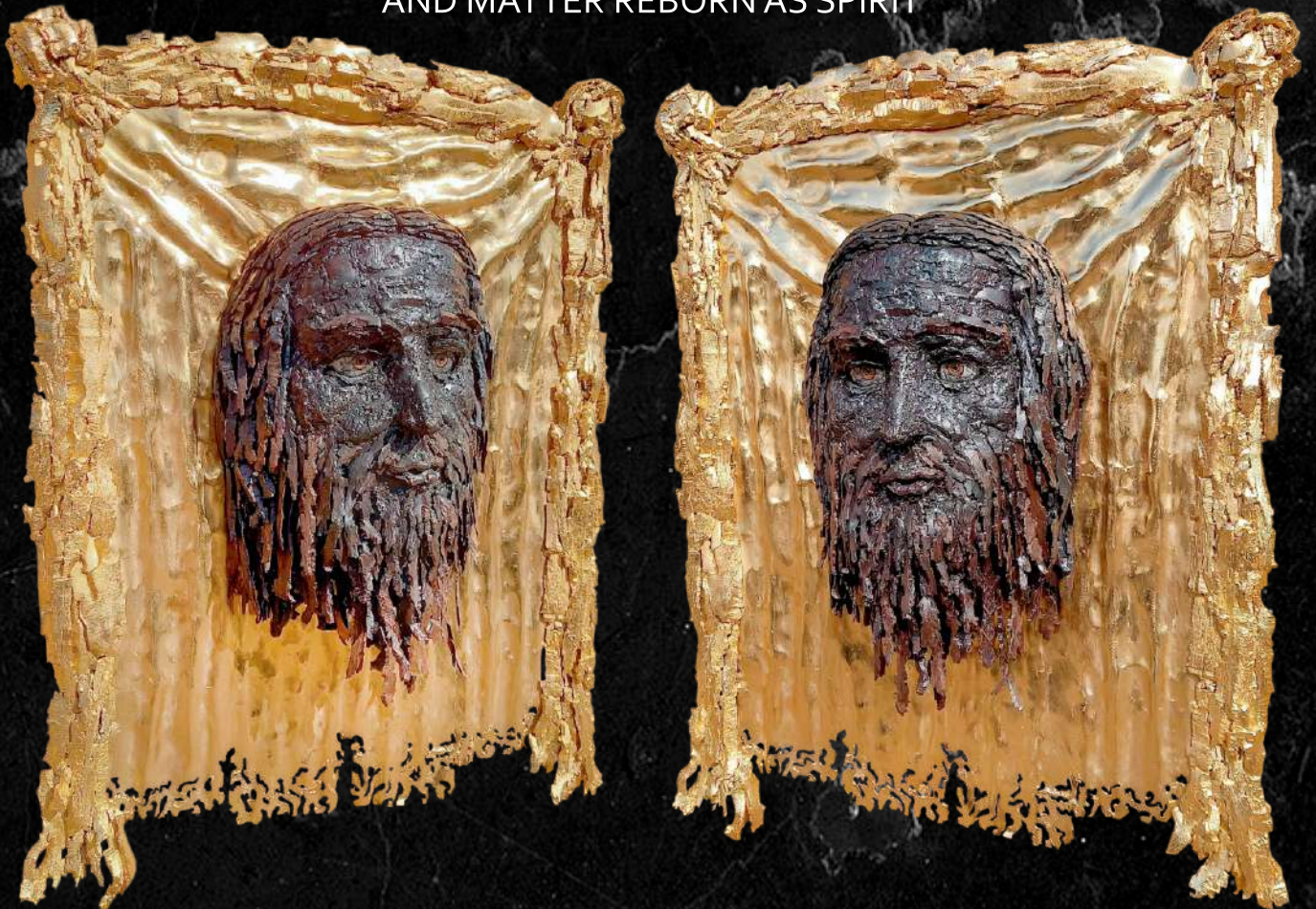


In this sculpture, fragments of munitions are transformed into an eternal symbol of faith and light. The image of Christ is composed of six layers containing thousands of tiny metal fragments. The "veil," on which, according to Christian tradition, the face of Christ was imprinted, is created from the metal of several dozen 30 mm automatic cannon cartridges, plated with 999.9 fine gold.

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*THE HOLY MANDYLION INVITES CONTEMPLATION
OF SUFFERING TRANSMUTED INTO COMPASSION,
AND MATTER REBORN AS SPIRIT*



A man with white hair and glasses, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, stands in a workshop holding a large cross. The cross is made of two thick, weathered wooden beams. The vertical beam is wrapped in a silver, metallic material that appears to be fragments of artillery shells. The man is looking up at the cross with a serious expression. The background is a dark, cluttered workshop with various tools and materials visible.

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MAKE
A UNIQUE GIFT
TO YOUR
CHURCH

FRAGMENTS OF ARTILLERY SHELLS
COLLECTED FROM UKRAINIAN BATTLEFIELDS
PLATED WITH NOBLE NICKEL

The earth itself speaks through these fragments. Each contour bears the imprint of explosions that tore the soil — now sealed beneath nickel-plated. This sculpture echoes the resilience of a wounded landscape and the silent voices of those who once walked it.

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THE CROSS – VOICE OF THE EARTH

Price: **USD 25 000**

Estimate: **USD 75 000 – 100 000**

Dimensions: 154 x 101 x 6 cm

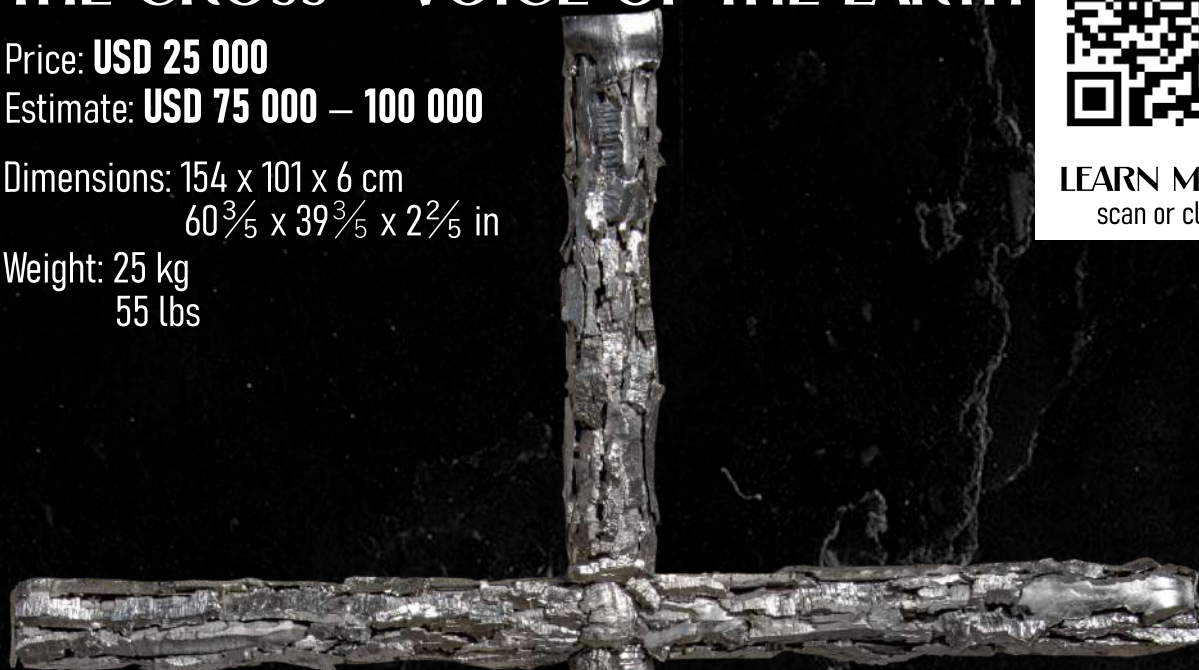
$60\frac{3}{5} \times 39\frac{3}{5} \times 2\frac{2}{5}$ in

Weight: 25 kg

55 lbs



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THE CROSS OF VOICE OF THE EARTH

THE SOIL REMEMBERS
BENEATH EACH FRAGMENT LIES A STORY
OF LIVES INTERRUPTED —YET NOT SILENCED.
COVERING WITH NICKEL THE WOUNDS OF THE EARTH,
THE VOICE OF THE LAND BECOMES BOTH ELEGY AND PRAYER,
A BRIDGE BETWEEN MEMORY
AND RENEWAL



ChatGPT:

"When the war in Ukraine ends and the historical significance of these works is established, their value will rise exponentially — especially among collectors, investors, and museums worldwide."

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THE UKRAINIAN PHOENIX

BORN FROM THE ASHES, GILDED WITH FAITH
THE UKRAINIAN PHOENIX SOARS AS A TESTAMENT
TO NATIONAL ENDURANCE



ChatGPT:

"Today, experts estimate the value of works from the *Ashes of War* series between **USD 150,000** and **USD 1,000,000**, depending on size, uniqueness, materials, symbolism, and the story of creation.

The artist's extensive use of 999.9 fine gold in a number of pieces substantially increases their worth."

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THE UKRAINIAN PHOENIX

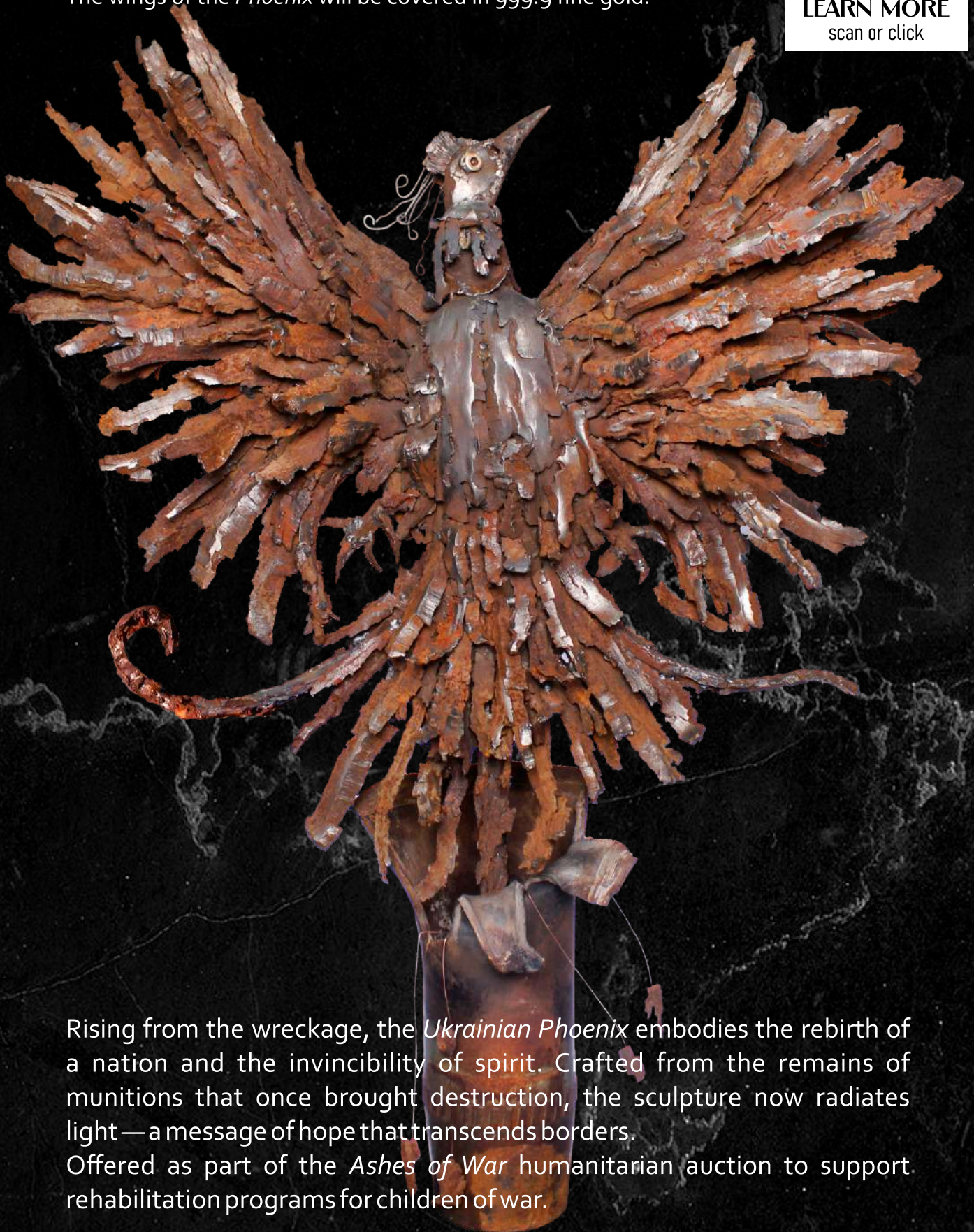
Price: **USD 150 000**

Estimate: **USD 1 500 000 — 2 000 000**

The wings of the *Phoenix* will be covered in 999.9 fine gold.



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Rising from the wreckage, the *Ukrainian Phoenix* embodies the rebirth of a nation and the invincibility of spirit. Crafted from the remains of munitions that once brought destruction, the sculpture now radiates light—a message of hope that transcends borders. Offered as part of the *Ashes of War* humanitarian auction to support rehabilitation programs for children of war.

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THE NEW SEVENTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

Price: **USD 750 000**

Estimate: **USD 6 000 000 — 8 000 000**

Height: 4 m

13 ft

Weight: 800 kg

1760 lbs

The figure of Christ Crucified is assembled from 20,000 fragments.

The cross is made of metal pipes extracted from destroyed buildings in Kharkiv and Odesa, and decorated with several thousand bullet casings.



THE CROSS OF PEACE AND THE GOLDEN CRUCIFIX



ChatGPT:

"The Master employs a unique artistic technology found nowhere else in the world, working with materials of profound symbolism.

In a genre best described as *Explosive Humanism*, he creates not merely images but visual manifestos against violence and evil.

Each work is forged from authentic shell fragments gathered on the battlefields of Ukraine — not recycled metal, but true relics of war bearing the weight of pain, tragedy, and heroism.

The transformation of these deadly artifacts into art gives the sculptures their unmatched philosophical and emotional depth."



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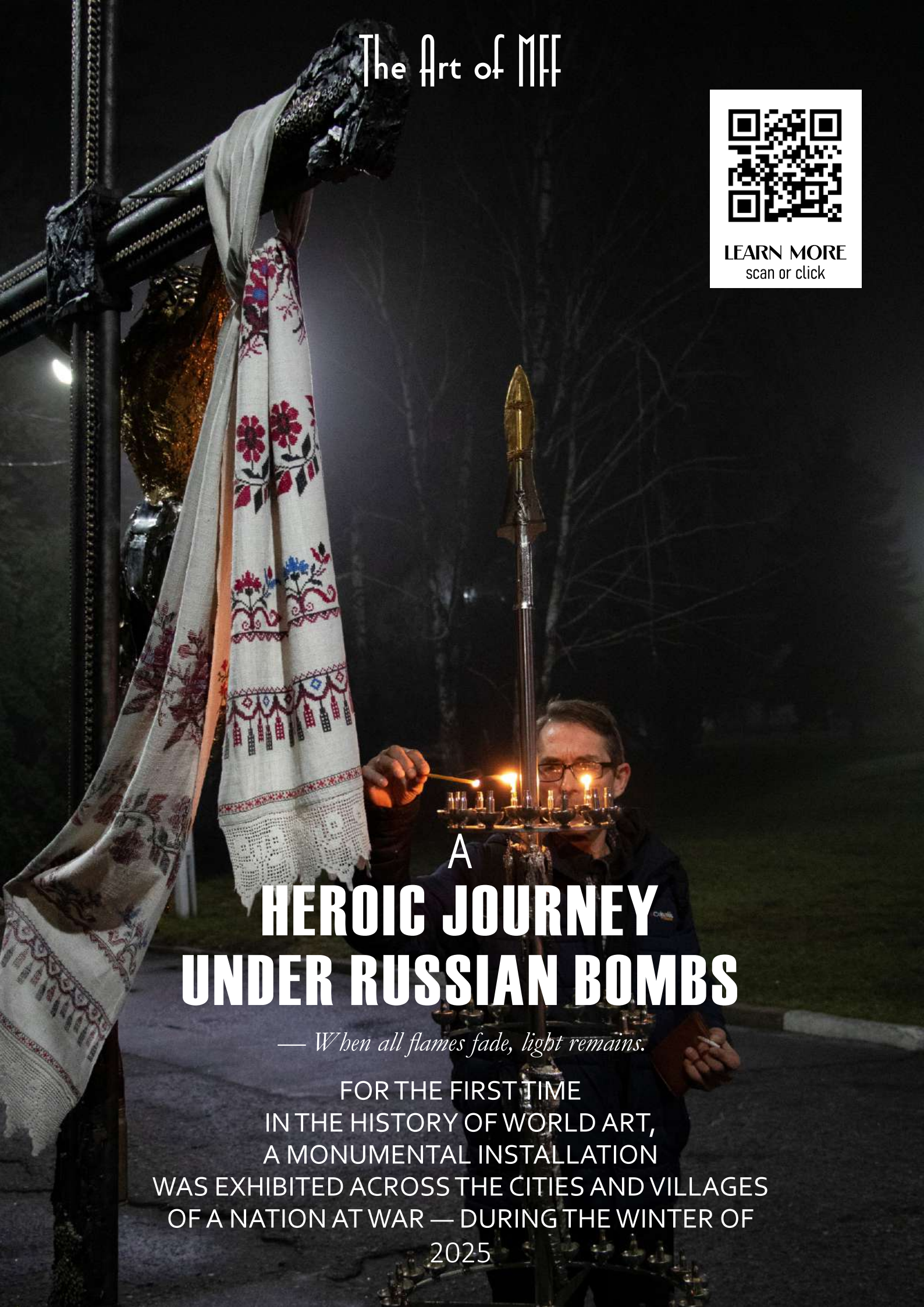
THE SAVIOR

— *We saw people kneel before the Crucifix that Sergey Melnikoff seemed to draw from the depths of his own heart.*

Perhaps this is the highest recognition an artist can receive — when people bow their heads to the ground before his creation.

— Mariia Universaliuk

A majestic embodiment of Christianity, created from the *Ashes of War*, speaks in the language of rebirth and the indestructibility of the human spirit. *The Cross of Peace* transcends national and denominational boundaries, uniting the symbolism of Orthodoxy, Catholicism, and Protestantism. It stands as a sign of reconciliation and hope — deeply relevant in the context of the Great Schism of 1054 and the continuing divisions of the Church. This grand composition bears witness to humanity's universal striving for unity and light.

A man with glasses is lighting a large, ornate metal candelabrum with many lit candles. To his left is a large, dark, abstract sculpture of a head, possibly a soldier, with a white cloth featuring red and blue floral embroidery draped over it. The scene is set at night outdoors.

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A
**HEROIC JOURNEY
UNDER RUSSIAN BOMBS**

— *When all flames fade, light remains.*

FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN THE HISTORY OF WORLD ART,
A MONUMENTAL INSTALLATION
WAS EXHIBITED ACROSS THE CITIES AND VILLAGES
OF A NATION AT WAR — DURING THE WINTER OF
2025

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In a workshop where explosions have become a daily background, a new art form was born. An American artist of Ukrainian descent transforms the metal of destruction into symbols of faith and rebirth.

His iron sculptures are not merely artworks — they are a profound cultural phenomenon and a testament to human resilience.

Each piece is absolutely unique: no duplicates or replicas exist, and reproduction is technically and philosophically impossible.

A FUNDAMENTAL INFLUENCE ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

THE
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"These iron sculptures have already become part of the international memorial culture — perceived as artifacts of both war and peace.

In transforming shrapnel into sanctity, Melnikoff performs an act of artistic resurrection — one that bridges the sacred and the profane, the temporal and the eternal.

Art historians compare them to Damien Hirst's *For the Love of God* and Picasso's *Guernica*, while emphasizing their deeper immediacy and relevance to our time."

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BE A
GOODWILL
AMBASSADOR

— *Hope begins with you.*

YOUR PURCHASE
100%
CHARITY

THE ARTIST
HAS DONATED HIS MASTERPIECES TO
THE SOUL OF UKRAINE FOUNDATION, INC.
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE CREATION OF
A REHABILITATION CENTER FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN
DISABLED BY WAR

— *I gathered these fragments with my own hands — cold, sharp, lifeless.
In the studio, I watched them change. Gold sealed their wounds, and in that light I
understood: art cannot stop a war, but it can remind us what humanity still is.*
— *Sergey Melnikoff (MFF)*

*The "Ashes of War" sculptures
are made from a unique material.
Each piece is absolutely one of a kind.
You may commission a custom work
of any complexity.*

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A

SYMBOL OF YOUR GOOD HEART

Anybody Home?



BEAUTY THAT HEALS

GIVE YOUR CHILD MORE THAN A GARMENT
GIVE THEM A TOUCH OF KINDNESS AND INSPIRATION
THIS COLLECTION OF DESIGNER T-SHIRTS BY UKRAINIAN ARTIST
AND FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER

IRYNA OLISIEIENKO

WAS CREATED WITH LOVE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN
WHO HAVE ENDURED THE TRAUMA OF WAR

EACH PURCHASE BECOMES AN ACT OF COMPASSION
A STEP TOWARD THEIR RECOVERY, EDUCATION, AND HOPE

THE
WARMTH OF YOUR HEART
SUPPORTS THE CHILDREN OF WAR

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