

SILENCE PAVILION

Between the Tangible and the Intangible

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The silence allows for pathways to your inner voice.



listen to the silence,

observe the invisible,

touch the intangible.



The Egypt Pavilion is an invitation to slowness and to listen, to attune oneself to the imperceptible — to the silences between gestures, to the vibrations of stone, and to the quiet murmurs of being. It leaves behind the bombastic rhetoric and the fleeting “event” that vanishes quickly to allow for the enduring “trace” that accumulates slowly within the viewer, reshaping their personal experience.

Agop proposes a space for contemplation, meditation and reflection. A physical, visual and sensorial space—an environment where visitors are invited to perceive the inner world of the artworks and themselves. The silence allows for an intimate communication between the works and the viewer. This enhances sensory and emotional perception, reducing reliance on conventional language while increasing personal interaction—each visitor becomes a participant in reshaping meaning.



| INTANGIBLE

“We call it visual art, but I believe it is all about the *invisible*.

Our interiority is intangible but touches us deeply.

With presence and awareness we experience the visible and the invisible together which reaches the invisible inside us.”

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| TANGIBLE

“Granite comes from the core of the earth and you are invited to touch it.

I believe granite came out from the heart of the earth for a reason, and maybe that reason is to be touched by you.

What we touch, touches us.”

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I MYSTIC INVISIBLE

You are invited to unite with yourself above all. Your unification with yourself is a cosmic event.

The Seen and the Unseen

One solitary round granite stands alone in front of countless singular dots.

Through exploring the vastness of what we behold, we can experience endless versions of our own personal vastness. A painting and a sculpture can be the medium to unite with the cosmos, as our inner world is deeply connected with the whole universe.

Through a meditative process, dots are applied to the canvas with the smallest pen nib in a "gestural mantra." The accumulation of dots over time invokes luminosity from darkness. The painting becomes a materialization of time through the ritual of the "gestural mantra."

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The Heard and the Unheard

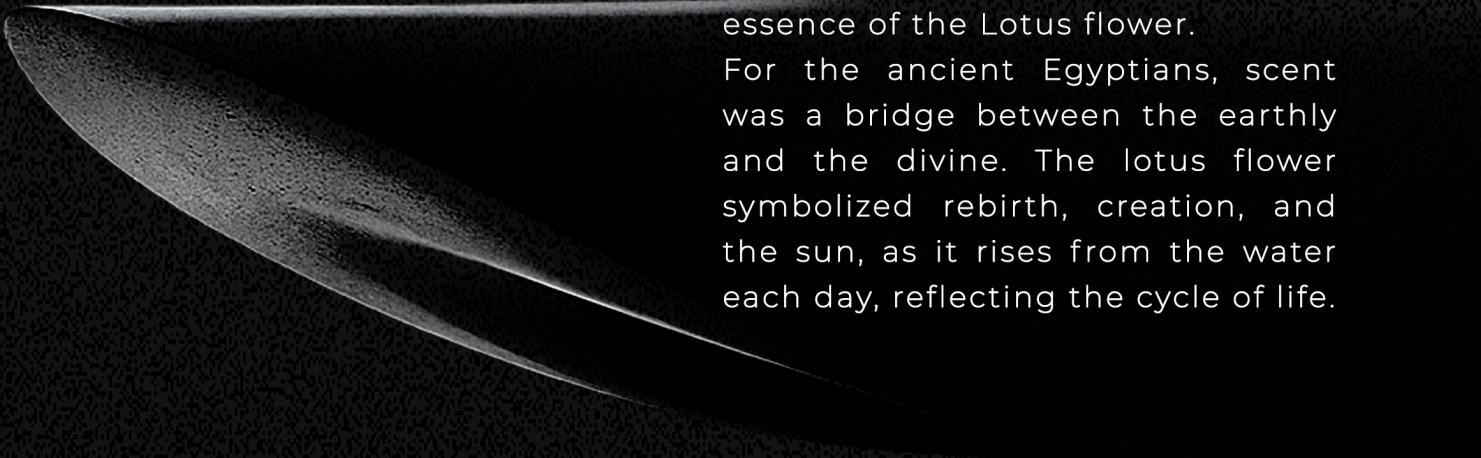
In every human practice we hear the sound of the making and so it is with the sound of the body in its practice, with the heartbeat and the breath yet these sounds often go unheard, ignored.

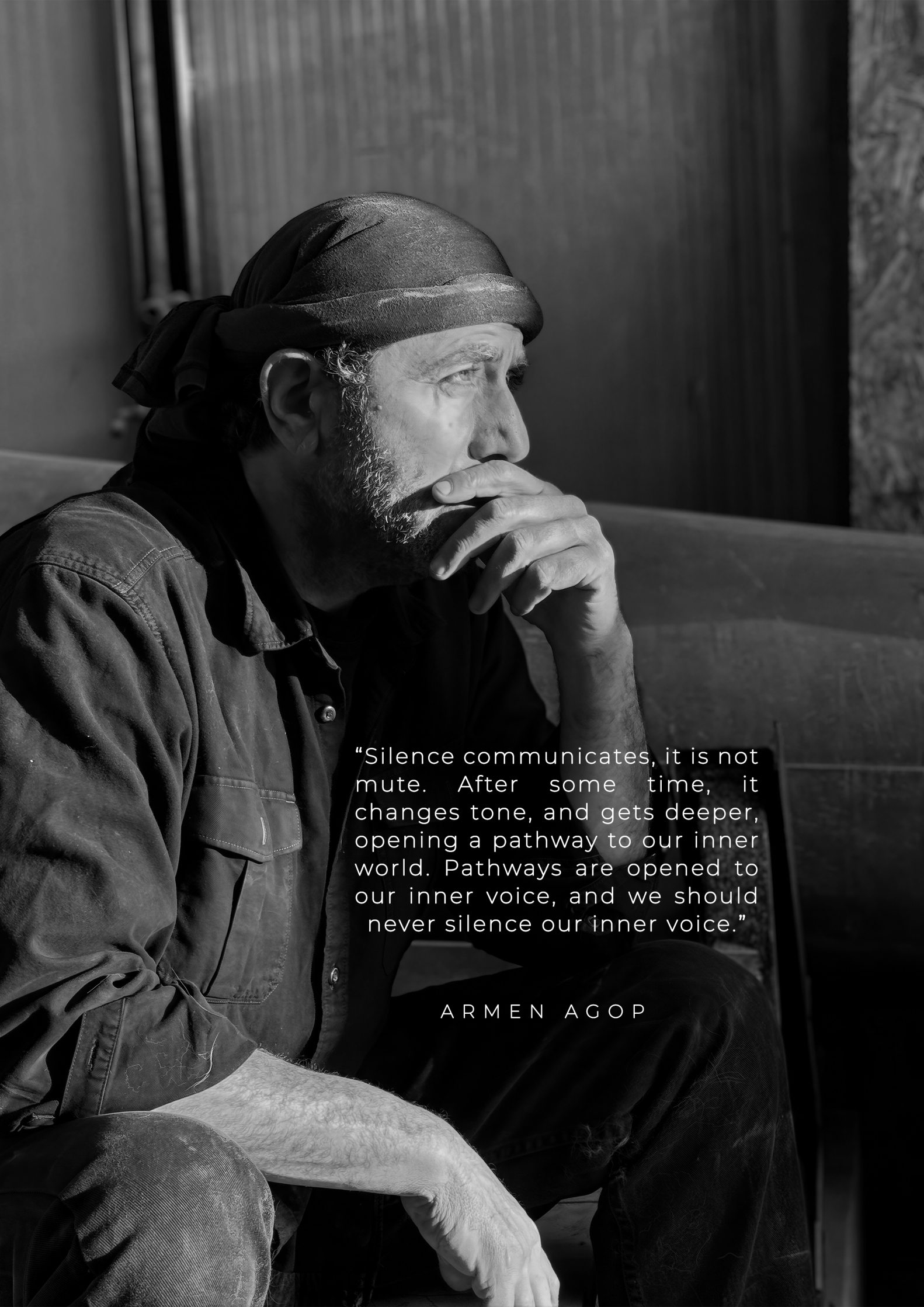
In the Sound Work the harmony between the audible sounds of performance — the strike of the chisel, the tap of the pen — and the unheard from within — the pulse and the breath — are like the chants and whispers of an inner life and an outer life woven together in a system that transcends the boundaries of the familiar and the hidden.

The Mystic Invisible

Fragrant composition based on the essence of the Lotus flower.

For the ancient Egyptians, scent was a bridge between the earthly and the divine. The lotus flower symbolized rebirth, creation, and the sun, as it rises from the water each day, reflecting the cycle of life.





“Silence communicates, it is not mute. After some time, it changes tone, and gets deeper, opening a pathway to our inner world. Pathways are opened to our inner voice, and we should never silence our inner voice.”

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I BIOGRAPHY

Armen Agop is known for his contemplative sculptures and paintings derived from his exploration of ancient spiritual heritages. Finding inspiration in the vast desert, Agop condenses the essentials into pure universal forms that go beyond any geopolitical barrier, but situate well within the boundaries of the subconscious. His works are not an abstraction but a meditation of simplicity itself. Deprived of narration, messages, or resemblances, they are not limited to their own volume but occupy the entire surrounding space. Agop's works are meditative recordings of time and consciousness — echoes of a spiritual process rather than representations of form.



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