

# All From Just Toothpicks

*Toothpick Models of Early 20th Century Ocean Liners  
and Ships from the Age of Sail  
by Folk Artist Wayne Kusy*

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### **CHICAGO BASED TOOTHPICK OCEAN LINER ARTIST WAYNE KUSY LAUNCHES NEW TOOTHPICK ROCK BAND ANIMATION VIDEO WOOD ZEPPELIN**

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On Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, Chicago toothpick artist, known for his large scale toothpick ocean liners, will be launching his first toothpick music video animation entitled Wood Zeppelin. Due to Covid 19, the viewing will be online on social media. The name of this first toothpick video song is appropriately entitled "I Think, Therefore I Am (a wooden man)", strongly influenced by the Monkees TV show. The music was performed, written and recorded by the artist himself along with high end local Chicago musicians. Wood Zeppelin's "I Think, Therefore I Am, (a wooden man)" will first be available free to the public on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, and on their website. Preview copies are available upon request.

Wood Zeppelin consists of five movable characters made of toothpicks, wire, and various house hold materials including orphan socks (washed). The band even has a dog mascot named Splinters. With names like Burch Reynolds, and Slim Pickin, and Saul Mills, they all sing and play toothpick musical instruments complete with stage and amplifiers. Most everything is made of toothpicks from the small pubs to the sky scrapers. Like his toothpick ocean liners, the artist shot and created the backdrops in his living room at the cost of 70,000 toothpicks. Kusy is looking forward to being a toothpick social media influencer, crafting more music videos, and even releasing an album. Plans are also under way to create more movable toothpick characters.

Wayne Kusy is an internationally acclaimed Folk Artist who builds large scale ocean liners between 1895 and 1950 from toothpicks. What started out as a grammar school 5th grade art class project, evolved into a lifelong hobby which was officially recognized as Folk Art in 1993. He has exhibited nationally at the nation's top museums, including a permanent exhibit at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore with a 16 foot model of the Lusitania. Others include the Titanic in Naples Florida, Queen Mary in Sadorus IL., and the SS America.. His work has appeared hundreds or newspapers and TV shows world wide from People Magazine the Daily Mail. From Rachel Ray to ABC World News in almost every country in the world.

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