

# ART ROTTERDAM



SANATORIUM presents Berkay Tuncay's five-channel video installation, *The Story of Writing ASMR*, for Art Rotterdam 2025. The installation focuses on the continuous movement of hands on the keyboard, introducing viewers to a hypnotic experience. The texts being typed are taken from *The Story of Writing* (1932), written by Bertha Parker, the book that inspired the title of the video installation. Tuncay has rearranged and divided these texts into sections. The videos, titled *Beginning of Writing*, *Pictographic Writing*, *Syllabic Writing*, *Alphabetic Writing Part 1*, and *Alphabetic Writing Part 2*, follow a storyline and order that parallels the referenced book. Each section completes the narrative of the text with contemporary ASMR video aesthetics from YouTube and objects that set the mood of the related video. While the clicking sounds of the keyboard are present, no actual excerpts from the book are shown. This installation showcases Tuncay's long-term research on internet culture, following his current focus on experimental poetry, sound, and particularly ASMR.\*

\*ASMR (Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response) refers to a tingling sensation triggered by specific auditory and visual stimuli, often cultivated in online communities through whispered speech, tapping sounds, and other soothing audiovisual content.

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# Berkay Tuncay

## The Story of Writing ASMR

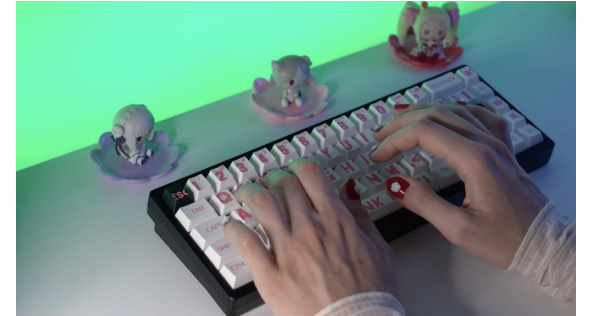
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5 channel video, sound, 55' 19"

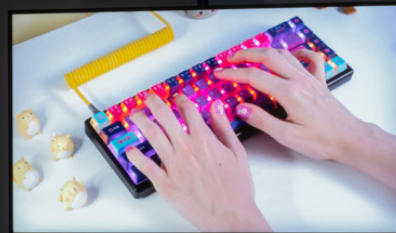
5 + 2 AP

dimensions variable

ed. 3/5



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## Berkay Tuncay

VIRTUALFOGGINESSFEEDHYPNOSIS-  
CONTENTOVERDOSESCREENBURNIN-  
FORMATIONFRENZY

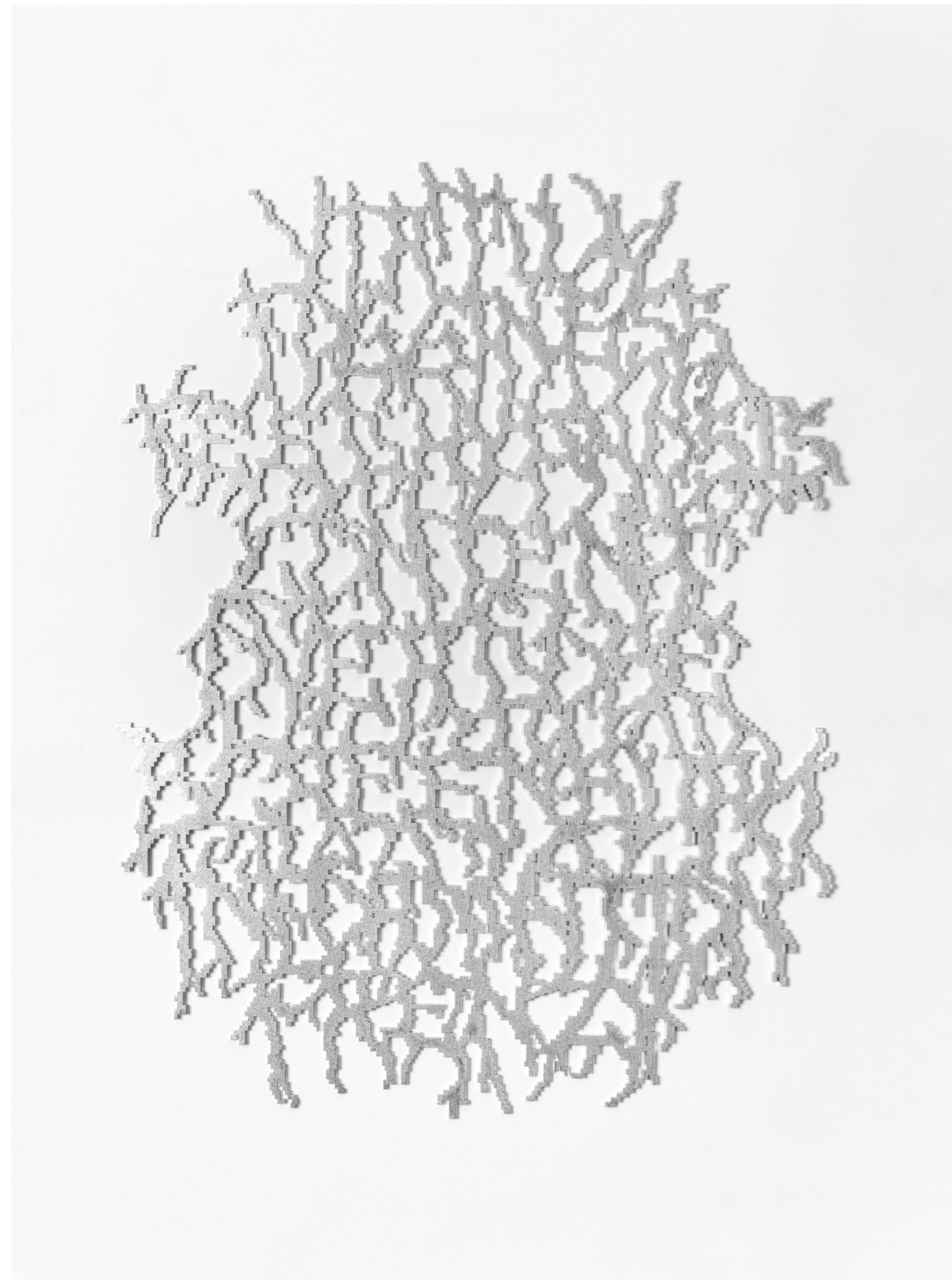
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CNC Kesim Alüminyum | CNC Cut Aluminium

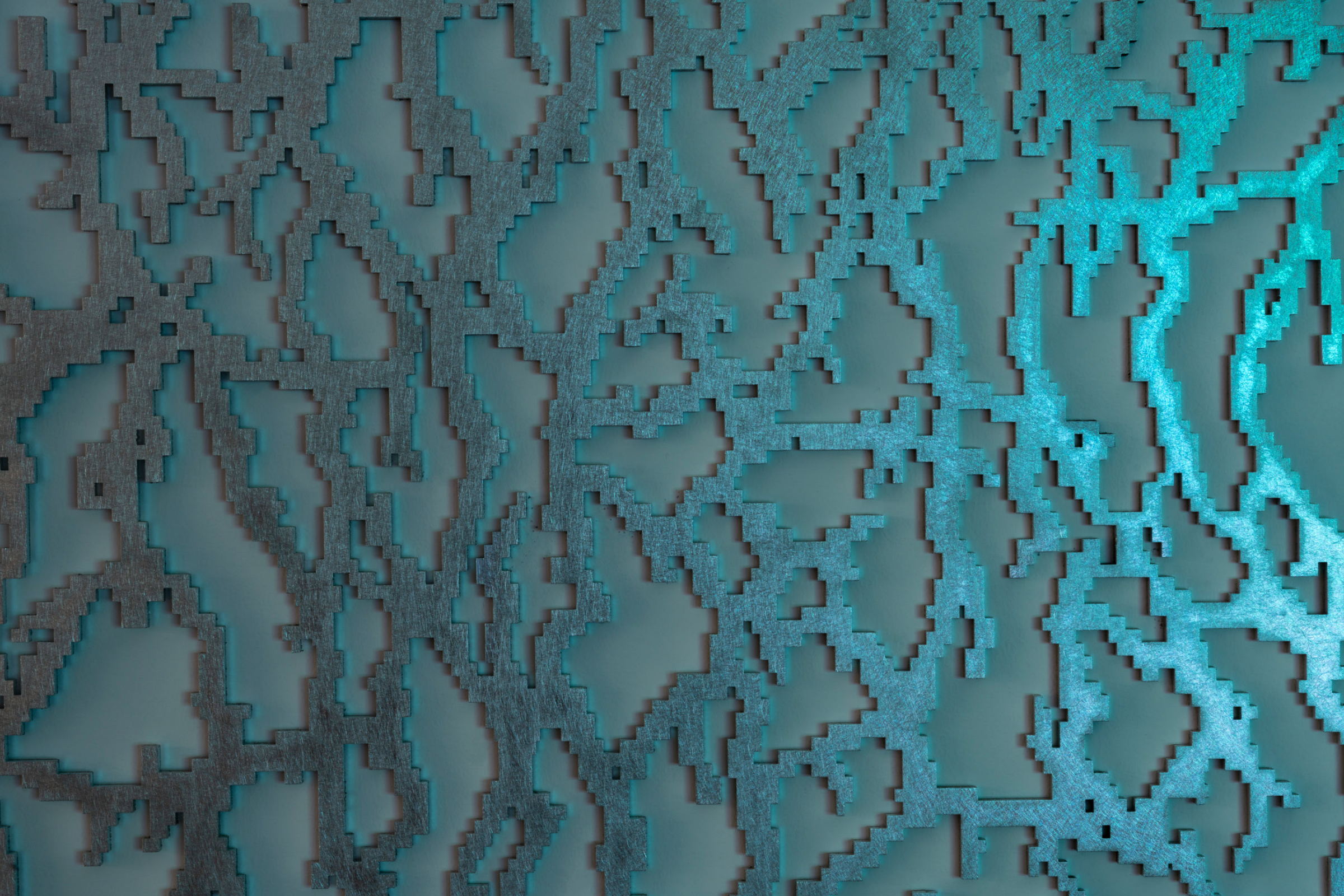
5 + 2 AP

85 x 64 cm

ed. 1/5



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**Berkay Tuncay**

DOOMSCROLLINGCLICKTRANCE-  
DATAGLUTTECHNOSLOTHSCROLL-  
FATIGUEBROWSERCOMA

2024

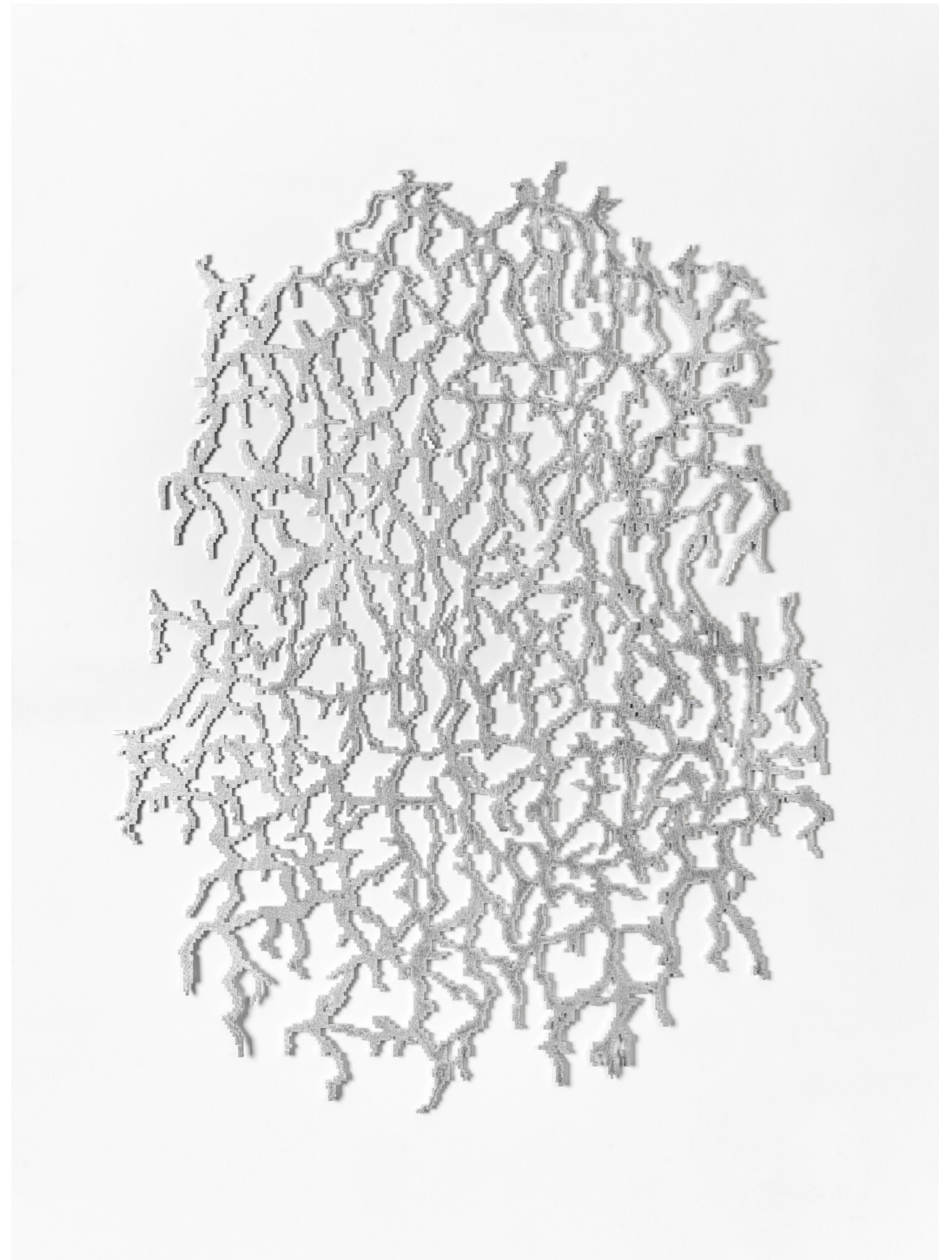
CNC Cut Aluminium

5 + 2 AP

85 x 64 cm

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# Berkay Tuncay

## Passive Aggressive Poems (Torn)

2024

Screenprint, handmade paper

48 x 35,5 cm (each)



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## BERKAY TUNCAY

1983, born in Istanbul. Lives and works in Amsterdam.

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### EDUCATION

2008-2011 Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Computer Aided Art & Design Department, Postgraduate, Istanbul, Turkey

2001-2006 Istanbul University, Archeological Restoration and Conservation Department, Bachelor's Degree, Istanbul, Turkey

### RESIDENCIES

2023 Delfina Foundation, London, UK

2021-2022 Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, Netherlands

2017-2018 Gastatelier des Landes Nordrhein Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany

2014 Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris, France

2011-2013 Borusan Art Center, Istanbul, Turkey

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 CLICKTRANCE, SANATORIUM, Istanbul, Turkey

2024 Just For The Hell Of It, DIANA, New York, USA

2024 ,°\*~ [Fancy Text], Kuub.Space, Utrecht

2022 Solo Presentation, Parallel Vienna, Austria

2020 Human, how strange, so vulgar, such a masterpiece and yet so primitive, SANATORIUM, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 Getting Away With It (All Messed Up), DISPLAY, Berlin, Germany

2016 Life Is What Happens To You While You Are Busy Watching Cute Cat Videos, Gaia Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 WE ARE ACCIDENTS WAITING TO HAPPEN, 49A, Izmir, Turkey

2011 I'M SORRY, BECAUSE I DANCE, De Kijkdoos, Amsterdam, Netherlands

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

2024 Degrees of Freedom, YUNT, Istanbul, Turkey

2024 VOID, Çubuklu Silolar, Istanbul, Turkey

2024 Dark Kitchen, Under the Spell, London, UK

2024 New Lands, Arkas Sanat Alaçatı, İzmir, Turkey

2024 Timeless Curiosities, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey

2023 Art Across the Borders, Galatea Kunstrijns, Dordrechts Museum

2023 No Backup for 601 Days, W139, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2023 Atelier in de Stad, Greylight Projects, Heerlen, Netherlands

2023 In Case You Are Curious, Open Studio Event, Delfina Foundation

2023 The Age of Fire, Ankara Çağdaş Sanatlar Merkezi, Ankara, Turkey

2023 On a Beam of Light, Taksim Sanat, Istanbul, Turkey

2023 Eve Dönmek İstemiyorum, Feshane, Istanbul, Turkey

2023 border\_less EDITIONS POP-UP, İMALAT-HANE, Bursa, Turkey

2023 Onunla, O'art Fişekhane, Istanbul, Turkey

2022 The Arts of One World, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal

2022 Oeuvre and Grace, Erimtan Museum, Ankara, Turkey

2022 Lorem Ipsum, Akaretler 17, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 Touche-Moi!, Tropez, Berlin, Germany

2021 Crystal Clear, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 Now 2021, O'Art, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 Facing Windows, Koli Art Space, Istanbul

2020 WHOManity, Amsterdam Ferry Festival, Netherlands

2020 Devir Projesi, Galeri 5, Istanbul, Turkey

2020 The World Forgetting, by the World Forgot, with Niklas Goldbach, Monitor, İzmir, Turkey

2019 Ubiquitous Surfaces, Seager Gallery, London, UK

2019 In the Blink of a Bird, nBGK, Berlin, Germany

2019 Fragments of a Hologram Rose, SANATORIUM, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 No Todo - Niet Alles, Johan Deumens Archive, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2019 F, Hayy Open Space, Izmir; Kiraathane, Istanbul;

A4 Atölye, Diyarbakır; Torun, Ankara, Turkey

2019 Pandora's Black Box, Galata Rum Okulu, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 Anger is a solution, if anger means kittens, D21 Kunstraum, Leipzig, Germany

2018 A Future of Archive, with Rustan Söderling, Corridor Project Space, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2018 Future of Travel, Noks Independent Art Space, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 99 Square, Art ON, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 Teşbihte Hata Olmaz, Mixer, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 A New World, METU Culture and Congress Center, Ankara, Turkey

2018 Sweet Little Lies, Platosanat, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 A Theory of the Present, Gaia Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 Me and You, 5533, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 Akbank Contemporary Artists Prize Exhibition, Akbank Sanat, Istanbul

2017 The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas, 44a Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 Black Utopia, TUYAP, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 Sosyomanya, Bozlu Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 The Fragility of Now, 42 Maslak Art!Space, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 A MYSTICAL STAIRCASE, @ [www.63rd77thsteps.com](http://www.63rd77thsteps.com)

2016 Touch Base, Mindscape Universe, Berlin, Germany

2016 Civilization and Its Discontents, Ins, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 Her Havuzun Dibi Aynı, as B.I.T Collective, Çetin Emeç Sanat Galerisi, Izmir, Turkey

2015 Bring Your Own Beamer, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 Formless: Fluid Reality in New Media Art, Salon of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Belgrade, Serbia

2015 Post Internet is Dead, Fisher Gallery, Ohio, USA

2015 Free Things, STCFTHOTS, Leeds, UK

2014 Stay with me, Apartment Project - Berlin, Germany

2014 Artists Pick Artists, ArtSumer Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2014 The Spirit of Paper, ALAN, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 Coup de Ville - Attracted by another level, St. Niklaas, Belgium

2013 ...With All the Changes that Loomed Far Behind the Horizon, MarsIstanbul, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 Untold Unwritten: Fourth Show, Borusan Music House, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 Young/Fresh/Different III, CDA Projects, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 In the Irregular Topography of the Mind, Rumeli Han, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 Global Village, Projekt 072, Alkmaar, Netherlands;

Kulturhuset Bronde, Brøndby, Denmark

2012 What I Love: The Third Show, Borusan Music House, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 Istanbul (TR) In Several Aspects, Halka Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2011 An Exchange with Sol Lewitt, Cabinet, New York, USA

2011 Agency of Unrealized Projects, organized by e-flux, Kopfbau, Basel

2011 Update, Hayaka Artı Istanbul, Turkey

2011 Papergirl Istanbul, Milk Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2011 Kargasa 11, KargART, Istanbul, Turkey

2011 My Everyday Object: One Object, One Postcard, Polifemo, Milano

2011 Even My Mum Can Make A Book #2 Apartment Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 Nuit Blanche des Petits, CENTQUATRE - Paris, France

2010 Lives and Works in Istanbul Project, Sanat Limanı, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 Feldstärke International-Agora 2010, CENTQUATRE, Paris, France; PACT Zoll-

verein, Essen, Germany; Kadirga Arts Production Center, Istanbul, Turkey

2009 City and Art Project, Malmö K3 University Krets Art Gallery, Malmö,

Sweden; Tophane-i Amire Cultural Center, Istanbul, Turkey

### ARTIST TALKS/SCREENINGS/WORKSHOPS

2023 Film Screening, Delfina Foundation Open Studios, London

2023 Film Screening, Atelier in de Stad, Greylight Projects, Heerlen

2022 Film Screening, Jan van Eyck Academie Open Studios, Maastricht

2021 Stage of Plastic Dreams, Online Video Screening, hosted by Pera Museum & HypercortexUK

2020 Online Artist Talk, OMM Museum, Eskişehir, Turkey

2019 Artist Workshop, Visual Poetry in Intersecting Worlds

Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 Me and You with Borga Kanturk, 5533, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 Life Is What Happens To You While You Are Busy Watching Cute Cat Videos, Gaia Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2014 Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris, France

2013 International Artist Village, C-Mine, Genk, Belgium

2013 On Artistic Practices, IO Non-Profit Space, Izmir, Turkey

2012 In the Irregular Topography of the Mind, Rumeli Han, Istanbul



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