

MEHMET DERE

Mehmet Dere, 1979 yılında İzmir’de doğdu. 2004 yılında Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi Resim Bölümü’nden mezun oldu. Aynı fakülte de yüksek lisansını yapan sanatçı, Sakarya Üniversitesi Sanat ve Tasarım Fakültesi Resim ASD bölümünde sanatta yeterliliğini tamamlamıştır. Dere işlerinde kendi ifadesiyle “görünmez hikâyeleri” toplamayı sever. Dere için bir bütün özellikle küçük parçalardan oluşan bir zamanda yolculuktur. Sanatçı gerçeklikle olan hesaplaşmasında ve gerçekliği üretme noktasında bu yönüyle işlerini sürekli besler. Sanatçının erken dönem çalışmaları Türkiye’nin kültür tarihi üzerinden hareketle bellek, birey ve toplumsal kimlik araştırmaları üzerine yoğunlaşır iken son dönem çalışmaları, iç gerçeklikten beslenen şiirsel lirizme doğru soyut bir çizgi göstermektedir. Sanatçının çalışmaları plastik ve kavramsal duyarlılığın birbirine temas ettiği bir alanda var olmaktadır. Dere, sanatçı kimliğinin dışında İstanbul Topkapı Üniversitesi Plato MYO Grafik Tasarım Programında Dr. Öğretim Üyesi olarak akademik çalışmalarına devam etmektedir. Sanatçı İstanbul’da yaşamakta ve çalışmaktadır.

Mehmet Dere was born in 1979 in İzmir. He graduated from Faculty of Fine Arts, Painting Department at Dokuz Eylül University. He completed his MA in the same faculty and his PhD in Faculty of Arts and Design, Painting Department at Sakarya University. In his own words, Dere likes to collect “invisible stories” while creating his works. For the artist, a whole is travelling in time composed of small episodes. Dere constantly feeds his work in this way in their reckoning with and creating reality. The works of the artist exist in an area where plastic and conceptual sensitivity come into contact with each other. While his early works were looking at Turkey’s cultural history, focused on memory, individual and social identity research, the recent work shows an abstract trend towards poetic lyricism fed by internal reality. Apart from his artist identity, Dere continues his academic studies as a lecturer at Istanbul Topkapı University Plato Vocational School Graphic Design Program. The artist lives and works in İstanbul.

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EDUCATION

2015 MFA, Dokuz Eylül University, Institute of Fine Arts, Painting

2004 BFA, Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Painting

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 A.g.e*, Merdiven Art Space, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 Elective Affinities, SANATORIUM, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 Payback, İMÇ5533 Non Profit Space, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 But Now, 49A & İO Non Profit Space, Izmir, Turkey

2014 Papercut, Zorlu Center & Arton Galery, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 Everything and Nothing, Atölye Flash, Izmir, Turkey

2012 Black Truths, White Lies, 49A, Izmir, Turkey

2012 First Blood, MASA, Istanbul, Turkey

2011 Quid rides? De te fabula narratur?, Rampa, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 One Night Stand, 49A, Izmir, Turkey

2008 Stardust, 49A, Izmir, Turkey

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 'blind spot' artists pick artists '24, artSümer, Istanbul, Turkey

2023 Uzak/Yakın Vol.1, Izmir Resim ve Heykel Müzesi, Izmir, Turkey

2023 Onunla, Curated by Begüm Güney, Fişekhane, Istanbul, Turkey

2022 #EyÖzgürlük!, TGC Basın Müzesi, Istanbul, Turkey

2022 On a Beam of Light, Taksim Sanat, Istanbul Turkey

Curated by Begüm Güney

2022 A Bit of Unruly Complexity, SANATORIUM, Istanbul, Turkey

Curated by Misal Adnan Yıldız

2021 Afresh, Curated by Haldun Dostoğlu & Gizem Gedik, AKM, Istanbul

2020 Mask/Connotations, Baksı Museum, Bayburt, Turkey

2020 Drawing the Soul Toward Truth, Online Exhibition

Centre for the Art & Religion, Doug Adams Gallery, Berkeley, U.S.A

2020 On Paper, Online Exhibition, Artimu

Istanbul Medeniyet University, Istanbul, Turkey

2020 "House" Online exhibition, Artimu

Istanbul Medeniyet University, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 Sphere, Crust Collective Exhibition, Bremen, Germany

2019 Winter is Coming, Merdiven Art Space, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 Eskiz Hali, Galeri 5, İstanbul, Turkey

2018 Hopeless Emptiness, SANATORIUM, Istanbul, Turkey

Curated by Mehmet Dere

2017 Burada, Haydarpaşa Garı İstanbul, Turkey

2016 Bölünmez ,Sabancı Üniv. Kasa Galeri ,İstanbul, Turkey

2016 Dar Ağaç-Bu arada Group Exhibition, İzmir, Turkey

2016 Art Prints İZMİR, Maquise project, Izmir, Turkey

2016 Istanbul Codex, Imago Mundi Turkish collection, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 İzler, Tansa Mermerci Ekşioğlu Koleksiyonu, M1886

2015 Kapalı Kutu, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey

Curated by Stefan Bohnenberger

2014 Üç Oda Bir Yabancı, Maquise project Izmir 2013 ...with all the changes

that loomed far behind the horizon?, Izmir, Turkey

Mars Artist Run Space, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 Untitled, Pilevneli Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 Social Animals, Alanistanbul, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 Deadpan Exchange V, Skopje, Macedonia

2012 Re-Locate Apartment Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 When Ideas Become Crime, Tütün Deposu, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 Silence_Storm, Port Izmir 2, International Triennial of Contemporary Art
Izmir, Turkey

2009 10th Year exhibition, Kasa Gallery Istanbul, Turkey

2009 Translocation, Atelierhaus Salzamt, Linz, Austria

2009 Go to Salzamt, Salzamt Atelierhaus, Linz, Austria

2009 İddialıyız, Mehmet Dere & Nejat Satı, 49A, Izmir, Turkey

2009 Şebeke, Video Screening, Curated by Selim Birsal,

Centre d'Art Contemporain Georges Pompidou, Cajarç, France

2008 Heim, Kutu Project, Atelier Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany

2008 Made in Turkey, Positionen Türkischer Künstler 1978-2008

Frankfurt, Germany

2006 Circle, K2 Contemporary Art Center (room exhibition), Izmir, Turkey

2006 One Minute Film & Video Festival, Switzerland

2005 Other's Chance, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey

2005 New Suggestions, New Proposals, Borusan Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2008 I AM HERE, THE TIME IS NOW, European Cultural Foundation, Curated
by Ong Keng Sen, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2008 Work to Room, Collaborative Project, Curated by Övül Durmuşoğlu,
Gon Bookstore, Istanbul, Turkey

2008 Urban Jelaousy, 1st International Roaming Biennial of Tehran, Curated
by Serhat Köksal & Amiralı G, Tehran, Iran

2008 27. Contemporary Artist Exhibition, Special Award Akbank Sanat
Beyoğlu, Istanbul, Turkey

2007 10. İstanbul Biennial Special Project, Santral Istanbul, Istanbul , Turkey

2007 Off the Record Parallel Event, Port 07 Izmir, Konak Municipality, Izmir

2007 Unmarked Categories, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey

2007 Endless Possibilities, Curated by Adnan Yıldız, Kasa Gallery, Istanbul

2007 All About Lies, Apartment Project, Izmir Port, Izmir, Turkey

2005 The little, the cheap, the trash and absolutely passionate, Young
Turkish Artists from K2 Artists

2005 DERE & SATI, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey

2005 A Little Break, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey

2005 Alice vs. Alice, artists from K2 artists initiative, Kasa Gallery,
Istanbul, Turkey

2004 Çatı Katı Tavan Arası Group exhibiton, K2 artists initiative, Turkey

2004 Notify Me If I'm Faulty, Room: 233, K2 Contemporary Art Center Izmir,
Turkey

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