

MERVE ŞENDİL

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Merve Şendil (1982, Ankara), graduated from Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Painting. In 2007, she founded "Underscene Project". She has participated in many international group exhibitions and artist residency programs including Cité Internationale des Arts - Paris, Gastatelier des Landes NRW - Düsseldorf, ArtCenter - Istanbul, Approach Art Association - Pécs, Sextante et plus - Marseille. In her work, Şendil uses various techniques and materials to depict the realities of her own imaginary universe, trying to construct her personal story through the familiar rather than devious representation. She brings a dreamy and poetic view to the ordinary. Since 2014, she has been focusing on her paintings using dense oil paint on 2x2 cm squares that look at subtle color transitions with sensitivity. In her recent works, she playfully integrates written and visual language and believes that her hand-knitted works establish the connection between her personal world of perception and her real life through knotting and intertwining in terms of technique. Merve Şendil lives and works in Çanakkale.

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1982, born in Izmir. Lives and works in Çanakkale.

EDUCATION

2004 Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Painting

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 The Things Behind Our Darkness, SANATORIUM, Istanbul
- 2022 Underscene, sub, Çanakkale, Turkey
- 2018 Dream Logic, Curated by Özgül Kılınçarslan, SANATORIUM, Istanbul
- 2014 What If, Alan Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 BirdDay, Pi Art Works, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 A Country With Three Diverse Cities, Outlet Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 DDR Diskografi, MASA Project - Apartman Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 Circle, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey
- 2004 That's The City, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir, Turkey

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Wide Expanse, Odunpazarı Modern Museum, Eskişehir, Turkey
- 2025 The Staircase is a Circle, PG Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2023 Uzak/Yakın Vol.1, İzmir Resim ve Heykel Müzesi, İzmir, Turkey
- 2022 Çanakkale Biennial, Çanakkale, Turkey
- 2019 Intergalactic, Curated by İpek Yeğinsu, Anna Laudel, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 Atelier am Eck, Curated by Ulrike Moeschel, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 2017 Komşu Galaksiler, side show of the 15th Istanbul Biennial, Curated by İpek Yeğinsü, Galeri Bu, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 The Dialogues I - A Collection of Turkish Contemporary Art, MANA Contemporary, New York, USA
- 2016 Deck Voyage, Curated by Necmi Sönmez, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 Unexpected Territories, Curated by Rafet Arslan, TUYAP, Istanbul
- 2016 Stay With Me, MOM Art Space, Hamburg, Germany
- 2016 Stay With Me, DE KIJKDOOS, Corridor Project Space, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2015 Başka Bir Dünyanın Zarafeti, Art Sumer, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 Stay With Me, Organized by Selda Asal, within the scope of the project “Im Inneren Stadt” in collaboration with GAK Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Künstlerhaus Bremen and Zentrum für Künstlerpublikationen, Lloydhof, Bremen, Germany
- 2014 Plurivocality, Istanbul Modern Museum, Curated by Çelenk Bafra & Levent Çalıkoğlu, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 ...with all the changes that loomed far behind the horizon, Curated by Borga Kantürk, Mars Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 Dream Woven Within A Dream, Asfalt Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 Who Left What Behind, Ankara Contemporary Art Centre, Ankara,Turkey
- 2012 Coca-Cola Red Collection, Istanbul, Turkey

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- 2012 In The Topography of The Irregular Mind, Roumeli Han, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 Özyeğin University Contemporary Art Collection, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 ArtBeat, Lütüfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 Kargaşa 11, Kargart, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 UBIK, Hayata Artı, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 Mind Models: The First Show, The Borusan Music House, Istanbul
- 2010 Emploi-Saisonnier, Sextant et Plus, Marseille, France
- 2010 Lives And Works In Istanbul, Antrepo no.5, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 10th Year Exhibition, KASA Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 Relative Position and Conclusion, Suriye Pasajı, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 Material Picture, American Hospital's Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 DDR Diskografi, MASA Project - Apartment Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 I Reject to be Normal, Outlet Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 Hope is a Good Thing, Atelier Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2007 Istanbul Biennial, Curated by Hou Hanru, Special Projects, K2 Artists Initiative participation, Santralistanbul, Istanbul, Turkey
- 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
- 2005 A Little Break, Activity of Universiade, K2 Contemporary Art Center
- 2005 One Minute Film & Video Festival, Switzerland
- 2005 The Little, The Cheap, The Trash And Absolutely Passionate, HIAP Studios, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Alice vs. Alice, Kasa Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 The Nude Leaving The Place, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir
- 2004 The City-Engraver, KUTU v.1 (Portable Art Gallery), Izmir

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Gastatelier des Landes NRW, Kulturampt Landeshauptstadt, Dusseldorf
- 2014 Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
- 2013 NGO NOVA, Feminist Culture center, Podgorica, Montenegro
- 2010 Approach Art Association (Közelítés Művészeti Egyesület), Hungary
- 2009 Sextante Et Plus, Marseille, France
- 2008-2010 Borusan Sanat Merkezi, Istanbul, Turkey

COLLECTIONS

- Center of Contemporary Art at Petrovic Palace (Montenegro)
- Coca Cola Red Collection
- Polimeks Collection
- Mustafa Taviloğlu Collection
- Florence Nightingale Collection
- Banu Çarmıklı Collection

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