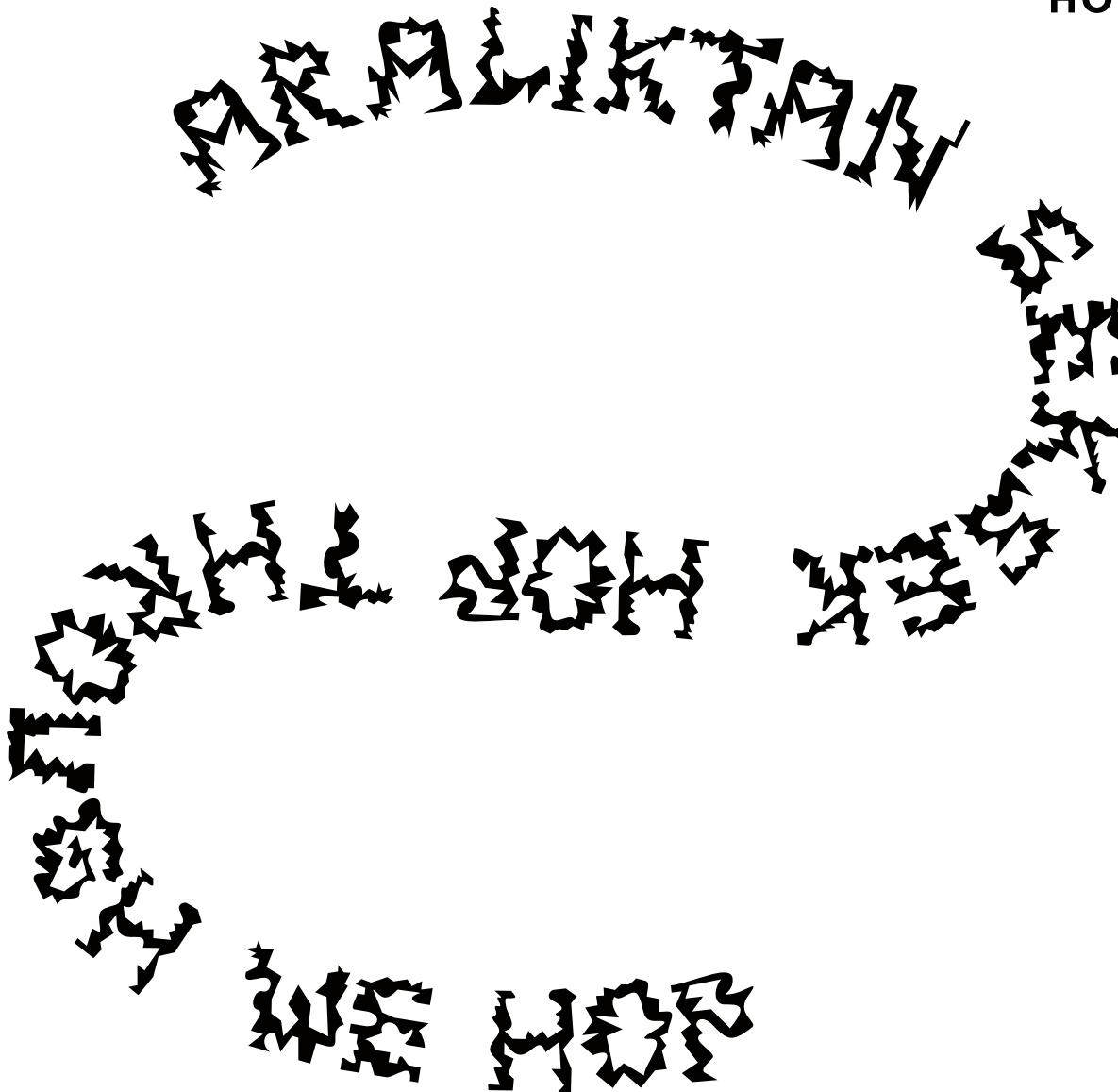


**IRMAK CANEVİ**



**HOP THROUGH WE HOP  
ARALIKTAN SEKSEK**

**8 KASIM • NOV —  
21 ARALIK • DEC 2024**



**SANATORIUM, 8 Kasım - 21 Aralık 2024** tarihleri arasında Irmak Canevi'nin "Aralıktan Seksek" başlıklı, dördüncü kişisel sergisine ev sahipliği yapıyor. Canevi "Aralıktan Seksek" sergisinde izin kavramını mekâna yaptığı müdahale ve malzeme ile metod kullanımını genişleterek ürettiği yeni çalışmalar üzerinden inceliyor. "Aralıktan Seksek" sokaktan geçen ahalinin açılan delikten içeriye bakmasına verilen izin; sanatçının her türlü malzeme ve metod ile oynayarak heykel üretmek için kendine verdiği izin; ve seveniyle kimliğini doyasıya yaşamamasına verilmesi beklenen izin olmak üzere üç önemli izin üzerinde duruyor.

Serginin başlığı sanatçının galerinin ön cephesinde, vitrinde bulunan duvara açtığı deliğe referans vererek dışarıdan içeriye balmamızın artık mümkün olduğunu hatırlatır. Bu aralıktan sanatçının sergi için beton ve balmumu ile kaplı kağıt kahve bardaklarından ürettiği çalışmalarдан biri olan *Gökkuşağı Ejderi*'nin dışarıya dönük yüzünü görürüz. Çin figürü olan iki başlı bir ejderhadan ilham alan heykel, pragmatik ve oyunbaz iki farklı kafa arasında bir köprü kurar. Hong Kong'da inşa edilen yüksek rezidansların orta katlarına açılan boşluklardan geçen ejderha ruhlarının dağlardan denize doğru serbestçe uçabildiğine inanılır. Bir Çin öğretmeni olan ve 'rüzgar' ve 'su' anlamına gelen *feng shui* ile yakından alakalı bu tasarım hava sirkülasyonunu ilgilendirmektedir.

*Gökkuşağı Ejderi*'i gibi alışılmadık malzemelerden üretilmiş bir seri heykel duvarda kendi rafları üzerinde sergilenir. *Lip Burn (O)*, *Şipşak*, *Kağıt Kahve Bardağının Mekan İçindeki Kendine Özgü Biçimleri (Rastlantisal Boccioni)* ve *Kulak Ver Bana* Canevi'nin bir süredir sanat üretiminde malzeme olarak kullandığı kağıt kahve bardaklarından yaptığı heykellerin çok bileşenli yeni varyasyonlarıdır. Vakumlanmış şekerlerden yaptığı *Tatlısının* sanatçı Felix Gonzales Torres'in sevgilisi Ross'un kaybını ölümsüzleştirdiği *İsimsiz (Ross'un L.A.'deki Portresi)* adlı çalışmasını anar.

Duvarlardaki kutu çerçevelerde sanatçının farklı şehirlerde çektiği detay fotoğraflarından yola çıkarak inşa ettiği maketler yar alır. Brikolaj ve kolaj teknikleri ile üretilen bu kompozisyonlar Canevi'nin kare kadraj kullanarak çektiği fotoğrafları parçalayarak yeniden bir araya getirdiği soyut rölyeflerdir.

İkiye bölündüğü için artık sekmesi mümkün olmayan tenis toplarıyla kaplı iki bacak üzerine kurulu yüksek bir figür ise aynı zamanda daha küçük diğer heykellerin sergilendiği bir kaideye dönüşür.

Canevi bu sergisinde heykel üretimine ağırlık vererek, değişik malzemeleri kimi zaman birbirine bağlamak suretiyle yaptığı form çalışmalarıyla üretimini çeşitlendiriyor. İzin kavramını farklı yönleriyle ele alan bu çalışmalar, hem kişisel olarak verilen izinler hem de toplumsal anlamda başkasının onayını beklemeden sanatçının kendisine queer varoluş anlamında verdiği 'izni' somutlaştırmıyor.

### **Sanatçı hakkında:**

Irmak Canevi (d. 1971, Ankara) İstanbul'da yaşıyor. Resim alanında lisans eğitimini Londra'da, Slade School of Fine Art; yine resim dalında yüksek lisans eğitimini Providence, Rhode Island'da yer alan, Rhode Island School of Design'da tamamlamıştır. Irmak'ın sanat üretimi atölyesinde durmadan yinelenen organizasyon ve yerleştirme bir yansımasıdır. Sürekli bir toplama ve biriktirme işlemi sonucunda oluşan çeşitli envanter örülüp sabitlendiğinde ortaya farklı tablolar çıkar. Çalışma ve dönüşüme yer veren dünyalar kurgulayan Irmak deneylemek ve oynamak için kendine yeni alanlar açar. Sanatçı oynadıkça oyundan iş doğar. Son günlerde ise Irmak heykel üretimine odaklanmış görünüyor. 2011 yılında Vermont Studio Center, 2019 yılında Londra'da PLOP, 2022 yılında da İsviçre'de Trelex misafir sanatçı programlarına davet edilen sanatçı İstanbul'da Tek Trope misafir sanatçı programının da kurucusudur. Irmak'ın işlerinin sergilendiği galeriler arasında Western Exhibitions, Şikago; Gelman Gallery, RISD Museum, Providence; Bellevue Arts Museum, Seattle; 111 Front Street Galleries, New York; Yaya, 400x118, Sanatorium, Versus, Kairos, Krank, Mixer, 5533, ve Apartman Projesi, İstanbul; Ka Atölye, Ankara sayılabilir.

SANATORIUM presents Irmak Canevi's fourth solo exhibition "Hop Through We Hop" between the dates of November 8 and December 21, 2024. In "Hop Through We Hop" Canevi explores the notion of permission in several ways, including an intervention in the space, and new works produced by expanding his use of materials and methods. The exhibition focuses on three important permissions: permission given to the passersby to look at the gallery through an opening; permission the artist gives himself to produce sculptures while playing with all kinds of materials and methods; and finally the permission he must have to live his identity to the fullest with his lover.

The exhibition's title refers to the hole that the artist made in the wall of the display window of the gallery, reminding us that it is now possible to look from the outside in. Through this gap, we see the outward-facing face of *Rainbow Dragon*, one of the works the artist created for the exhibition using paper coffee cups covered with concrete and wax. Inspired by the Chinese figure of a two-headed dragon, the sculpture bridges the divide between the pragmatic and the playful. In Hong Kong, it is believed that dragon spirits can fly freely from the mountains to the sea through gaps left in the middle floors of high-rise residences. This design has its origins in the Chinese teaching of *feng shui*, meaning 'wind' and 'water'.

Much like *Rainbow Dragon*, a series of sculptures made of uncommon materials are displayed on their own shelves on the wall. *Lip Burn (O)*, *Snap, Unique Forms of the Paper Coffee Cups in Space (Accidental Boccioni)*, and *Lend Me An Ear* are new multi-component variations of Canevi's sculptures made of paper coffee cups. *You Are Sweet*, made of vacuum-sealed candies, references *Untitled (Portrait of Ross in L.A.)* by the artist Felix Gonzales Torres, in which Torres immortalizes the loss of his lover Ross.

Models built by the artist based on photographs of urban details of different cities are displayed in shadow boxes on the walls. These compositions produced through his use of bricolage and collage techniques are abstract reliefs Canevi reassembled by deconstructing the photographs he has taken.

A tall figure on two legs covered with tennis balls that can no longer bounce because they have been cut in half also becomes a pedestal on which other smaller sculptures are displayed.

In this exhibition, Canevi concentrates on sculptures and diversifies his production through works made by fastening different materials. These works, which deal with different aspects of the notion of permission, ultimately embody the 'permission' given by the artist to himself to pronounce his queer existence both artistically and in society, without seeking anyone's approval.

#### About the artist:

Irmak Canevi (b. 1971, Ankara, Turkey) received his BA in painting at the Slade School of Fine Art, London, and his MFA at the Rhode Island School of Design, also in painting. His process has its origin in an ongoing activity: the rigorous redecoration of his studio. Content in passage is suspended and entrapped to make still-lives, which then become souvenirs from a singular time and place. He grows worlds that are places of conflict, transformation, and refuge for experimentation and play. He plays and play makes work. As of late Irmak has been making sculptures. He has been artist-in-resident at the Vermont Studio Center (2011) and more recently at PLOP in London (2019), and Trelex in Switzerland (2022). Irmak is also the founder of the TekTrope Artist Residency in Istanbul. His work has been shown internationally in exhibitions, including Western Exhibitions, Chicago; Gelman Gallery, RISD Museum, Providence; Bellevue Arts Museum, Seattle; 111 Front Street Galleries, New York; Yaya, 400x118, Sanatorium, Versus, Kairos, Krank, Mixer, 5533, Apartment Project, Istanbul; and Ka Atölye, Ankara.



Gökkuşağı Ejderi | Rainbow Dragon

2024

Kağıt kahve bardakları, karton, çimento, balmumu,  
poliüretan köpük, alüminyum, sprey epoksi, sprey  
boya, pirinç, derz dolgusu, taş, bozuk para,  
plexi, çelik | Paper coffee cups, cardboard,  
cement, beeswax, polyurethane foam, aluminum,  
spray epoxy, spray paint, brass, joint infill, stone,  
coins, plexiglass, steel

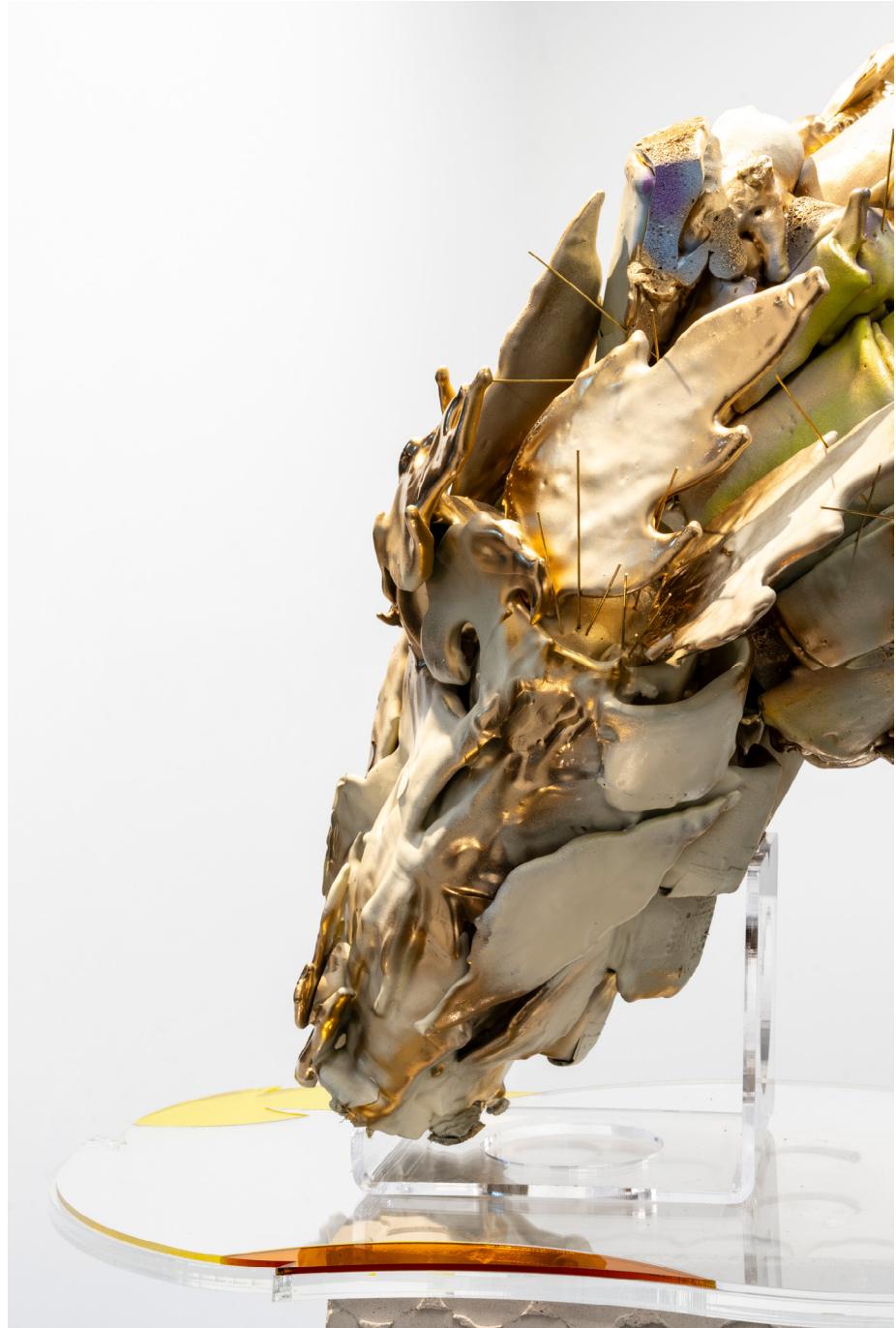
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8.000 EUR + VAT

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Alexanderplatz

2024

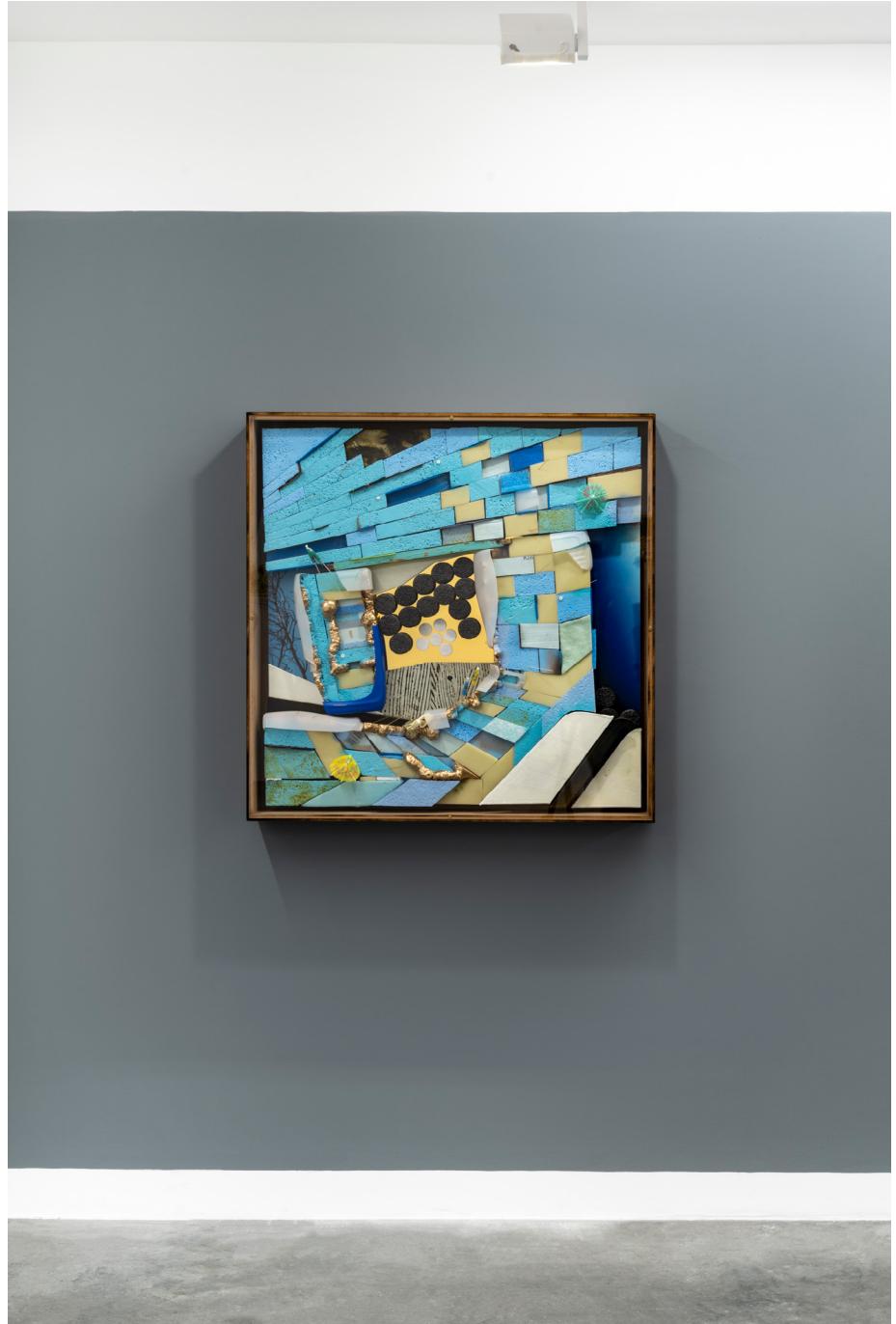
Mdf ve plexi kutu içerisinde karışık teknik | Mixed  
media in mdf and plexiglass shadow box

93 x 93 x 15 cm

6.000 EUR + VAT

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**Erste Liebe Bar**

2024

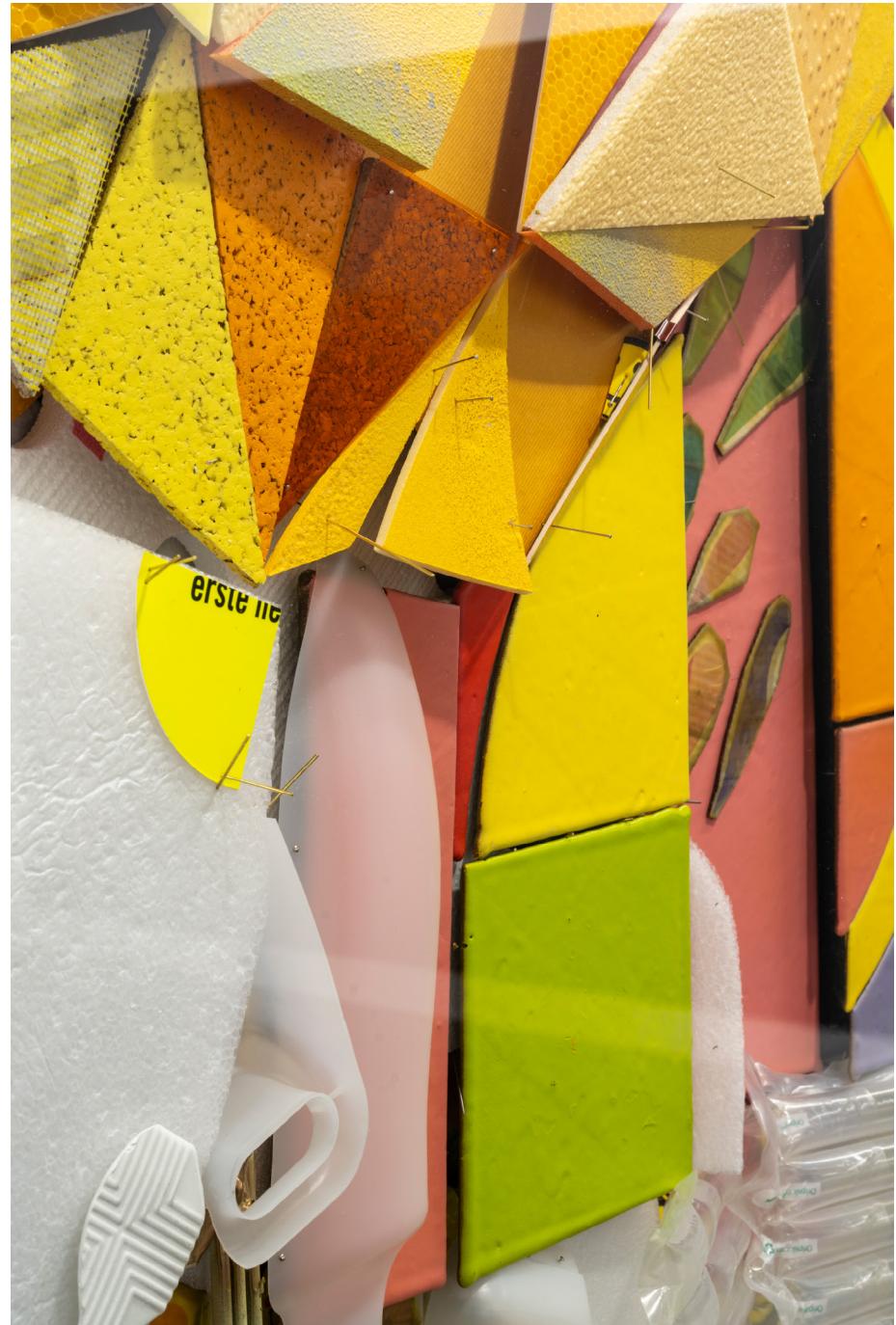
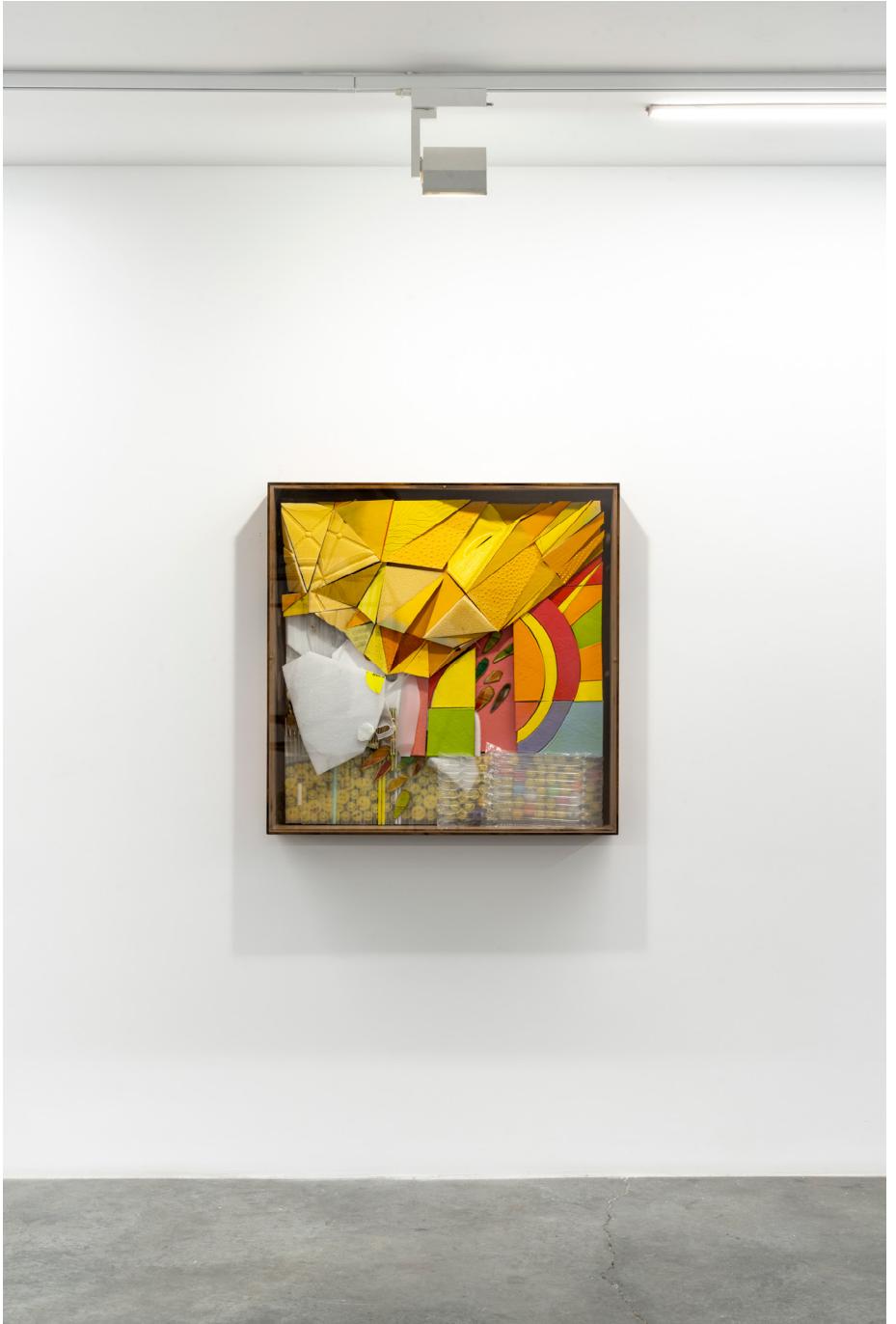
Mdf ve plexi kutu içerisine karışık teknik | Mixed  
media in mdf and plexiglass shadow box

93 x 93 x 15 cm

6.000 EUR + VAT

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Hop

2024

Mdf ve plexi kutu içerisinde karışık teknik | Mixed

media in mdf and plexiglass shadow box

63 x 63 x 12 cm

4.000 EUR + VAT

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Örgüye Mi Başlasam? | Should I Start Knitting?

2024

İplik, yün, naylon ip, halat, keçe, tel, çelik, plastik,  
silikon, porselen | Thread, yarn, nylon thread, rope,  
felt, wire, steel, plastic, silicon, porcelain

50 x 45 x 45 cm;

Kaidesiyle | With steel plinth: 135 x 45 x 45 cm

3.250 EUR + VAT

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Tatlısan | You Are Sweet

2024

Vakumlanmış şeker, çikolata, reçine, plastik, çelik,  
kablo bağı, kokteyl kürdan süssü | Vacuum-sealed  
candy, chocolate, epoxy resin, zip ties, decorated  
cocktail pick

50 x 30 x 30 cm;

Kaidesiyle | With steel plinth 135 x 45 x 45cm

3.250 EUR + VAT

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Misrimi Paylaşmam | I Don't Share My Popcorn

2024

Poliüretan köpük, pipo temizleyici, gümüş ayna

boyası, sprey boyası, kumaş bant, iğne, kenar

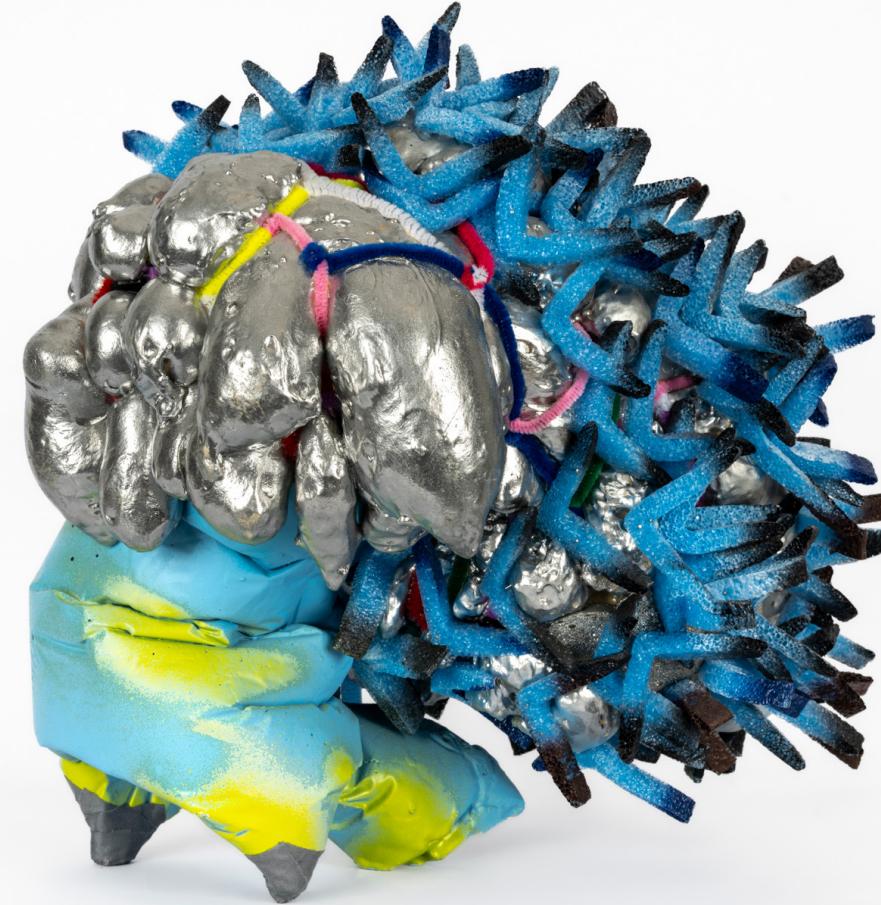
koruyucu sünger, beton | Polyurethane foam, pipe

cleaners, silver mirror paint, spray paint, cloth

tape, steel pins, foam edge protectors, cement

136 x 37.5 x 32 cm

3.250 EUR + VAT



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Burgu | Spiral

2024

Kağıt kahve bardağı, kablo bağı, tel, polimer kil,  
beton, balmumu | Paper coffee cups, zip ties, wire,  
polymer clay, cement, beeswax

35 x 20 x 20 cm

2.500 EUR + VAT



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**Üst Üste | Stacked**

2024

Kağıt kahve bardağı, kağıt kiskacı, beton, balmumu

Paper coffee cups, binder clips, cement, beeswax

34 x 20 x 18 cm

1.800 EUR + VAT

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**Light Up! | Yak!**

2024

Kağıt kahve bardağı, kablo bağı, kağıt kıskacı,

Burn enerji içeceği teneke kutusu, sprey boyaları,

beton, balmumu | Paper coffee cups, zip ties,

binder clips, Burn energy drink cans, spray paint,

cement, beeswax

37 x 13 x 13 cm

1.800 EUR + VAT

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**Kaptan Amerika | Captain America**

2024

Kağıt kahve bardağı, plastik kahve bardağı

kapağı, çimento, balmumu, polietilen köpük, sprey

boya | Paper coffee cups, plastic coffee cup lid,

cement, beeswax, polyurethane foam, spray paint

25 x 21 x 19 cm

1.800 EUR + VAT





**Topa Mersil! | Throw Me That Tennis Ball, Please!**

2024

Tenis topu, epoksi reçine, polietilen köpük,  
strafor, mat ve parlak sprey cila | Tennis balls,  
epoxy resin, polyethylene foam, styrofoam, mat  
and gloss spray varnish

68 x 43 x 43 cm (her biri | each)

4.000 EUR + VAT

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Şipşak | Snap

2024

Kahve bardakları, beton, balmumu, çengelli iğne,

gümüş ayna boyası, sprey boyası, plexsi | Paper

coffee cups, cement, beeswax, safety pins, silver

mirror paint, spray paint, plexiglass

36 x 31,5 x 27 cm

3.000 EUR + VAT



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**Kulak Ver Bana | Lend Me An Ear**

2024

Kağıt kahve bardağı, plastik kahve bardağı kapağı,  
beton, balmumu, pamuklu kulak çubuğu suni deri,  
sprey boyası, plexi | Paper coffee cups, plastic  
paper cup lids, cement, beeswax, q-tips, pleather,  
spray paint, plexiglass

40 x 29,5 x 27,5 cm

3.000 EUR + VAT

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Kağıt Kahve Bardağının Mekan İçindeki Kendine

Özgü Biçimleri (Rastlantısal Boccioni) | Unique

Forms of Paper Coffee Cups in Space (Accidental  
Boccioni)

2024

Kahve bardakları, beton, balmumu, timsah klips,

keçe, minik ponponlar, epoksi reçine, sprey boyası,

plexi | Paper coffee cups, cement, beeswax,

crocodile clips, mini pompoms, felt, epoxy resin,

spray paint, plexiglass

40 x 29,5 x 27 cm

3.000 EUR + VAT



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Lip Burn (O)

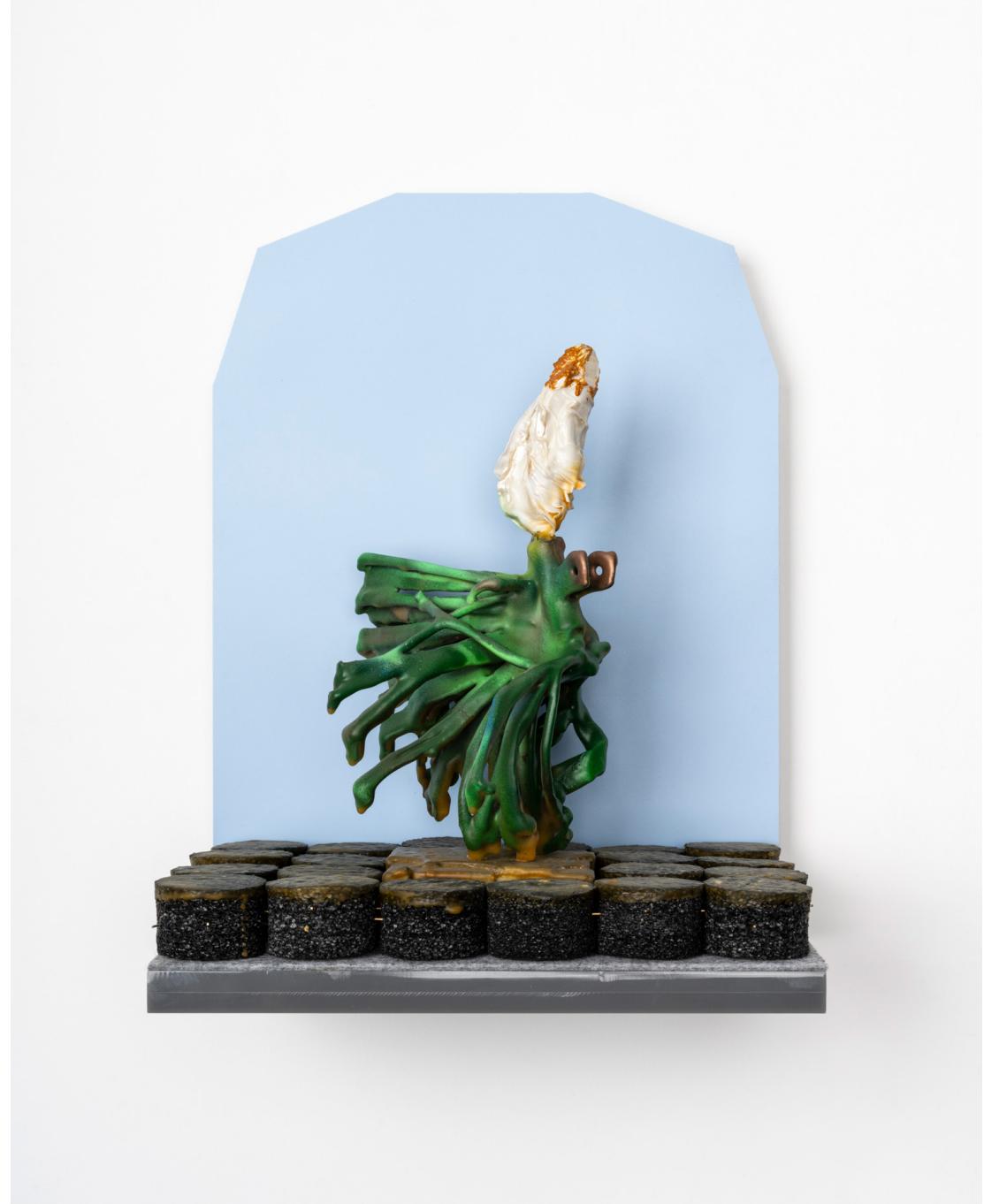
2022

Kağıt kahve bardağı, plastik kahve bardağı kapağı,  
beton, balmumu, koli içi dogu köpüğü, pirinç iğne,  
keçe, plastik, sprey boyalı, plexsi | Paper coffee  
cups, plastic paper cup lids, cement, beeswax,  
foam packaging bits, brass pins, felt, plastic, spray  
paint, plexiglass

41 x 30 x 23 cm

3.000 EUR + VAT

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## Irmak Canevi

Born in 1971. Lives and works in Istanbul, Turkey.

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### EDUCATION

2015 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI Master of Fine Art (MFA)

2008 Slade School of Fine Art, UCL, London, UK BA Fine Art

2003 Parsons School of Design, New York, NY Intensive Drawing and Painting Course

1996 NYU Law School, New York, NY LLM in Trade Regulation

1994 Istanbul University, Faculty of Law, Istanbul, Turkey Law Degree (BA in Law)

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 "Sık \_ Gilded", 400x118, Istanbul, Turkey

2023 "İki Limon Çekirdeği \_ Two Lemon Pips", Ka Atölye, Ankara, Turkey

2010 "KIRILIM/refraction", Apartment Project, Istanbul, Turkey

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 The Hunter of Thyself, Versus Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2023 A Short Drink From A Certain Fountain, YaYa, Istanbul, Turkey

2023 Ateş Çağı, Doğan Taşdelen Çağdaş Sanatlar Merkezi, Ankara, Turkey

2022 Eline Sağlık, Büyükkada Su Sporları Kulübü, Prince's Islands, Istanbul, Turkey

2022 Metamorphosis From Casual Relations to Indexical Signs, Sanatorium, Istanbul, Turkey

2022 Beyond Codex: Living Archives, Center for Book Arts, New York, U.S.A.

2021 Öteberi, Adalar Kültür Derneği, Prince's Islands, Büyükkada, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 Fitting Out The Outfitters, Accordion Studios, Providence, U.S.A.

2020 Kitchen Is Closed, Home / NICC, Istanbul, Turkey / Antwerpen, Belgium

2020 Home - Chain, Rollo, Tel Aviv, Israel / Istanbul, Turkey

2020 Her Temas Iz Birakır, Krank, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 Katy Kirbach & Irmak Canevi, TekTrope, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 While Supplies Last, Bellevue Arts Museum, Seattle, U.S.A.

2019 PLOP Residency Show, Morley House, London, U.K.

2018 Bait\_15, Bait\_15, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

2018 Ambidexter Group Show, Ambidexter, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 05360755683, Krank, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 Observed Truths, Mixer, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 Grid, Mixer, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 Mamut Art Project, Küçük Çiftlik Parkı, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 Sub-Scheme, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, U.S.A.

2015 RISD MFA Painting, Kathryn Markel Fine Arts, New York, U.S.A.

2015 New Contemporaries, Gelman Gallery, RISD Museum, Providence, U.S.A.

2015 Graduate Student Selections, Sol Koffler Gallery, Providence, U.S.A.

2015 RISD Graduate Thesis Exhibition, RI Convention Center, Providence, U.S.A.

2014 UFO Hunters, Sol Koffler Gallery, Providence, U.S.A.

2014 The Chicago Effect: Redefining The Middle, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, U.S.A.

2014 "The Rainbow Room", 111 Front Street Galleries, New York, U.S.A.

2014 "Hosue of Bonds", Paper Objects Festival, Kanciema Kvartala, Riga, Latvia

2014 RISD MFA Painting 2014/2015, 1stdibs at NYDC, New York, U.S.A.

2014 RISD First Year MFA Painting at Cutlog New York Art Fair, New York, U.S.A.

2013 Painting Department Biennial, Woods-Gerry Gallery, RISD, Providence, U.S.A.

2013 "Art Barter", 5533 at IMC, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 "Karma Sergi/Group Show", Hayaka Arti, Istanbul, Turkey

2011 "Goz Goze", Sabuncakis Mansion, Prince's Islands (Buyukada), Istanbul, Turkey

2011 "Istanbul Summer Exhibition" by Beyaz Muzayede in collaboration with the Royal Academy, Antrepo 5, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 "NON visits adresistanbul", adresistanbul, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 "PAINT", DegreeArt/HRLContemporary, London, U.K.

2010 "Freefall"/"Serbest Dusus", Apartment Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2008 "Slade BA Degree Show '08", The Slade School of Fine Art, London

2008 ".ism", gallery12, London, U.K.

2007 "Borders and Orbitis/02", Siemens Sanat (Art), Istanbul, Turkey

2007 "Creating Outside" - "Hatach (a cut)", Art for Community, Tel Aviv, Israel

2007 "STRIPPED", Rivington Gallery, London, U.K.

### PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS IN ART

2014 Rhode Island School of Design fellowship

2013 Rhode Island School of Design fellowship

2011 Vermont Studio Center, full fellowship

2008 Monnington Prize (University College London)

2007 Selected for "Borders and Orbitis/02" (Istanbul)

### ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2022 Trelex Residency, Trelex, Switzerland

2022 "Göz Göze II", Prince's Islands (Buyukada), Istanbul

2019 PLOP Residency, London

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2017 TekTrope, Istanbul, Turkey (founder) ([www.tektrope.blogspot.com.tr](http://www.tektrope.blogspot.com.tr))

2011 "Göz Göze", Prince's Islands (Buyukada), Istanbul

2011 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont (full fellowship)

### WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS

2018 "Huo Soruyor", at Be Flowers with Art Unlimited

2014 "Paper Object Festival", Kalnciema Quarter Gallery, Riga, Latvia – collaborative project with Ryosuke Kondoh

2012 "Child Traces / Encounters 3: PLAY – THING", Hayaka Arti, Istanbul, Turkey

2010 "SMOKE", Chelsea Art Museum, New York, U.S.A.

2009 "Banabak" - collaborative project with Aslı Aktug and Dilara Moran, Istanbul, Turkey

2009 "rabithole/time as square" - collaborative project with Samina Virani, New York, U.S.A.

2008 "Drawing Train II" – collaborative drawing project with Ryosuke Kondo at the Slade Research Centre, London, U.K.

2007 Drawing workshop lead by Dryden Goodwyn at the Slade Research Centre, London, U.K.

2006 Collage workshop lead by Tal R, Copenhagen, Denmark

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015 Teaching Assistant, Junior Painting III, RISD (Holly Hughes)

2014 Teaching Assistant, Senior Painting Workshop, RISD (Sheila Pepe)

2014 Teaching Assistant, Sophomore Painting II, Rhode Island School of Design, RISD (Dennis Congdon, Angela Dufresne, Judith Glantzman)

2013 Teaching Assistant, Junior Painting III, RISD (Duane Slick)

### AUCTIONS

2011 "Sensi6", work (one painting) sold in auction conducted by Adrien Meyer, Impressionist and Modern Art Specialist (VC) of Christie's

2007 "Sensi6", work (two paintings) sold in auction conducted by Simon de Pury of Phillips de Pury & Co.



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