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Lives and works in Berlin and Istanbul

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PROFESSIONAL AND FIELD EXPERIENCE

Photography Editor, Unlimited Publications 08/2021 - Present, Istanbul,Turkey
Brand Ambassador, Samsung Turkey 03/2019 - 01/2024, Istanbul,Turkey
Museum Brand Manager, SICPA Turkey 08/2018 - 04/2019, Istanbul,Turkey
Milliyet Newspaper, Culture and Art Department 03/2019 - 06/2019, Istanbul,Turkey
Rahmi Koç Museum, Collection Management Department 09/2018 - 11/2018, Istanbul,Turkey
Hagia Sophia Museum, Specialist Office 06/2018 - 07/2018, Istanbul,Turkey
Balatlar Church Excavation 07/2017 – 07/2017, 08/2018 – 08/2018, Sinop,Turkey
Kubadabad Palace Excavation 07/2016 – 07/2016, Konya,Turkey

EDUCATION

2020-2022: Kadir Has University, Faculty of Art and Design, Master's Program in Preserving of Cultural Heritage (*All But Dissertation*)
2021: Swedish Research Institute Summer School
2015-2019: Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor's Program in Art History

Public Programs

2026 — TEDxYouth@NKFL, "Intersections"
2025 — The Listening Biennial
2024 — TEDxYildizTechnicalUniversity, "Embrace The Fire Within"
2022 — Salt Galata Photography Meeting
2022 — Turkish Design Foundation

Residencies

2024 — Through The Window Project, supported by Prince Claus Fund
2022 — Ankara Queer Art Program (Guest Artist House), organized by Kaos GL Association
2019 — American Arts Incubator, ZERO1: The Art and Technology Network

Selected Programs

2024 — Selected Artist: CultureCIVIC-supported program "Together at the Threshold II: Artists, Curators," Nesin Art Village, Şirince, in collaboration with İstasyon: Nesin Köyleri Derneği and SAHA
2023 — Selected Artist: "Young Productions in the Field of Digital Art," Istanbul Modern, supported by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism's Future Youth Culture Industries Support Program
2020 — Researcher: "Visual Culture in the History of Epidemics," part of METROTOPYA: Alternative Life/Space Imaginations in the Metropolis, Istanbul Architecture and Urban Studies Academy, Research-Based Design Studio led by Cem İlhan and Devrim Çimen

Selected Publications

Art Unlimited Magazine — Cover Photos, 24 issues (Editions 66–93, 2021–2026)
Kaos Q+ Magazine, 10th Edition (2021) — Cover Photo
GUP Magazine — Fresh Eyes: The Latest European Photography (Photograph Book, 2021), included in the
PhotoIreland / International Centre for the Image collection

Selected Awards & Honors

2026 — Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe Nominee, Art & Culture
2022 — Youth Talent of the Year, Association of Photography Organizations
2022 — Republic of Albania International FOKUS Awards, Nominee
2021 — Selected for Fresh Eyes, GUP Magazine's annual selection of Europe's 100 Emerging Photography Talents
2020 — Pino Pascali Foundation, Finalist
2017 — Exhibition Prize, Fourth International Beşiktaş Photography Festival

Selected Photography Credits

The New York Times Style Magazine
Tate
ArtReview
Art21
Hyperallergic
The Art Newspaper
Vogue Türkiye
Art Unlimited Magazine
İstanbul Modern
Yapı Kredi Culture and Arts
Nevzat Sayın Architects

NETWORKS

TEDx Speaker Community
Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul
ZERO1: The Art and Technology Network, San Francisco
Istanbul Architecture and Urban Studies Academy
Nesin Art Village
Istanbul Modern

Selected Exhibitions

Solo Exhibitions

2024 – Merdiven Art Space, Istanbul, “Extimacy”, Curated by Nazlı Pektaş

Group Exhibitions

2024 – Kulturbunker Köln-Mülheim, Cologne, “Queerrealism – New Realms of Surrealism”, Curated by Ayline Aslı
Demir and Eva Liedtjens
2024 – Münchner Kammerspiele, Munich, “Off to Elsewhere”, Curated by Çağla İlk

2025 – Bozcaada Center for Local History Research and Museum, Çanakkale

2024 – Arkas Sanat, Izmir, “New Lands”, Curated by Necmi Sönmez

2022 – Punctum Photography Festival, Macedonia

2022 – Nilüfer Municipality, Bursa, “Look Up: Starry Horizons of a Limited Geography”, Curated by Yekhan Pınarlıgil

2022 – Mixer Art Gallery, Istanbul, “Change of Plans”, Curated by Cemre Yeşil Gönenli

2021 – Kasa Gallery, Istanbul, “Weight of the World”, Curated by Misal Adnan Yıldız

2021 – Kahmann Gallery, Rotterdam Fresh Eyes