



İRFAN ÖNÜRMEK, BIO

İrfan Önürmen graduated from the Istanbul Fine Arts Academy (now known as Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University), Department of Painting, in 1987. His work reveals the relationships and discrepancies between personal and public experience as seen through the lens of contemporary media. Önürmen addresses the impact of mass media on human experience and its visual representation through collage, painting, and sculpture. His selected exhibitions include "9 Contemporary Turkish Painters," Brussels, Belgium, in 2004; "Made in Turkey," Kulturdezernat der Stadt, Frankfurt, Germany, in 2008; "New Baghdad Museum and Terror Factory," Thessaloniki Contemporary State Art Museum, Greece, in 2009; the 10th Istanbul Biennial; "6 positions in critical art from Istanbul," Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg, Berlin, in 2009. His recent solo shows include "Gaze" at Pi Artworks Galatasaray, Istanbul, Turkey, in 2011; "Dis-order" at Katara Art Center in Doha, Qatar in 2012 and "Pendulum" at C24 Gallery, New York, USA in 2016.

Önürmen's work has been exhibited at several international art fairs including The Armory Show and Art Dubai in 2012, PULSE New York, in 2013 and Volta NY in 2017. The artist's works are in numerous private and public collections including the Istanbul Modern Museum, Istanbul, Turkey and the Leon Black Collection, United States.



İRFAN ÖNÜR MEN

b. 1958 Bursa, Turkey

Lives and works in Istanbul, Turkey

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Everyday Heroes*, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2019 *Bust-Head*, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Atonal 9 Solo / Null, Barin Han, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Border*, Galata Greek Primary School, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 *Gaze*, Aria Gallery w/ C24 Gallery, Florance, Italy
Volta NY (Solo Booth), C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2016 *Pendulum*, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2014 *Portfolio Series 4*, Plato Sanat, T.C.Plato College of Higher Education, Istanbul, Turkey
Irfan Önürmen, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2012 *Dis-order*, Katara Art Center, Doha, Qatar
Irfan Önürmen, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2011 *Autopsy*, Pi Artworks Tophane, Istanbul, Turkey
Gaze, Pi Artworks Galatasaray, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 *New Baghdad Museum & Terror Factory*, Thessaloniki Contemporary State Art Museum, Thessaloniki, Greece
Panic, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 *On Paper and Tulle*, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 *1996 - 2006 Figure Series*, New Pi Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Gray 3, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005 *ArtFrankfurt 05*, International Frankfurt Art Fair, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2004 *Gray*, Lütfi Kırdar Exhibition Centre, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
ArtFrankfurt 04, International Frankfurt Art Fair, Pi Artworks, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2003 *Artist 2003*, 13th Istanbul Art Fair, Pi Artworks, Tüyap Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
Pentulle, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
Art Istanbul 2003, Contemporary Art Exposition, Pi Artworks, Lütfi Kırdar Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
Irfan Önürmen, PG Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Hakan Gürsoytrak/ Irfan Önürmen, Gallery Nev, Ankara, Turkey
Görüntü Art Gallery, Adana, Turkey
- 2002 *Irfan Önürmen*, Milli Reasürans Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Artist 2002, 12th Istanbul Art Fair, Pi Artworks, Tüyap Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1999 *Artist 1999*, 9th Istanbul Passion Gallery, Tüyap Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
Siyaz Art Galley, Bursa, Turkey
Irfan Önürmen, Passion Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey



- 1997 *Irfan Önürmen*, Nadya Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
1996 *Irfan Önürmen*, Türkiye İş Bankası, Istanbul, Turkey
1992 *Irfan Önürmen*, Urart Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
1989 *Irfan Önürmen*, Maya Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
1989 *Irfan Önürmen*, Mor ve Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
1989 *Irfan Önürmen*, Sanfa Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Contemporary Istanbul*, C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Art on Paper with C24 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2021 *Contemporary Istanbul* with C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Art on Paper with C24 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 *Masks/Connotations*, Baskl Museum, Bayburt, Turkey
- 2019 *The Event of a Thread: Global Narratives in Textiles*, Istanbul Modern Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Core Sample*, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2017 *Art Miami*, C24 Gallery, Miami, FL, USA
Asia Contemporary Art Week, with C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Contemporary Istanbul, C24 Gallery, Istanbul Turkey
Seattle Art Fair, C24 Gallery, Seattle, WA, USA
Timeless, Aria Gallery, London, UK
- 2016 *Art Miami*, with C24 Gallery, Miami, FL, USA
Contemporary Istanbul, C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Art New York, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
CHE VUOI? "Fantasy Screen of Contemporary Art", Alan Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 *Artists in Their Time*, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey
PULSE New York, C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Contemporary Istanbul 2015 with C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 *The Heritage of Turkish Art*, NYIT Gallery 61, New York, NY, USA
PULSE New York, with C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Contemporary Istanbul 2014 with C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 *PULSE New York* with C24 Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Contemporary Istanbul 2013 with C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
PULSE Miami with C24 Gallery, Miami, FL, USA
- 2012 *Contemporary Istanbul 2012* with C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
ArtMRKT Hamptons, Bridgehampton, NY, USA
The Armory Show, New York, NY, USA
Art Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Self-portrait, Alanistanbul, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 *If the Nature is Heaven the City is Hell*, Cer Modern, Ankara, Turkey
- 2010 *Zoom Art Fair*, Pi Artworks, Miami, FL, USA
Contemporary Istanbul 2010 with Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey

- Chaotic Metamorphosis*, Proje 4L Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul, Turkey
34/ST2010, Adasanat, Istanbul, Turkey
 Cer Modern Opening Exhibition, Ankara, Turkey
Contemporary Art From Istanbul, Museo Comunale d'Arte Contemporanea, Polignano a Mare, Italy
Food, Karşı Art Works, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 *Contemporary Istanbul 2009*, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
6 positions in critical art from Istanbul, Akademie der Künste, Hanseatenweg, Berlin, Germany
Istanbul Modern Berlin, Works from 1928 to 2008 from the collection of Istanbul Modern, Berlin, Germany
 Martin-Gropius- Bau, Berlin, Germany
New Works, New Horizons, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey
Scope Basel, Pi Artworks, Basel, Switzerland
- 2008 *Artasia Miami 2008*, International Contemporary Art Fair, Pi Artworks, Miami, FL, USA
The Bridge to Peace - Pippa Bacca, UPSD, Istanbul, Turkey
Contemporary Istanbul 2008, Pi Artworks, Lütfi Kırdar Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
Made in Turkey, (Curated by Heike Stockhaus), various venues, Frankfurt, Germany
8 Faces, 5533 IMÇ Unkapanı, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 *Hybrid Narratives*, Akbank Art, Istanbul, Turkey
Your Eyes Are Bigger Than Your Belly, 10th Istanbul Biennial, Special Projects, Hafriyat Karakoy, Istanbul, Turkey
Black and White, CKM, Caddebostan, Istanbul, Turkey
Color of Women, MKM, Akatlar, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 *Contemporary İstanbul 2006*, Pi Artworks, Lütfi Kırdar Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
Art İstanbul 2006, International Contemporary Art Days, Pi Artworks, Antrepo, Istanbul, Turkey
Local Heaven: Contemporary Transport, Hafriyat Group, Diyarbakir, Turkey
art.fair 2006, International Art Fair, Pi Artworks, Cologne, Germany
deforNation, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
Natur-Mort, Galerist, Istanbul, Turkey
inforNation, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005 *On The Frontiers of Experiences*, Akbank Art, Istanbul, Turkey
35+, Terakki Foundation Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Secret-Time, Ankara Contemporary Art Center, Ankara, Turkey
Art İstanbul 2005, Istanbul Art Fair, Lütfi Kırdar Sergi Sarayı, Istanbul, Turkey
Production Fault, Istanbul Biennial, Antrepo, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 *False World*, Hafriyat Group, Munich Town Hall, Munich, Germany
9 Contemporary Turkish Painters, Brussels, Belgium
- 2003 *Koperatif*, Hisart, Kargart, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2002 *Aileye Mahsustur*, Karşı Art, Istanbul, Turkey

- 2001 *Death = Death*, Karşı Art, Istanbul, Turkey
Modern Turk, Topkapı Palace, Has Ahırlar, Istanbul Art Museum Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey
Artist 2001, 11th Istanbul Air Fair, Pi Artworks, Tüyap Exhibition Hall, Tepebaşı, Istanbul, Turkey
Balkan Art Istanbul 2001, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
Voices from Homeland, Karşı Art, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2000 *Four Walls Atelier*, Axa Oyak Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Treacherous Nights, Hafriyat Group, Asmalımescit, Istanbul, Turkey
Domestic Goods, Elhamra Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1999 *4th Turkish Jokey Club Painting Competition*, Turkish Jockey Club, Istanbul, Turkey
Geography Losing Its Identity / Vanishing Roots, Elhamra Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1998 *Istanbul Art Fair*, Passion Art Gallery, Tüyap Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
Group Show, Beytem Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Group Show, Passion Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Drawings, Elhamra Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1996 Group Show, Nadya Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1995 *A Cross-section of Young Turkish Painting*, Mine Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Two Tendencies, Four Intentions, Atatürk Cultural Center, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1994 *New Trends*, Mimar Sinan University, Osman Hamdi Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1993 *Emerging Artists*, Etibank Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Mimar Sinan University, Junge Künstler Sichvor, Frankfurt, Germany; Vienna, Austria
- 1992 *Sanart*, Turkish-British Culture Association Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
Nudes, Turkish-British Culture Association Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
- 1989 *Drawings*, Uart Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
Drawings from Nine Figurative Painters, Sanfa Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Drawings from Nine Figurative Painters, Uart Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1987 *Neşe Erdok Atelier*, Uart Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1986 *Şeref Akdik Art Prizes*, Mimar Sinan University, Osman Hamdi Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
- 1985 *Youth Year, Young Painters*, Uart Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

AWARDS

- 2000 Naval Forces Painting Competition, 1st Place, Istanbul, Turkey
Turkey Tekel Painting Competition, 1st Place, Istanbul, Turkey

OTHER

1981-1987 Mimar Sinan University Fine Art Department, Painting Division, Neşe Erdok Atellier

COLLECTIONS

Istanbul Modern Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
Leon Black Collection, United States