



İRFAN ÖNÜRMEK, BIO

İrfan Önürmen's work reveals the relationships and discrepancies between personal and public experience as seen through the lens of contemporary media. The artist addresses the impact of mass media on human experience and its visual representation through collage, painting, and sculpture. With a unique aesthetic approach comprised of layering tulle and textile materials, Önürmen creates a mysterious tone in each work that explores the concepts of vulnerability, transparency, fragmentation and depth, in the pursuit of harmony and dissonance.

His selected exhibitions include "Everyday Hereos," C24 Gallery, New York (2022); "Bust-Head," C24 Gallery, New York (2019); "Fragments, Layers and Probabilities," Odunpazarı Municipality Contemporary Art Gallery, Eskisehir (2019); "BORDER," Galata Rum Okulu, İstanbul (2018); "Diffusion II," VOLTA New York solo booth (2017); C24 Gallery, New York (2016); "Pendulum," C24 Gallery, New York (2014); "Disorder," Katara Art Center, Qatar (2012); "İrfan Önürmen," C24 Gallery, New York (2012); "Otopsi," Pi Artworks, İstanbul (2011). His selected group exhibitions include "Beginning from the Middle" Artİstanbul Feshane, Eyüp, İstanbul, Turkey (2023); "Nord Art 23," (Country focus - Turkey Pavilion), Kunstwerk Carlshütte, Hamburg, Germany (2023); "Where Are We?," Erimtan Archeology and Arts Museum, Ankara, Turkey (2023); "The Event of a Thread: Global Narratives in Textiles," İstanbul Modern Museum, İstanbul (2019), "9 Contemporary Turkish Painters," Brussels, Belgium, in 2004; "Made in Turkey," Kulturdezernat der Stadt, Frankfurt, Germany, in 2008; Intersections "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, Contemporary Art From Istanbul, Museo Comunale d'Arte Contemporanea, Polignano a Mare, Italy (2010).



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*, Uart 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

- 2023 *Landscapes from Industry (Sanayiden Manzaralar)*, Summart, İstanbul, Turkey (forthcoming)
Contemporary Istanbul, C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Conflicted, C24 Gallery, New York, NY
Beginning from the Middle (Ortadan Başlamak), Artİstanbul Feshane, Eyüp, İstanbul, Turkey
Nord Art 23, (Country focus - Turkey Pavilion), Kunstwerk Carlshütte, Hamburg, Germany
Supporting Education Through Art (Sanat ile Eğitime Destek), Salt Galata, İstanbul, Turkey
Where Are We? (Neredeyiz?), Erimtan Archeology and Arts Museum, Ankara, Turkey
- 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 Istanbul 2006*, Pi Artworks, Lütfi Kırdar Exhibition Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
Art Istanbul 2006, International Contemporary Art Days, Pi Artworks, Antrepo, Istanbul, Turkey
Local Heaven: Contemporary Transport, Hafriyat Group, Diyarbakir, Turkey
art.fair 206, 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 Istanbul 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*, Urart Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
Drawings from Nine Figurative Painters, Sanfa Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Drawings from Nine Figurative Painters, Urart Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
1987 *Neşe Erdok Atelier*, Urart Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
1986 *Şeref Akdik Art Prizes*, Mimar Sinan University, Osman Hamdi Hall, Istanbul, Turkey
1985 *Youth Year, Young Painters*, Urart Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

AWARDS

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



COLLECTIONS

Istanbul Modern Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

Leon Black Collection, United States