

ZEYNEP KAYAN

b. 1986, Ankara, Turkey

Lives and works in Ankara, Turkey

EDUCATION

2009 MA, Fine Art, MaHKU, Utrecht, The Netherlands

2008 BA, Communication and Design, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

SOLO EXHIBITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2022 one one two one two three, Zilberman, Berlin

Zona Maco, Mexico City

2019 Unseen Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Temporary Sameness, Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 Constructed, Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2013 Uncomplete, Cda-Projects, Istanbul, Turkey

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 How does the body take shape under pressure?, curated by Alper Turan and Nazım Ünal
Yılmaz, Queer Museum Vienna, Austria

Sound is the silence of the image, curated by Fatih Aydoğdu, Fabrikraum Wien, Vienna,
Austria

2021 A Few in Many Places, curated by Mari Spirito from Protocinema and Abhijan Toto,
Istanbul, Turkey

Recurrence 2, curator: Lotte Laub, Zilberman Gallery, Berlin, Germany

After T(h)en, Ka Atölye, Ankara

After Hope: Videos of Resistance, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco

2020 Artbiesenthal, Wehrmühle, Biesenthal

212 Photography Festival, curated by Ali Taptık, Leica Gallery, Bomonti, Istanbul

Working on it, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland

Unlock, Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 Venus in Fur, curator: Can Akgümüş, collaboration with Martch Art Project, Istanbul,
Turkey

Lens'19 Things Seen, curator: Sena Çakırkaya, Mixer, Istanbul, Turkey

Young Fresh Different 10: One Must Continue, with Özgür Atlagan, curator: Burçak Bingöl,
Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 An Exile on Earth, curator: Çelenk Bafra, Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

CONCEALED, curator: Derya Yücel, Kasa Galeri, Istanbul, Turkey

NevGeneration: Monomyth, Galeri Nev, Ankara, Turkey

2017 The Library, tete, Berlin, Germany

Studies for staying in the middle, Open studio exhibition, Zilberman Gallery, Berlin,
Germany

Kassel Dummy Award shortlist exhibition, Istanbul; Moscow; Rome; Madrid; Dublin;
Aarhus; Lodz

- 2015 Sleeper Songs, invited by Tiong Ang, BAK, basis for actuele kunst, Utrecht, Holland
 Pull the Rope We're Downstairs, with Burcu Bilgiç, Zilberman Projects, Istanbul
 NevGeneration: Amusement Park, Galeri Nev, Ankara, Turkey
 Second Nature, ODTÜSanat 16, ODTÜ, Ankara, Turkey
- 2014 Pull The Rope We're Downstairs, performance and group show with Burcu Bilgiç,
 Torun, Ankara, Turkey
- 2013 Second Eye - Women Photographers from Turkey, Sismanoglu Megaro, Istanbul, Turkey
 Joyful Wisdom, Rezan Has Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
 AnOtherWoman, Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 1st Tbilisi Triennial – Outside Effect, Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia
 Encounters, Seoul, South Korea
 Figure out: Turkish Contemporary Art, Artsawa, Dubai, UAE
- 2011 Uncanny Encounters, Istanbul Museum of Modern Art, Istanbul, Turkey
 Untitled Original, Cda-Projects, Istanbul, Turkey
 NevGeneration: Art of Defence, Galeri Nev, Ankara, Turkey
 RAM_era, Central Gallery, University of Malaga, Spain
 Existrong, Cda-Projects, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 Young/Fresh/Different, Cda-Projects, Istanbul, Turkey
 UFAT 7th Photography Festival, Uludağ University, Bursa, Turkey
- 2009 Urban Knowledge, D.A.R.E 4 (Dutch Artistic Research Event), MaHKU Degree Show
 MA Fine Art: Common Site Come Inside, Utrecht, The Netherlands
 MaHKU Fine Art and Public Space Design Students Exhibition, Het Blauwe Huis,
 Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2008 ANIMAL ESTATES regional home modes 6.0: UTRECHT, Casco Office for Art, Design
 and Theory, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- 2006 Young Photography from Turkey, Center of Photography of Russian Federation, St.
 Petersburg, Russia
- 2005 Young Talents in Turkish Photography III, Çanakkale, Bursa, Istanbul, Turkey
 Outsiders, Malmö Hogskola K3, Malmö, Sweden

RESIDENCIES, AWARDS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2022–2023 Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2021 Nominated to Prix Pictet by Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
- 2020 Cité des Arts, Paris, January – March 2020
- 2018 Until Finding the Source of the Water, performance with Özgür Atlagan, as part of
 Repetition ∞ Cycle II, SALT Galata – Istanbul, Turkey
 Kassel Dummy Award: Shortlisted with Kumkuat book dummy, Kassel, Germany
- 2017 Kassel Dummy Award: 2nd price, Kassel, Germany
 Zilberman Residency, Zilberman Gallery Berlin, Germany
 Artist talk : Çekmeden Fotoğraf, Salt Ulus, Ankara, Turkey
 Artist talk, 9th Photography Meeting itüfk, Studio-X, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 Lecture performance at Field Meeting, ACAW, New York, USA
- 2014 Collaboration with Bils, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012-2016 Co-founder of the independent art-space: Torun, Ankara, Turkey
- 2010-ongoing Director of nevarchives, Galeri Nev, Ankara, Turkey

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Untitled, photo book published by Akinabooks launched at Unseen Amsterdam
- 2017 Kumkuat, self-published artist book with Özgür Atlagan
- 2016 Artist book for the exhibition “Constructed”, including a conversation with Mika Hannula
- 2010 Rotterdam Dialogues : The Critics, The Curators, The Artists, Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art
- 2006 Ruby Mag : Artists’ Book Collection, curated and organized by Irana Douer
- 2005 Young Talents in Turkish Photography III, Geniş Açık Photography Magazine