

Mehmet Çevik

Mehmet Çevik is a contemporary artist based in Istanbul, Turkey. Having graduated from Andolu University in 2009, Çevik set out to work in Istanbul, establishing his own private studio in which he paints to this day. Çevik depicts eccentric and psychologically informed compositions that harbour a deep sense of mystery, illusions and pseudo realism.

Çevik uses a vivid colour palette, using various tones and hues to strengthen the overall atmosphere of his compositions. The depictions at face value offer an elusive and psychedelic presence, with figures posed in eccentric garments, adorned with abnormal features, and landscapes imbued with otherworldly symbolism. Upon closer inspection, Çevik reveals a familiar narrative surrounding humanity, community and the beauty of the natural world. Subverting Art History through his



unique style, he employs artistic structures and perspectives to frame his compositions in regular context and then coalesces them with hallucinogenic imagery and mystical themes stemming deep from his subconscious. Creating works akin to the Art Historical genre of Surrealism, Çevik's artistic oeuvre consists of the artificial constructions of magical scenes that operate on a plane of unconventionality and peculiarity. By disregarding the strict confines of reality, Çevik allows his audience to embark on a visual journey, exposing them to the wondrous impracticalities of his subconscious mind.

Çevik has actively participated in numerous seminars, workshops and symposiums and has also made contributions to academia, publishing several articles. He has exhibited his work both in Turkey and internationally in Europe and Asia, achieving numerous awards for his outstanding commitment and artistry.

Mehmet Çevik CV

b. 1984 - Mersin, Turkey
Lives and works in Istanbul, Turkey.

Education

2009 Department of the Faculty of Fine Arts, Anadolu University, Eskişehir, Turkey

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2019 *Küçük Kurgular*, Kugulu Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey

2014 *Çok Yüzlü*, Galeri Kambur, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 *DAMDALAMA Independent Alternative Solo Exhibition*, Galata, Istanbul, Turkey

2014 *Meghmet Cevik Academic Solo Exhibition*, Güzel Sanatlar Galerisi, Bursa, Turkey

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 *Cumhuriyet'in Gururu*, Pride of Republic Group Exhibition, Şevket Sabancı Cultural Center, Bodrum, Turkey

2023 *AKIŞ 123456*, Grup Exhibition, Kent Müzeleri Kompleksi Art Gallery, Eskişehir, Turkey

2022 *Bana Yalan Söylediler*, Posttruth, Atlas Pavyonu, Izmir, Turkey

2021 *ENCOUNTER*, Zemin Art Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2021 *NEAR*, Zemin Art Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2020 Manici Art Days Workshop, Manici Kasrı, Çanakkale, Turkey

2020 *Kemiklerin Üstüne Şarkılar*, Multidisciplinary Relations, Eksi bir, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 *Köksap*, Root Art Project, Eskişehir, Turkey

2018 *Ankara Uni. VII, Painting and Sculpture Public Museum Symposium*, Ankara, Turkey

2018 Galeri Kambur Artist Meetings, Kaş, Antalya, Turkey

2018, *One Day*, Atelier Maslak, Maslak, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 *Bir Yaz Gecesi Rüyası*, Casa Dell'Arte Gallery, Art50, Bodrum, Turkey

2018 ART SUITES International Workshop, Bodrum, Turkey

2018 Misi Village Art Residence Program and Workshop, Nilüfer Belediyesi, Bursa, Turkey

2018 *Bakış Açısı*, Sergisi, Point of View' Exhibition, 12.04-14.05.2018, Cermodern, Ankara, Turkey

2017 Cappadoccia Art Semposium, Galeri Kambur Arnavutköy, Nevşehir, Turkey

2017, 4. Open Studio Days, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 St. Henri International Art Residency, Workshop, Exhibition, Castelnaudary, Toulouse, France

2016 Altın Yunus Otel workshop and Exhibition, Yaşar Eğitim Kültür Vakfı, Çeşme, Izmir, Turkey

2016 *Made By Artist 2016*, Corridor Exhibition, Pinello Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

2015- ART SUITES International Workshop, Bodrum, Turkey

2015 Istanbul Art Fair, TUYAP, Galeri Soyut, Istanbul< Turkey

2015 *Art Alem*, O'Art, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 *1292 MW Exhibition*, Akenerji 25.yıl, Corinne Art Gallery, Beyoğlu, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 *KARMA' ŞIK*, Corinne Art Gallery, Beyoğlu, Istanbul, Turkey

2014 CI Contemporary,

Istanbul, Turkey

2014 ART SUITES International Workshop, Bodrum, Turkey

2014 *Zamansız-Yersiz-Pestenkerani*, Galeri Metazori, Alaçatı, Izmir, Turkey

2014 *53. International Bursa Fest*, Bursa Nar Ceramic Art and Culture Association, Bursa, Turkey

Awards

2007 *2. National Art Competition*, İnönü University, Great Achievement Award

2010 *10. Şefik BURSALI Exhibition*, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey Unshareable Great Achievement Award

2007-2010 *34. DYO Art Competition*, Yaşar Education and Culture Foundation, Achievement Award

Selected Works



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Mehmet Cevik
Tulle Bird Plush Dreams, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
65 x 47 1/4 in
165 x 120 cm



Mehmet Cevik
Watermelons, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
68 7/8 x 51 1/8 in
175 x 130 cm