

Zümrütoğlu

Zümrütoğlu (b.1970) is a Turkish artist originally from Konya who now lives and works between Berlin and Istanbul. Widely known for his abstract impastoed large scale canvases, Zümrütoğlu's work unveils the subconscious mind. Exploring themes such as the dehumanization of modernity, physiological



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anxiety, and human impermanence Zümrütoğlu finds inspiration through literature such as Joseph Conrad's, 'The Heart of Darkness.'

Zümrütoğlu studied Fine Arts at Dokuz Eylül University in Izmir, Turkey graduating in 1996. Choosing to continue his education in fine art, Zümrütoğlu travelled to Belgium and Holland to expand his knowledge of European painting. Zümrütoğlu's work beautifully captures the dysmorphic unease of the German Expressionists; the anxieties of modern life descend onto the canvas in a single chaotic tension, welcoming the viewer into this circus of Boschian proportions.

His oeuvre is marked by abstract colourful compositions featuring dissolving and remerging shapes on monumental sized canvases. Zümrütoğlu's blunt expression of form and heavily impastoed canvases become a motif for the chaotic, an affliction which creates further unease. The paint in *Egodram (Tribute to Joseph Conrad)*, 2018, for example, reaches out to grab the viewer, who occupies the interstices between the canvas. Zümrütoğlu is an established artist who lives and works between Istanbul and Berlin. His work is on permanent display at *Istanbul Modern*, Istanbul, Turkey, as well as the *Elgiz Museum*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Selected Artworks



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Or, 2023

Oil on canvas

98 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 118 $\frac{1}{8}$ in

250 x 300 cm



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Of Course Would Be I, 2023

Oil on canvas

39 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 35 $\frac{3}{8}$ in

100 x 90 cm

Zümrütođlu CV

b. 1970- Konya, Turkey

Works and lives in Istanbul, Turkey & Berlin, Germany

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *All and None*, JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London
- 2020 *Atonal Drift*, JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London
- 2019 *Time for The Salt*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Mirror of Darkness*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Holy Bargaining*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2017 *Portfolio Series 5; Zümrütođlu*, Plato Sanat, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 *Für Alle und Keinen*, Tammen & Partner Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 *Dark Matter*, The Empire Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 *Cosmetic Violence*, The Empire Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 *O Zaman*, Galerie Ivan Ptakhine, Paris, France
- 2012 *Odysseus Yorgın*, Tammen & Partner Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 *Grammar of the Other*, Tammen & Partner Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 *Or II, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey 'Or I'*, DEMSA Collection, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 *The Verses of Earth*, C.A.M. Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 *Get Stubborn*, Karşı Sanat Works, Ankara, Turkey
- 2004 *Tombstone for Me*, Antik Art Gallery, 14th Istanbul TÜYAP Art Fair, Turkey

2002 *A Poet A Painter, Im Kontext von Antonin Artaud*, bir Kunstzentrum, Istanbul, Turkey

2001 *In the Memory of Antonin Artaud*, Izmir Art and Sculpture Museum, Izmir, Turkey

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2022-23 *Grief and Pleasure*, OMM Eskişehir, Eskişehir, Turkey

2023 *Past, Present, Future*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2022 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2022 *PILEVNELI | YALIKAVAK*, PILEVNELI Yalıkavak, Bodrum, Turkey

2021 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2021 *PILEVNELI X KONIG*, PILEVNELI Kaplankaya, Milas, Turkey

2021 *ANADOL - CRETEN - ELMACI - FIRMAN - TÖRE - ZÜMRÜTOĞLU, PILEVNELI* Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum, Turkey

2020 *Presentation Room I*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2020 *Abstraction & The Natural World*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2020 *The Contemporary Human Condition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2019 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2018 *At the Factory: 10 Artists/10 Individual Practices*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 *Eyewitness*, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany

2015 *Backyard*, Plato Sanat, Istanbul, Turkey

2012 *Grammar of the Other*, Tammen & Partner Galerie, Berlin

2011 *Works of Zümürtoğlu*, Tammen & Partner Galerie, Berlin, Germany

- 2007 *Sisyphos*, C.A.M. Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005 *Young Expansion in Contemporary Turkish Art*, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 *Turkish Contemporary*, M-A-C Kunstgalerie, Germany
- 2003 *What is missing?*, Karşı Sanat Works, Istanbul, Turkey

Selected Art Fairs

- 2023 *Enter Art Fair*, Versus Art Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2023 ZONAMACO 2023, JD Malat Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2022 *Artweeks Akaretler*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2022 *Contemporary Istanbul*, JD Malat Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2022 *Contemporary Istanbul*, Pilevneli and König Galerie, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021 *Artweeks Akaretler*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021 *Contemporary Istanbul*, JD Malat Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021 *Contemporary Istanbul*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2020 *Untitled Art Fair OVR Miami Beach*, JD Malat Gallery
- 2020 *Artweeks Akaretler*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 *Contemporary Istanbul*, JD Malat Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 ZONA MACO, JD Malat Gallery, CDMX, Mexico
- 2009 *St-art 14th European Contemporary Art Fair*, Strassburg, Germany
- 2009 *Contemporary Istanbul*, Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2008 TÜYAP *Contemporary Art Fair*, Karşı Sanat Works, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *At the Factory: 10 Artists/10 Individual Practices*, Pilevneli Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 TÜYAP *Contemporary Art Fair*, Karşı Sanat Works, Istanbul, Turkey

2006 *Contemporary Istanbul*, C.A.M. Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2005 *Opposite Art Works*, Artist – 14th Istanbul TÜYAP Art Fair, Turkey

Museum Collections

Istanbul Modern Museum, Turkey

Elgiz Museum, Istanbul, Turkey