

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 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



Zümrütoğlu
Persona Non Grata II, 2022
Oil on canvas
90 1/2 x 74 3/4 in
230 x 190 cm
(ZUM064)



Zümrütoğlu
Persona Non Grata III, 2022
Oil on canvas
90 1/2 x 74 3/4 in
230 x 190 cm
(ZUM066)

Zümrütoğlu CV

b. 1970- Konya, Turkey

Works and lives in Istanbul, Turkey & Berlin, Germany

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 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; Zümrütoğlu*, 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*, İzmir Art and Sculpture Museum, Izmir, Turkey

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 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 Zümrütoğlu*, 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 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