

Gizem Candan

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Education

2022-2024, Criticism & Curatorial Practice (MFA), OCAD University

2016-2019, Graphic Design, Bachelor's Degree, Yeditepe University

2014-2019, Plastic Arts and Painting, Bachelor's Degree, Yeditepe University

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2023 *Resonance of a Deep Ground*, Remote Gallery, Toronto, ON, Jun 29-Jul 2
- 2022 *Garden of Mana*, Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, ON, Sept 21-Oct 28
- 2021 *Close to Home*, with Jihane Mossalim, Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, ON, May 12-June 18

Selected Group Shows

- 2024 *TBD*, UPSTAIRS, Toronto, ON, Oct 17-23 (*forthcoming*)
we made it through the wilderness, curated by Diane Blunt, Studio 13, Vancouver, BC, Oct 10-18
- 2023 *Art from the Vault*, TD Gallery at the Toronto Reference Library, Toronto, ON Jul 15-Oct 15
- 2022 *Myths and Dreams*, curated by Billur Tansel, Elgiz Museum, Istanbul, Turkey, Sept 1-Jan 15
Akbank 40th Contemporary Artists Prize Exhibition, curated by Fatoş Üstek, Istanbul, Turkey, Jun 1-Jul 30
Myths and Dreams, curated by Billur Tansel, In the Elgiz Museum at Arkas Art Center, Izmir, Turkey, Mar 26-July 31
- 2021 *7th Anniversary Show*, Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, ON, Nov 10-Dec 30
Yüzleşme / Confrontation, curated by Marcus Graf, Cermodern, Ankara, Turkey, Nov 6-Jan 9
Grundung X BASE - Ruhun Doysun, Tophane-i Amire Kültür ve Sanat Merkezi, Istanbul Turkey, Sept 29-Oct 3
Yüzleşme / Confrontation, curated by Marcus Graf, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey, Sept 8-Oct 24
Zamanın Dışında, Modern Sanatlar Gallery, Antalya, Turkey, Mar 8-May 8
Yeniden / Again, curated by Marcus Graf, Atasehir Kültür, Cemal Süreya Sergi Salonu, Istanbul, Turkey, Feb 24-Apr 14
- 2020 *40 Under Forty*, Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery, Toronto, ON, Oct 1-Nov 21

Echo, Artsy, Hub Design, Jul 25 - Aug 15
Stream, Artsy, Hub Design, May 9 - May 23

Gallery Representation

2021- Sivarulrasa Gallery

Curatorial

2024 *TBD*, curated by Gizem Candan, Ignite Gallery, Toronto, ON, (*forthcoming*)
Artists: Emily Chudnovsky, Sydney Lad, Francis Pitsadiotis, Deepikah RB, Danielle Vincent, Chaoran Zhou
Living Palette, Xpace, co-curated as GAS Collective, Toronto, ON, Sept 13 - Nov 9
Artists: Lisa Cristinzo, Camille Jodoin-Eng, Julie Pasila
GradEx 109: Metal Winners, co-curated with EJ Kneifel, The Great Hall, OCAD U Toronto, ON, May 1-5
Host & Compost, curated by Gizem Candan, Ignite Gallery, OCAD, Toronto, ON, Mar 2 - 6
Artists: Sara Maston, Leeay Aikawa

Professional Experience

2024 - Program Cares Coordinator for *With sky, sunlight, clouds, wind. With ground, grass, trees, songbirds. (We are held)*, site-specific open rehearsals by Tanya Lukin Linklater at Colborne Lodge Coach House, High Park, Toronto Biennial of Art
2024 - *Research Assistant* at the Office of Diversity, Equity & Sustainability Initiatives (ODESI), OCAD University
2023 - 2024, *Research Assistant* at Cooper Cole Gallery, Toronto, ON
2023 - *Archival Assistant* at Images Festival, Toronto, ON
2023 - *Admin Assistant (Intern)* at Gallery 44, Toronto, ON
2022 - Oil Painting Facilitator for private and group workshops
2022 - 2023, *Studio Assistant* at Akin Collective-Stockyards, Toronto, ON

Residencies

2025 The Château d'Orquevaux Artists & Writers Residency, Champagne-Ardenne, France (*forthcoming*)
2024 OCAD U Graduate Residency for curators with GAS Collective, Xpace, Toronto, ON
Self-directed, Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts, Toronto Island, ON
I made it through the wilderness, Island Mountain Arts, Wells BC, May

12-24
2023 I made it through the wilderness, Artscape Gibraltar Point, Toronto Island, ON, Jun 5-19

Awards and Grants

2024 Explore and Create, Research and Creation, Canada Council for the Arts
2023 The Denis Diderot Grant for *the Château d'Orquevaux Residency*
The Emerging Artist Grant for *the Château d'Orquevaux Residency*
OCAD U Graduate Student Project and Travel Grant for *i made it through the wilderness* at Artscape Gibraltar Point
2022 Akbank 40th Contemporary Artists Prize
RBC Newcomer Space Award, Neighbourhood Arts, Toronto, ON
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS-M)
2021 Career Catalyst: Project Grants for New Generation Artists, Ontario Arts Council
RBC Newcomer Arts Award, Neighbourhood Arts, Toronto, ON

Workshop Facilitation

2023 *Worm Composting Basics*, Artscape Gibraltar Point, Jun 11
2022 *Fundamentals of Oil Painting with Gizem Candan*, Project Art Toronto 4 Weeks, Mar 5-26
2021 *Creative Thinking with Gizem Candan*, Pera Museum, Oct 1

Press

2023 Burçak Fakıoğlu Yakıcı, "Ekolojik uyum ve denge," Unlimited, March 14
2022 Fatma Leylâ Ak, "Mitler ve Hayaller Sergisi Üzerine Billur Tansel İle Söyleşi," Sanat Okur, October 6
2021 Miray Eroglu, "Reflections on "Yüzleşme, Confrontation: Yeditepe University Faculty of Fine Arts Exhibition of Students and Graduates at Pera Museum in Istanbul," IFA Contemporary, October 5
Duygu Merzifonluoğlu, "Süresi dolmuşları ayıkla ki artık seni zehirlemesin," CNN Turk, September 8
Dilara Altuğ, "Daha İyi Bir "Yeni Normal" İçin Alternatif Arayışlar," Artful Living, March 26

Public Collections

Toronto Public Library Art Collection