

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

2025 Local Bio-Based Materials International Program Group Exhibition,
curated by Limbo Accra (*forthcoming*)
2024 *Kaal : The Art of Time*, UPSTAIRS, Toronto, ON, Oct 17-23
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
Grunding 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

Curatorial Projects

2024 *anxious yet familiar world*, curated by Gizem Candan, Ignite Gallery, Toronto, ON
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

Residencies and Programs

2025 The Château d'Orquevaux Artists & Writers Residency, Champagne-Ardenne, France (*forthcoming*)
The Material Way International Program: Local Bio-Based Materials, Jan-Sept

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