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Multidisciplinary artist based in Toronto with expertise in sculpture, animation, stop-motion, installation, and puppet & set design. Experienced in exhibiting internationally across museums, galleries, and symposiums, with works held in corporate, museum, and public collections. Recognized with awards in Canada, Turkey, India, Sweden, Spain, the USA.

## EXPERIENCE

DEC 2025  
JAN 2021

### STOP MOTION ANIMATOR, DIRECTOR, PUPPET AND SET DESIGNER

Create and direct stop-motion animations, specializing in puppet and set design. Develop narratives that explore identity, culture, and social issues, with works screened internationally at festivals and exhibitions.

JAN 2025  
JAN 2006

### SCULPTOR AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY ARTIST

Design and produce sculptures across Steel, marble, clay, and installations, with works exhibited in museums, galleries, and symposiums worldwide. Recognized with awards and acquisitions by corporate, museum, and public collections.

## EDUCATION

DEC 2025

### OCAD UNIVERSITY BFA EXPERIMENTAL ANIMATION (HONORS)

MAY 2008

### ANADOLU UNIVERSITY BFA SCULPTURE (HONORS)

## SKILLS

- Dragonframe Stop Motion Animation Software
- Adobe After Effects
- Puppet Design and Fabrication
- Set Design and Fabrication
- Storyboard and Animatic
- Welding, Grinding and Finishing
- Mould Making
- Clay Modelling
- Wood and Marble Carving
- Dremel, Drill/Rotary Tools, Carving Tools, Power Tools

## ACTIVITIES

Artist Talk at North Central Library in Canada, participation in sculpture symposiums and community art workshops with the Creative Children's Association in Turkey, EMA International Marble Symposium in Spain.

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS AND SCREENINGS

2025- Montreal Independent Film Festival Quebec, Montreal  
2025 – FAB Festival of Animation, Berlin, Germany  
2025 – Carlton Cinema OCADU Animation Festival, Canada  
2024 – Luminato Festival, OCADU Project Mapping, Canada  
2024 – Light up the Dark, Aga Khan Museum, Canada  
2023 – Animated Expression Expo, Courseulles, France  
2023 – Steve Aranson International Film Festival, Costa Rica  
2023 – SWIFF Student World Impact Film Fest, USA  
2023 – Rural Film Fest, Valencia, Spain  
2023 – Sweden Film Festival, Boden, Sweden  
2023 – 'New Visions', Alliance Francaise, Canada  
2023 – DXC23 Summit, Democracy XChange TMU, Toronto, Canada  
2023 – 'More with Less' Animation Screening Fest, Alliance Francaise de Toronto, Canada  
2023 – Conversations, Oeno Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
2021 – Negotiating Diaspora, Oeno Gallery, Canada  
2020 – Gallery Les plumes, Beirut, Lebanon  
2020 – 'Terrestrial Break Free', M2M Colombo, Sri Lanka  
2019 – Gallery Les plumes, Beirut, Lebanon  
2019 – 'Vuslat', Odunpazari Modern Museum, Eskisehir, Turkey  
2019 – Oeno Gallery Sculpture Garden Exhibition, Toronto, Canada  
2018 – Gallery Mc Gruliler, Courchevel, France  
2018 – In Situ Small Arm Inception Building Multi Art Festival, Toronto, Canada  
2018 – Oeno Gallery Sculpture Garden Exhibition, Toronto, Canada  
2018 – The Brain Project, Toronto, Canada  
2017 – Gallery Mc Gruliler, Courchevel, France  
2017 – WICC 'Diverse City' Canada150, Toronto, Canada  
2017 – 'The Artist Project' Contemporary Art Fair, Toronto, Canada  
2016 – 'Engage The Past To Create The Future', In Situ Mississauga, Toronto, Canada  
2016 – Art Base Project 'A Remix Of The Local', Istanbul, Turkey  
2015 – Contemporary Istanbul Art Fair, Istanbul, Turkey  
2015 – Proje 4L Elgiz Museum 'Plaza Worker', Istanbul, Turkey  
2015 – 42 Maslak 'Maker Culture', Istanbul, Turkey  
2014 – 'Istanbul Breeze', Benerialto NYC, USA  
2013 – Ege Art Fair, Izmir, Turkey  
2013 – Hilton Asmus Contemporary Gallery 'Istanbul Breeze', Chicago, USA  
2013 – Sofa Art and Design Fair, Chicago, USA  
2013 – Korean-Turkey Art Exhibition, CRR Istanbul, Turkey  
2012 – 71st National Museum of Painting and Sculpture, Ankara, Turkey  
2012 – Rotary Art Exhibition, Istanbul, Turkey  
2012 – Rh+Art Magazine 'The Young Sculptor of the Year', Istanbul, Turkey  
2011 – Frühlingserwachen Festival Sculpture Exhibition, Berlin, Germany  
2010 – '47th International Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival', Esma Sultan, Istanbul, Turkey  
2009 – 69th National Museum of Painting and Sculpture, Ankara, Turkey  
2007 – Baskent Rotary 'Become Leader' Sculpture Contest Exhibition, Ankara, Turkey  
2006 – EMA, International Stone Sculpture Symposium Exhibition, Almeria, Spain

## AWARDS

2025 – Carlton Cinema OCADU Animation Festival, Canada  
2025 – Bluma Appel Award, Canada  
2023 – SWIFF Student World Impact Film Fest, Honorable Mention, USA  
2023 – Rohip International Film Festival Award Winner, India  
2010 – Ankara Bar Association 'Law as a Profession and Courthouses' Contest, Turkey  
2010 – Mention Award, 29th Turgut Pura Sculpture Competition, Turkey  
2009 – 1st Place, Ankara Bar Association 'Law as a Profession and Courthouses' Contest, Turkey  
2009 – 2nd Place, Erciyes University 15th Bust Sculpture Competition, Turkey  
2008 – Mention Award, 27th Turgut Pura Sculpture Competition, Turkey  
2008 – Mention Award, Sutcu Imam University, Turkey  
2007 – Mention Award, 26th Turgut Pura Sculpture Competition, Turkey  
2006 – Mention Award, EMA International Stone Sculpture Contest, Almeria, Spain  
2006 – 2nd Place and Best Team Award, Mersin National Sand Sculpture Competition, Turkey

## RESIDENCIES & SYMPOSIUMS

2018 – 'Path of Possibilities' Artist Talk, North Central Library, Toronto, Canada  
2012 – Nesin Mathematics Village Sculpture Symposium, Izmir, Turkey  
2011 – Komurcuoglu International Marble Symposium, Denizli, Turkey  
2007 – Side International Sand Sculpture Symposium, Antalya, Turkey  
2006 – Mersin/Huzurkent International Sand Sculpture Symposium, Turkey  
2006 – EMA International Marble Symposium, Almeria, Spain

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS AND PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

2019 – 'Unbeknown', OMM, Odunpazari Modern Museum Collection, Eskisehir, Turkey  
2018 – 'Mindful Emancipation', Brain Project Collection, Toronto, Canada  
2018 – 'Terrestrial Break Free', M2M Beira Market, Colombo, Sri Lanka  
2016 – 'My Life', KVK Collection, Istanbul, Turkey  
2016 – 'Voyage', Mercure Art Hotels Collection, Istanbul, Turkey  
2015 – 'Puzzle', Imago Mundi, Luciano Benetton Collection, Italy  
2015 – 'Space', OMM, Odunpazari Modern Museum Collection, Eskisehir, Turkey  
2015 – 'One-way Ticket Please', Beirut, Lebanon  
2014 – 'Lightness', White Room Gallery, Capri, Italy  
2014 – 'OMM', Odunpazari Modern Museum Collection, Eskisehir, Turkey  
2014 – 'Perspective', Zorlu Center PSM Installation, Istanbul, Turkey  
2014 – 'Lightness', Odeabank Levent 199 Collection, Istanbul, Turkey  
2013 – 'Time of Lightness', Proje 4L Elgiz Museum Collection, Istanbul, Turkey  
2012 – 'Violinist', Askaynak Collection, Istanbul, Turkey  
2011 – 'Blacksmith', Eke Metal, Denizli, Turkey  
2010 – 'Tango and Musicians' Installation, Gaziantep, Turkey  
2010 – '47th International Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival' Installation, Antalya, Turkey