

Derya Ozparlak

Multidisciplinary Artist | Sculpture | Stop Motion Animation | Installation

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BIO

Derya Ozparlak is a Toronto-based multidisciplinary artist working across sculpture, installation, stop-motion animation, and puppet and set design. Since 2006, she has developed sculptural works and installations using materials such as steel, marble, clay, and mixed media. Building on this foundation, she later expanded her practice into stop-motion animation, directing animated works while focusing on puppet fabrication and set design. Her work has been presented internationally in museums, galleries, festivals, and sculpture symposiums across Europe, North America, and Asia. Ozparlak's works are included in museum, corporate, and public collections, and she has received several international awards. She has also participated in artist talks, international symposiums, and workshops.

EDUCATION

2025 — OCAD University, Toronto — BFA Experimental Animation (Honours)

2008 — Anadolu University, Turkey — BFA Sculpture (Honours)

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS AND SCREENINGS

2026 — Sehsüchte International Student Film Festival, Germany

2026 — The Toronto Animation Arts Festival International (TAAFI), Canada

2026 — Stop-eMotion Days, Venice, Italy

2025 — FAB2025 – Festival of Animation Berlin, Germany

2025 — 13th Canlandıranlar Film Festival, Turkey

2025 — Montreal Independent Film Festival, Quebec/Montreal, Canada

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 Française, Canada

2023 — DXC23 Summit, Democracy XChange TMU, Toronto, Canada

2023 — 'More with Less' Animation Screening Fest, Alliance Française 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, 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
- 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
- 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', 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', Odunpazari Modern Museum Collection, Eskisehir, Turkey
- 2015 — 'One-way Ticket Please', Beirut, Lebanon
- 2014 — 'Lightness', White Room Gallery, Capri, Italy
- 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

ARTIST STATEMENT

I am a multidisciplinary artist working across sculpture, stop-motion animation, installation, and puppet and set design. Through the use of materials, objects, and moving image, my work develops visual narratives between sculpture and animation, exploring themes of identity, memory, and social experience.