OSMAN BOZKURT

Born in Istanbul. Received his BA in Photography from Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul. Bozkurt is the co-founder and co-director of PiST/// Interdisciplinary Project Space, a non-for-profit, independent artist-run space in Istanbul, founded in 2006. Lives and works in Istanbul.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2026 ➤ Seeing Words, Reading Images
The Written Art Collection in dialogue with the Deutsche Bank Collection / Berlin / Germany

2025 ➤ G-ART Gallery / 'Everybody Knows…' Istanbul, Turkey

2024 ➤ REMEMBER / Merdiven Art Space / Istanbul, Turkey - solo show

2023 ➤ Istanbuls Today / Pera Museum / Istanbul, Turkey
➤ In a Multiple-Perspective / YARAT Contemporary Art Center, Baku, Azerbaijan

2020 ➤ Domestic Archeology _ Covid-19 Studio Logs
"Artists in Quarantine" / Commissioned by SALT – L'Internationale

2019 ➤ Winter is Coming / Merdiven Art Space @Mebusan#25/ Istanbul/TR

2018 ➤ Upside Down / Daire Sanat Istanbul/TR - solo show
➤ Power to the People / SCHIRN KUNSTHALLE Frankfurt/ DE
➤ Global Control And Censorship / GALERIA ARSENAŁ Białystok/ PL

2017 ➤ AFSAD Exhibition / Contemporary Arts Center Ankara, TR
➤ Global Control And Censorship / TALLINN ART HALL, Tallin, Estonia

2015 ➤ Istanbul: Passion, Joy, Fury, curator: Hou Hanru, MAXXI, The National Museum of XXI Century Arts, Rome, Italy
➤ The Water Knows All My Secrets / PRATT Manhattan Gallery, NYC, USA
➤ Global Control And Censorship / ZKM Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe, Germany
➤ Europe. The Future of History / KUNSTHAUS ZURICH/ Zurich, CH

2014 ➤ Q.I. VEDO SOSTENIBILE /Montesanto & Madre Museum, Naples, IT
➤ ODTU SANAT 15, Ankara, TR

2013 ➤ global aCtIVISm / ZKM | Museum of Contemporary Art / Karlsruhe, DE
➤ Eyeballing / ÇMS, Çankaya/ Ankara, TR

2012 ➤ Contemporary Istanbul Art Fair, TR
➤ Anatomy of A Deal, Arrow Factory / Beijing, CN - solo show

2011 ➤ Life in The UK: Balance of Probabilities / Art Asia Triennial Manchester / UK
➤ The Workers / Mass MOCA / North Adams, Massachusetts, USA
➤ Art Works –art in the Deutsche Bank Towers, Deutsche Bank Collection, curated by Alistair Hicks, Frankfurt
➤ Local Global Plan / Public Art Project on Ålekistevej, Copenhagen, DK
➤ Variations / Photomed / Espace St Nazaire, Sanary-sur-Mer, FR

2010 ➤ Divercity. Learning from Istanbul / CCA Ujadowski Castle, Warsaw, PL
➤ No Soul For Sale / A Festival Of Independents / Tate Modern/Turbine Hall, London
➤ The Armory Show 2010 / PiST///, New York, USA
➤ As The Land Expands / Al Rivaq Art Space / Kingdom of Bahrain
➤ Istanbul / New Realities / Centro Cultural de Belém CCB, Lisbon, PT

2009 ➤ TRANSIT-2 / PiST/// Interdisciplinary Project Space, Istanbul, TR
(Collateral event of 11th Istanbul Biennial)
➤ TRANSIT-2 / Madre Museum, Project Room, Napoli, IT
➤ Istanbul, Traversée / Palais des Beaux Arts de Lille, Lille, FR
➤ Creative Destruction / OUTLET//Independent Art Space, Istanbul, TR

2008 ➤ Candid Stories /Insa Art Space of the Art Council Korea, Seoul, Korea
➤ Becoming Istanbul / Deutsches Architekturmuseum, Frankfurt, DE
➤ Frieze Art Fair 2008 / PiST///, London, England
➤ Tales Around the Pavement/ Contemporary Image Collective, Cairo, Egypt

2007 ➤ Turkish Pavilion / PiST/// Interdisciplinary Project Space, Istanbul, TR
(Collateral event of 10th Istanbul Biennial)
➤ Global Cities / TATE Modern, London, UK
➤ EurHope 1153 / Contemporary Art from Bosphorus Villa Manin, Udine, Italy
➤ Home And Away / Umetnostna Galerija Maribor / Slovenia

2006 ➤ Rejection Episodes / Vooruit & DeCentrale, Gent, Belgium
➤ Reserved '06 / PiST/// Interdisciplinary Project Space, Istanbul, TR
➤ Rest in Peace / PiST/// 7-24, Istanbul, TR - solo show
➤ Attitude Video: Short & Experimental Film / Photography Festival / Macedonia

2005 ➤ Public Matters, Private Matters / Strand on Volta Gallery / Washington, DC / USA
➤ Dispersed Moments of Concentration / Urban and Digital Spaces
➤ Hartware Medien Kunst Verein / Phoenix Halle Dortmund, Germany
➤ Off Space / Siemens Sanat, Istanbul, TR
➤ art for... /Platform Garanti Contemporary Art Center, Istanbul, TR

2004 ➤ STADTanSICHTen Istanbul / ifa-Galleries Stuttgart and Berlin, Germany
➤ E-flux Video Rental / New York City, USA

2003 ➤ 22nd Annual Contemporary Artists Exhibition / Aksanat, Istanbul, TR

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
2024 Journal of Visual Culture / At the crossroads: photography, ecology and heritage in Istanbul by Berin Golonu
2023 Urban Mirrors-Reflections From the Artists of Istanbul by Alistair Hicks/YKY
2023 Istanbuls Today / Editors:Refik Akyüz, Serdar Darendeliler / Pera Museum Publication
2016 Istanbul: Passion, Joy, Fury / Edited by Hou Hanru, Ceren Erdem,Elena Motisi, Donatella Saroli/ MAXXI - Quodlibet
2015 The Future of History / Neu Zürcher Zeitung Publishing - Exhibition Catalogue
2015 User's Manual 2.0/ Contemporary Art In Turkey 1975-2015/ art-ist & REVOLVER
2015 Global Activism/ Art and Conflict in the 21st Century edited by Peter Weibel/ The MIT Press
2015 Arrow Factory:The Next Four Years / Editors: Rania Ho, Wang Wei, Pauline Yao
2014 Triennial City: Localising Asian Art - Editors: Beccy Kennedy, Alnoor Mitha, Leon Wainwright/ Cornerhouse Publications
2013 GRANTA -Türkiye, Kimlik #1 / Granta Publications - EVEREST
2012 Eyeballing, YAYGARA - Exhibition Catalogue
2011 Art Works. Deutsche Bank Collection, 2011
2011 101 ARTWORKS-Forty Years of Turkish Contemporary Art / art-ist, Revolver
2011 IMAGES / Le Magazine de la Photographie #46
2011 Lokal Global Plan – Exhibition Catalogue
2010 The Armory Show, Year Book
2009 Istanbul, Traversée, Catalogue published by ACTAR
2008 Frieze Art Fair Yearbook 2008-9, Editor; Rosalind Furness
2007 User's Manual/ Contemporary Art In Turkey 1986-2006/ art-ist & REVOLVER
2007 EurHope 1153 / Contemporary Art from Bosphorus, Catalogue
2005 Verstreute Momente der Konzentration, Catalogue, Editor; Inke Arns, Revolver
2005 e-flux video rental catalogue, Revolver
2004 Szene Türkei: Abseits, aber Tor!, Vasıf Kortun & Erden Kosova, Walther König
2004 STADanSICHTen Istanbul, Catalogue published by IFA

SELECTED REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS
2024 UNLIMITED Magazine, interview Berlin Küçükaçar, September 2024
2024 SANATATAK, interview Can Memiş, September, 2024
2024 Milliyet Sanat, interview Evrim Altuğ, September, 2024
2019 Sanat Dünyamız, review, Nermin Saybaşılı, #173
2018 Sanat Dünyamız, review, Süreyya Evren, #167
2011 Local Global Plan, interview, Exhibition Newspaper, 2011
2009 Osman Bozkurt: Tape Republic, November Paynter, NAFAS Art Magazine, July
2008 The 20 best up-and-coming artists - Features, Art - The Independent, 10 October
2006 The Turkish New Wave by Fatos Ustek, Tema Celeste, March/April
2005 Osman Bozkurt; Rejection Episodes And Fragments of Memory, Başak Şenova, Camera Austria#92

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES
2025 Çağdaş Sanat Konuşmaları - Sanatın Cismi / Moderator: Prof.Dr. Nermin Saybaşılı - MSGSÜ Resim Heykel Müzesi /İstanbul
2023 Exhibition Panel - Urban Reflections: Visions of Modern Urbanity / Prof.Dr.Biray Kolluoğlu, Eda Yiğit, Ali Taptık, Osman Bozkurt - Pera Museum
2018 Presentation, BAK, Diyarbakır, TR
2018 Presentation, AFSAD 8TH International Photo Symposium / Ankara, TR
2015 Presentation, Fotomuseum Winterthur /**Plat(t)form 2015 /** Zurich Switzerland
2009 Symposia, Panel Discussion with Didem Ozbek, Lesley Young & James Hutchinson / Rotterdam Dialogues: Curators, Witte de With, Rotterdam, NL
2008 Guest Speaker, I AM HERE, THE TIME IS NOW / European Cultural Foundation/Ong Keng Sen/ Rotterdamse Schouwburg, Rotterdam, NL
2008 Presentation, Open City: Istanbul, Contemporary Image Collective / Cairo, Egypt

RESIDENCIES
2026 SAHA Studio Residency / Istanbul, TR
2011 DIVA Residency / Copenhagen, DK
2010 PLATFORM GARANTİ CAC / Istanbul,TR
2009 Künstlerhauser Worpswede / Bremen, DE
2007 PLATFORM GARANTİ CAC / Istanbul, TR

OTHER / ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES
2025 Lecturer at Faculty of Applied Sciences, Altınbaş University, TR
2005-2008 Lecturer at Kadir Has University, Fine Art Faculty, TR
2002-2008 Lecturer at Yıldız Technical University, Visual Communication Design, TR
1999-2001 Lecturer at Mimar Sinan University, Fine Art Faculty, TR

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