

Firat Neziroğlu, Bio

The art of Firat Neziroğlu (b. 1981, İzmir, Turkey) stands unique, in its own genre in the world of contemporary art. His weavings require a rigorous, disciplined devotion to technique and execution. Achieving an exceptional level of mastery of this onerous practice, he pays tribute to traditional weaving while redefining this medium in contemporary art.

A main feature of Neziroğlu's artwork is the negative space of his designs, significantly less cluttered than that found in traditional 'kilim' compositions and Anatolian weaving. His refined compositions and the images he creates stand on one of the principles of fine arts, that is, an aesthetic that opens space for shadow and light.

With each thread he weaves, Neziroğlu becomes the tacit subject of his work through the time he devotes to it, and the physical effort he expends on this laborious and also performative process. While presenting sincere and contemporary images of people from his personal life in the most realistic way possible, made more pronounced through his method of weaving, his works bid the viewer to pause and examine them in more detail.

Firat Neziroğlu
Born 1981 in İzmir, Turkey
Lives and works in Istanbul

EDUCATION

- 2007 DEU Faculty of Fine Arts / Department of Textile and Fashion Design / Proficiency in Art
2007 DEU Faculty of Fine Arts Institute / Department of Textile and Fashion Design / Master
2000 DEU Faculty of Fine Arts / Department of Textile and Fashion Design / BA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Thinking of You*, C24 Gallery, New York, NY
2022 *The Sea Inside Me*, Anna Laudel, Bodrum, Turkey
2021 *Seeing Eye to Eye*, Rooms Beach Hotel, Cesme, Izmir
2019 *Selfie*, Anna Laudel, Istanbul, Turkey
Gods of Today, Weaving, St Regis Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey
2018 *Eye to Eye Getting Along*, Weaving-light installation, Nazım Hikmet Cultural Center, İzmir, Turkey
2016 *Nodes Bloom*, Weaving-video installation, The House Residence, Istanbul, Turkey
2011 *Three apples fell from the sky*, Weaving-felting-video and sound installation, CDA Projects, Istanbul, Turkey
2010 *Just as water*, Weaving-felting-printing, Flat Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
2009 *One / 1*, Weaving, Artisan Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Mental Hospital, Weaving, Konak Municipality Alsancak Culture Center Art Gallery, Izmir
Anatolia, Feltwork, İzmir Art, İzmir, Turkey
2008 *Game Project*, Feltwork, Izmir Hilton Hotel, Izmir, Turkey
2004 *Giselle*, Weaving Performance, Taş Mechanic Art Gallery, Adana, Turkey
2003 *Untouchable*, Weaving, Taş Mekan Art Gallery, Adana, Turkey
2002 *Great Jobs*, Weaving, Başak Insurance Art Gallery, Ankara, Turkey
2000 *What I Can and Can Touch*, Başak Insurance Art Gallery, İzmir, Turkey

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *The Natural Cycle of Time*, Anna Laudel Gallery, Istanbul
Hayra Alamet, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Istanbul
Memento Mori, Maçka Art Galler, Istanbul
2021 *A Fresh Breeze*, The Main Gallery, Adelaide
From Love, Atatürk Cultural Center, İzmir
Intervention, The Artisan Istanbul Hotel, Istanbul
Intentions, Akbanksanat, Istanbul
Brave New World, The Main Gallery, Adelaide
Summer 1, Gallery 11.17, Istanbul
2019 *Absurd*, Artweek Akaretler, Istanbul
The Genetic Code of Turkish Design, Istanbul Airport, Istanbul
The Light of the East, Gumrukhan, Gaziantep, Turkey

- Tapestry-Woven Tales*, Anna Laudel, Istanbul, Turkey
Secret Gate, Ege University Atatürk Culture Center, Izmir, Turkey
Loving Cemal Süreya, Gallery Mod, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Dinamo 3*, Swiss Hotel, Izmir, Turkey
Great Ephesus Art Days, Swiss Hotel, Izmir, Turkey
- 2017 *Entangled*, Design Foundation Istanbul, The Milan Triennale, Italy
Respect to Atatürk, Konak Municipality, Türkan Saylan Cultural Center, İzmir, Turkey
- 2016 *INAD International Art and Design Exhibition*, Selçuk University Fine Arts Faculty, Konya, Turkey
Surrogates, İzmir State Museum of Painting and Sculpture, İzmir, Turkey
- 2015 *A-Part*, Art Festival, Paris, France
- 2013 *Intersection-Aesthetic Relations Exhibition*, Royal Embassy in Norway, Oslo, Norway
Pluralist, Ironical and Poetic, The Sofa Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey
INN LONDON, Victoria House, London, UK
International Women's Day Exhibition, Güzelyalı Cultural Center, İzmir, Turkey
- 2012 *Figured Out Contemporary Turkish Art*, Marrakech Art Fair, Morocco
- 2011 *TR-cda@play*, cda-projects, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 *World Women*, Güzelyalı Cultural Center Art Gallery, Izmir, Turkey
CDA@play, Casa D'ell Arte Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 *Fiber Art–New Comments in Textile Art*, İş Bank Art Gallery, İzmir, Turkey
International Art Exchange Exhibition, Incheon, Korea
In Memory of Pippa Bacca, She was the Bride of Peace, Güzelyalı Cultural Center Art Gallery, İzmir, Turkey
Art Textiles, Sabancı Culture Center, Izmir, Turkey
Akşehir Congress and Art Activities from International Seljuk to Present, Konya, Turkey
- 2008 *Living with Fibers*, Cati Art Gallery, Cesme, Turkey
- 2007 *Fiber Art - Wearable/Not wearable, One master two apprentice*, Ayşe Jewelry Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
Texture and Form II, Marmara University Faculty of Fine Arts, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005 *Textile Artists Exhibition*, Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Fine Arts Art Gallery, İzmir, Turkey
- 2004 *Texture and Form*, Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Fine Arts Art Gallery, Izmir, Turkey

INVITATIONS

- 2022 Special invitation from the Kingdom of Sweden, he exhibited his works in Sweden
- 2018 Invited to London for the Queen of England's birthday celebrations to weave an exclusive portrait of the Queen of the United Kingdom included in her private collection
- 2017 Invited to Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to weave a special piece of art
- 2016 Invited to Thailand to celebrate the Queen of Thailand's birthday to weave a special fabric included in the private collection of the Queen of Thailand
- 2013 Invited to Oslo to weave a special piece of art under the auspices of the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

PERFORMANCE, CURATORSHIP

- 2024 3rd Arnica Artland Art Workshop
2022 *Visible Webs*, 3rd International Istanbul Triennial, Weaving Performance & Bahçeşehir University, Yedikule Dungeons
2021 *DERVISH*, eb-i Arus, Weaving Performance & Bahçeşehir University, Konya
DENİZDEN, Chef Mehmet Yalçınkaya, Weaving Show, Ayvalık
2015 *I'M HUMAN*
World Dance Day, ModernDanceLAB, World Dance Day Celebration
Be Aware, BO.A, World AIDS Day Performance
2014 *PANORAMA*, İKSEV, International İzmir Festival, Martha Graham Dance Company LAB, Talk and Performance Days, Aegean Art Center, Modern Dance Laboratory
2012 *Le Petit Prince*, 5th Dance Invitation to Aegean Modern Dance Days - Choreography
2011 Weaving Performance, Milfest , Alaçatı, İzmir
2010 Weaving Performance, International Textile Conference, Bursa
Weaving Performance, LUXUS Group-Galata Show Days, Istanbul
2008 Weaving Performance, From Birth to Wedding / Izmir Jazz Days Closing Concert, Izmir
2001 *Giselle (Md. Vr.)*, Choreographer: Göksu Coşkunlar, Izmir Dance Academy, Soloist

WEEKS, AUCTIONS, FAIRS, TRIENNIALS, FESTIVALS

- 2024 *Contemporary Istanbul*, C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
2024 Istanbul Digital Arts Festival
2023 *Contemporary Istanbul*, C24 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
2022 Istanbul Triennial, Yedikule Dungeons, Istanbul
Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul
Anna Laudel Art Gallery, Artweek Akaretler, Istanbul
2021 Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul
ArtContact, Istanbul
Anna Laudel Art Gallery, Artweek Akaretler, Istanbul
2019 New York Fashion Week, FN - Yen Collection, New York
Artwist, FN - Yen Collection, Istanbul
2018 Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, Istanbul
2017 Triennial Design Week, Milan
Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, Istanbul
2016 Design Biennial Istanbul, Istanbul
Design Week Istanbul, Istanbul
Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, Istanbul
2015 Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul
Zona Maco, Mexico City
Abu Dhabi Art 2015, Abu Dhabi
2014 Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul
Abu Dhabi Art 2014, Abu Dhabi
2013 Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul



- 2013 Abu Dhabi Art 2013, Abu Dhabi
- 2012 Sotheby's Auction, London
- Christie's Auction, Dubai
- Abu Dhabi Art 2012, Abu Dhabi
- Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul
- 2011 Art Stage Singapore, Singapore
- Marrakech Art Fair 2011, Marrakech
- Art Bosphorus 2011, Istanbul
- Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul
- Christie's Auction, Dubai
- Sotheby's Auction, London
- 2010 Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul
- 2009 Sotheby's Auction, London
- Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul