

## MEHMET DERE

Homebase: ISTANBUL // Residency: LINZ

was born in 1979 in İzmir. He graduated from Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Painting. Mehmet Dere's studio, located in İzmir – Gürçeşme, also hosts the contemporary art initiative 49A, of which he is the founder. This studio has been founded with the pursuit to create a space where contemporary art can exist in the rhythm of everyday life, open itself up to the world, and interact with its environment. 49A, which is the construct of a visible and sustainable tangible space, thus aims to ensure the accessibility and possibilities of production and host other people's projects in a playfield.

The artist, who has opened his first solo exhibitions in this space, is also a longtime member of the K2 Contemporary Art Center in İzmir and has participated in numerous group exhibitions at the center. Additionally Dere has participated in "When Ideas Become Crime" curated by Halil Altındere at the Tütün Deposu in 2010; "Port İzmir 2, Silence\_Storm, International Contemporary Art Triennial"; and the "I am Here, The Time is Now" exhibition at Rotterdam curated by Ong Keng Sen and sponsored by the European Culture Fund in 2008. He was awarded the special prize at the "27th Contemporary Artists Exhibition" at Akbank Art Beyoğlu. In 2007, he participated in the special project realized at Santral İstanbul in the scope of the 10th İstanbul Biennial. The artist's first comprehensive solo exhibition titled "Quid rides? De te fabula narratur." organized at Rampa consists of a series of ironic and upfront constructs focusing on local and social memory research deriving from Turkey's cultural history.

Mehmet Dere continues his work in Tatvan, İzmir and İstanbul.

SOLO  
EXHIBITIONS

2011 Quid rides? De te fabula narratur, Rampa, Istanbul / Turkey  
2010 One Night Stand, 49A, Izmir / Turkey  
2008 Stardust, Mehmet Dere, 49A, Izmir / Turkey  
2004 Dere-ce, Room: 229, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir /  
Turkey  
Notify Me If I'm Faulty, Room: 233, K2 Contemporary Art Center,  
Izmir / Turkey

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GROUP  
EXHIBITIONS

2011 Deadpan Exchange V: Skopje, Skopje / Macedonia  
Re-Locate, Apartment Project, Istanbul / Turkey  
2010 When Ideas Become Crime, Tütün Deposu, Istanbul /  
Turkey  
Silence\_Storm, Port Izmir 2, International Triennial of  
Contemporary Art, Izmir / Turkey  
Kasa Gallery, 10th Year exhibition, Istanbul / Turkey  
2009 Translocation, collaborative exhibition, Atelierhaus Salzamt,  
Linz / Austria  
Go to Salzamt exhibition, Salzamt Atelierhaus, Linz / Austria  
Iddialıyız, Mehmet Dere & Nejat Satı, 49A, Izmir / Turkey  
Sebeke, video screening, curated by Selim Birsal, Centre d'Art  
Contemporain Georges  
Pompidou, Carjac / France  
2008 Heim, Kutu Project, Atelier Frankfurt, Frankfurt / Germany  
Made in Turkey, Positionen türkischer Künstler 1978-2008,  
Frankfurt / Germany

I AM HERE, THE TIME IS NOW, European Cultural Foundation,

curated by Ong Keng Sen,

Rotterdam / Netherlands

Work to Room, collaborative project, curated by Övül Durmusoglu,

Gon Bookstore, Istanbul /

Turkey

Urban Jelaousy, 1st International Roaming Biennial of Tehran,

curated by Serhat Köksal &

Amirali Ghasemi, Tehran / Iran

27. Contemporary Artist Exhibition, Special Award, Akbank Sanat

Beyoglu, Istanbul / Turkey

2007 10. Istanbul Biennial, Special Project, Santral Istanbul,

Istanbul / Turkey

Off the Record, Parallel Event, Port 07 Izmir, Konak Municipality,

Çetin Emeç Exhibition Hall,

Izmir / Turkey

Unmarked Categories, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir / Turkey

Endless Possibilities, curated by Adnan Yıldız, Kasa Gallery,

Istanbul / Turkey

All About Lies, collaborative project, Apartment Project, Izmir

Port, Izmir / Turkey

2005 The little, the cheap, the trash and absolutely passionate:

Young Turkish Artists from K2

Artists Initiative, Helsinki / Finland

DERE & SATI, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir / Turkey

A Little Break, K2 Contemporary Art Center, Izmir / Turkey  
alice vs. Alice, artists from K2 artists initiative, Kasa Gallery,  
Istanbul / Turkey  
2004 Çatı Katı Tavan Arası, karma sergi, K2 artists initiative,  
Kasa Gallery, Istanbul / Turkey ...

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