

GIZEM SAKA STUDIO

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Gizem Saka (born 1978, Istanbul) is a contemporary artist and academic. Via the traditional medium of painting oils and acrylics on canvas she focuses on expressions of womanhood in her art.

Saka grew up in Istanbul and simultaneously pursued social sciences and art. She graduated from Koc University's Department of Economics in 1999 and concurrently completed a two-year preparatory course in drawing in Istanbul, where she had her first group exhibit. She moved to the United States to pursue a PhD in economics at Cornell University where she also studied painting at the Department of Art and Architecture.

Saka's first solo exhibit was in Montreal, Canada in 2005. Since then she exhibited her art in various galleries, international art fairs, libraries, city halls and other spaces throughout the world. In 2020 she was commissioned for the public art project for Notos, which was awarded the 2nd place at the World Architecture Festival. With over 20 shows, Saka is collected publicly and privately worldwide.

Saka is a Senior Lecturer in Finance at University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business where she teaches economics, finance and art markets. She has consulted with museums. She occasionally referees art markets research for academic journals and juries for grant making institutions.

Saka divides her time between Philadelphia and Istanbul. She lives with her husband and three children.

Selected list of solo & group exhibits and commissions:

Studio Exhibit, Bryn Mawr, PA, 2023
Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA, 2019
La Visione Art Gallery, Istanbul, 2018
New York Art Expo, NYC, 2013
Boston University Solo, MA, 2013
Berkshires Art Festival, MA, 2012
Wellesley Free Library, MA, 2012
Paradise City Arts II, MA, 2011
Paradise City Arts I, MA, 2011
Besiktas City Hall, Istanbul, 2011
Cape Cod Arts Festival, MA, 2010
New York Art Expo, NYC, 2009
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Lewiston Art Festival, NY, 2007
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Bella Arte Gallery, PA, 2005
Palmer House, Chicago, IL, 2005
Gallery Gora, Montreal, 2005
Bahariye Sanat, Istanbul, 1999

Also shown at:

Benjamin Arts Gallery, MD
Artpic, CA
Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, PA
Chez-Zee Gallery, TX

Prints Gallery:

Urban Station, Istanbul

Public works:

Entrance lobby artwork for
Mika Naturalist, Istanbul

7 Large scaled commissioned
artworks for Notos, a prize winning
project in the Mediterranean

Charitable collaborations:

Livestrong Foundation TX
Art for Autism PA
American Heart Association MA

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