

Derya Akay (b. 1988, Turkey)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Meydan*, **The Polygon Gallery**, North Vancouver, Canada
- 2020 *The Neighbours Plate* (with Dana Qaddah & Amna Elnour), **Unit 17**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2018 *Green Grocer*, **Unit 17**, Vancouver, Canada
Ghost Spring, **Grunt Gallery** (with Dilara Akay), Vancouver, Canada
- 2017 *with bread*, **Campbell River Art Gallery**, Campbell River, Canada
Pumice, **Del Vaz Projects**, Los Angeles, USA
- 2015 *Painting with Light*, **Kunstverein Toronto**, Toronto, Canada
- 2014 *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Supper*, **Centre A**, Vancouver, Canada
Painting with Light, **Gallery 295**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2013 *anewground*, **The Apartment**, Vancouver, Canada
Wall blobs, **Terasaki Gallery**, Kofu-shi, Yamanashi, Japan
- 2011 *Scans on Display*, **Blanket Contemporary Art Inc. & The Apartment**, Vancouver, Canada

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 **Toronto Biennial of Art**, Toronto, Canada
- 2021 *Contact Traces*, **The Wattis Institute**, California College of Arts, San Francisco, California
- 2019 *Super, Natural*, **Unit 17**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2018 *Club 29*, **Ag Galerie**, Tehran, Iran
A Low Hanging Fruit: Lullenial, **Lulu**, Mexico City, Mexico
Annex LA, **M+B**, Los Angeles, USA
- 2017 *Nature's Way*, **Cooper Cole**, Toronto, Canada
Dream Islands, **Nanaimo Art Gallery**, Nanaimo, Canada
Here, **Aga Khan Museum**, Toronto, Canada
17:1, **Unit 17**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2016 *Vancouver Special: Ambivalent Pleasures*, **Vancouver Art Gallery**, Canada
- 2015 *RBC Emerging Artist People's Choice Award*, **Gardiner Museum**, Toronto, Canada
Occasional Furniture, **The Apartment**, Vancouver, Canada
Geometry of Knowing: Part I, **SFU Galleries**, Burnaby, Canada
- 2014 *Contemporary Art Society Emerging Artist's Prize Exhibition*, **Access Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2013 *Proof 20*, **Gallery 44**, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 *Serial Abstracts*, **The Commons**, Vancouver, Canada
Vessel, **Access Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2011 *So Gay!*, **The Apartment**, Vancouver, Canada
The Problem of Nothing, **Hayaka Arti**, Istanbul, Turkey
Office Hours, **Fillip**, Vancouver, Canada
Contemporary Histories: Intersecting pasts and future, **AHVA Gallery**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- 2010 *The International Chilliwack Biennial*, Offsite project of **Artspeak & Or Gallery**, Chilliwack, Canada
Emily Carr Graduation Exhibition, **Emily Carr University**, Vancouver, Canada

- Hand Joy*, **Centre for Recent Drawing (C4RD)**, London, UK
Sculpture Garden, **Vancouver School of Art Gallery**, Emily Carr University, Vancouver, Canada
favorites, **WOO Gallery**, Emily Carr University, Vancouver, Canada
Winter Salon, **Vancouver School of Art Gallery**, Emily Carr University, Vancouver, Canada
- 2009 *The Hand of a Stranger*, **Shudder Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada
Plus1st, **Hayaka Arti**, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 *Foundation Show*, **Emily Carr Concourse Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- 2021 *Looking at the Garden Fence (Artists Supporting Artists)* with Vivienne Bessette, Community Garden Project between September 2020 to December 2021, **Contemporary Art Gallery, Elisabeth Rogers Community Garden, Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood House, Sahalli Park Community Garden, Vines Art Festival** and **Western Front**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2019 *Garden Don't Care*, **Unit 17**, Vancouver
- 2017 *Elaine* with Anne Low, Dinner event, **AKA Artist Run**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, September 16
Elaine with Anne Low, Bar event, *Re:Fuse*, **Vancouver Art Gallery**, Canada, March 10
- 2016 *Elaine* with Anne Low, Dinner event, **Haunt Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada, May 27
- 2012 *screen scans / rescan* with Nicole Ondre, **Black Diamond / Turner Valley**, Online exhibition
Roundhay Garden Scenes with Julia Feyrer, Video-In Bar, **VIVO Media Arts Centre**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2011 *Aviary* with Joshua Bartholomew, **Small Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada

EDUCATION

- 2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts, **Emily Carr University of Art and Design**, Vancouver, Canada

COMMUNITY & FOOD EVENTS

- 2019 *What Artists Bring to the Table*, (Vivienne Bessette, Kurtis Wilson) Workshop, **Art Gallery of Greater Victoria**
Food Co-Ordinator, (Julia Feyrer, Vivienne Bessette), **Slow Waves Small Projects**, Mayne Island
Garden Don't Care, **Unit 17**, Vancouver, Workshop and meal Stacey Ho *Weed Workshop*
Garden Don't Care, **Unit 17**, Vancouver. Workshop and meal, Hannah Acton, *Domes, Spirals...Sensing Form in Human Movement*, August 4
Bundle dying workshop (with Vivienne Bessette), **Vancouver Art Gallery**, March 27
- 2018 Dinner event (with Kurtis Wilson and Vivienne Bessette), **Unit 17**, Vancouver, December 8, November 10, September 29
Lunch preparation (with Kurtis Wilson), **Single Mother's Alliance of BC**, UBC Learning Exchange, November 10, November 3
Dinner event (with Vivienne Bessette, Kurtis Wilson) as a part of *Green Grocer* exhibition, **Unit 17**, Vancouver, August 10, July 28, July 14, June 30, May 12
No Person's Land by Amy Kazimerchuk and cheyanne turions, Cooking workshop (with Kurtis Wilson), **SFU Gallery Burnaby**, Vancouver, June 24
Bundle dying workshop (with Vivienne Bessette), **Western Front Gallery**, Vancouver, June 2

- 2017 *Manti, Börek, Baklava* with Mohinder Sidhu, Hayat Shabo and Carmen Aldakhlallah, Leonor Etkin, Maria Dyulgerova, food events, **Contemporary Ary Gallery, Moberly Arts Centre, Jewish Museum and Archives** Vancouver, May 14 April 29, April 2, March 3
- 2016 Dinner performance, **Campbell River Art Gallery**, Campbell River, Canada, September 3
Dinner for CACConrad & Rae Armantrout, **The Capilano Review**, Vancouver, Canada May 14

ARTIST TALKS / PERFORMANCES / SCREENINGS

- 2021 Guest Speaker, **University of Toronto**, Toronto, Visual Arts 300 Level Class, October 15, February 21
- 2018 Artist talk, **University of British Columbia Okanagan**, Kelowna, September 17
Artist talk as a part of *Twilight Hour*, **Emily Carr University of Art and Design**, February 20
Ghost Spring Happening #1, Mountain View Cemetery, **Grunt Gallery**, Vancouver, January 13
Ghost Spring Happening #2, **Grunt Gallery**, Vancouver, January 20
Ghost Spring Happening #3, **Grunt Gallery**, Vancouver, January 27
- 2017 Artist talk, **Campbell River Art Gallery**, Cambell River, Canada, March 31
Panel discussion: *The Materiality of Clay*, **Vancouver Art Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada, January 14
- 2015 Panel discussion: *Sustenance Festival*, **Contemporary Art Gallery**, Vancouver, October 17
Artist talk, **Free Home University** at **Ammirato Culture House**, Lecce, Italy in collaboration with **Musegetes**, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, July 12
RBC Emerging Artist People's Choice Award Panel Discussion, **Gardiner Museum**, Toronto, Canada, June 16
Sculpture Garden self-guided walk (collaboration with Julia Feyrer), **SFU Galleries**, Burnaby, Canada, February 15
- 2013 Artist talk, **Terasaki Gallery**, Kofu-shi, Yamanashi, Japan, August 18
- 2012 *Heroes in the Streets*, Fuse Event, **Vancouver Art Gallery**, Canada, November 9

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2021 Concept to Realization Grant, **Canada Council for the Arts**, Canada
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- 2020 Concept to Realization Grant, **Canada Council for the Arts**, Canada
Visual Arts Grant, **BC Arts Council**, Canada
- 2019 Research and Creation Grant, **Canada Council for the Arts**, Canada
- 2017 Production assistance grant, **SAHA Foundation**, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 Project Grant in collaboration with the Campbell River Art Gallery, **Canada Council for the Arts**, Canada
Portfolio Prize, Emerging Artist Award, Vancouver, Canada

RESIDENCIES & WORKSHOPS

- 2021 *The Practical Writer* Online writing workshop led by Catherine Lacey, **Graver Goods**, Brooklyn, NY, USA
- 2020 *How to Write and Essay Collection* Online writing workshop led by Alexander Chee, **The Shipman Agency**, Brooklyn, NY, USA
- 2017 Burrard Marina Field House Residency, **Contemporary Art Gallery**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2015 Artist fellow, **Free Home University** at **Ammirato Culture House**, Lecce, Italy in organization with **Musegetes**, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

- 2015 *Birth Rights* Online writing workshop led by Ariana Reines, **24 Pearl Street**, Provincetown, MA, USA
- 2013 Self directed residency, **AIR-Yamanashi**, August 4 – September 3, Kofu-shi, Yamanashi, Japan
- 2010 *Theater of Erosion or I Hate Work That is Not A Play*, Thematic residency with artist Geoffrey Farmer, November 11 – December 10, **The Banff Centre**, Canada

EXHIBITION CATALOGS/TEXTS

- 2018 Chris Sharp & Andrew Berardini, ed., 'The Lulennial II: A Low Hanging Fruit', Published by Mousse Publishing, **Lulu**, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2017 'Here: Locating Contemporary Canadian Art', Aga Khan Museum, Toronto
- 2016 'Vancouver Special: Ambivalent Pleasures', Vancouver Art Gallery and Black Dog Publishing, Vancouver
- 2014 Patryk Stasieczek, 'Painting with Light', Lighbox, **Gallery 295**, Vancouver
- 2013 Christopher Dzierzawa, 'Meditation/Conversation on Gesture', *anewground*, **The Apartment**, Vancouver
- Mikheil Proulx, 'Views from the Ground', *Proof 20*, **Gallery 44**, Toronto

MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS

- 2021 April Thompson, The Neighbour's Plate, Derya Akay, Amna Elnour & Dana Qaddah, C Magazine issue 149
- 2018 Steffanie Ling, '2018 Critics' Picks', **Akimbo Online**, December 12 2018
- Greta Hamilton, 'Derya Akay, on Process, Labour and Time', **C magazine**, Issue 137, Spring 2017
- Kevin Griffin, 'ART SEEN: Ghosts of the past and present honoured at grunt gallery', **The Vancouver Sun**, January 12
- Clare Hennig, 'Turkish mother and son explore politics, death and grief in new Vancouver art show', **CBC News**, January 4
- Margaret Gallagher, 'Turkish mother-son duo examine death and grieving in new art show in Vancouver', **CBC Radio Early Edition**, January 3
- 2017 Andrew Berardini, 'Derya Akay: Pumice', **ArtReview**, May 2017
- Jennifer Piejko, 'Derya Akay', **Frieze Magazine**, Issue 186, April 2017
- 'Break bread at the art gallery', **The Campbell River Mirror**, March 23
- 'Derya Akay: Burrard Marina Field House artist-in-residence', **Galleries West**, March 20
- Lucien Durey, 'Vancouver Report: Resistance is not futile', **Canadian Art Online**, February 2
- Jesse McKee, 'Derya Akay', **Kaleidoscope Magazine**, Milan, Italy, January 2017
- Andrew Witt, 'Eccentric, Polymorphous, Abstract: Vancouver Art and other Mythologies of the Near-Future', **The Mainlander**, January 14
- 2016 Kevin Griffin, 'Getting contemporary: Vancouver Special reflects state of the art in Terminal City', **The Vancouver Sun**, December 2
- Marsha Lederman, 'Coastal Disturbance', **The Globe and Mail**, December 2
- 2015 Terence Dick, 'RBC Emerging Artist People's Choice Award at the Gardiner Museum', **Akimbo Online**, July 14
- Sheila Singhal, 'Not Your Mama's Ceramics', **NGC Magazine Online**, July 09
- Sunny Kim, 'RBC's Emerging Artist People's Choice Award', **Artoronto.ca**, June 30
- 2014 Rupert Nuttle, 'Derya Akay: Material Hangings, Hangouts', **Espace Magazine**, #108, Fall issue
- 2013 Michael Turner, 'Michael Turner's Top 3 of 2013: Signs of Change', **Canadian Art Online**, December 19
- 'Derya Akay and Anna Halprin at The Apartment, Vancouver', **Mousse Magazine Online**, December 2

- 2012 Nathan Pike, 'Fuse', *Discorder Magazine*, Vancouver, November 15
- 2010 Allison Collins, 'Observations from the Chilliwack Biennial', *Fuse Magazine*, Volume 33, No 4

PUBLISHED WRITINGS

- 2016 'Tarot decks', *Canadian Art Magazine*, December
- 2015 'Eating and Words and Simmer and Thoughts: An Artist's Recipe', *Canadian Art Online*, October 20
- 'Hit List', *Akimbo Arts Canada*, February 12
- 2009 'Ahmet Yildiz is My Family', *Woo Magazine*, Emily Carr University, Issue 4,

PUBLICATION PROJECTS

- 2019 *Hart House Review*, Winter Supplement Issue, **University of Toronto**,
- 2018 *One Thousand and One Fortunes*, with Dilara Akay as a part of *Ghost Spring*, grunt gallery, Published by **DDOOGG**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2016 *A Flower as a Poem*, Published by **Perro Verlag**, Mayne Island, Canada
- 2009–10 *Woo Magazine*, **Emily Carr University**, Vancouver, Canada
- 2008–9 *FUNDAMENTALIST ZINE*, 3 artist books