

Nora Byrne
Visual & Installation Artist

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Statement

Emerging installation and 3-dimensional collage artist creating work aimed at increasing awareness of the public (individual & collective) relationship to urban ecologies and their evolution. Born in the United States, moved via Doha to Istanbul in 2017. Cities and place as objects for inquiry arose during an MA in Museum & Gallery Practice from University College London and an MA in Visual Art at Sabancı University. Active member of *Diyalog* and regular contributor to the Mahalla Festival in Istanbul, Turkey.

Education

- 2012** Bachelor of Arts in Art History, cum laude
The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, USA
- 2018** Master of Arts, Museum & Gallery Practice, honors
University of London, Doha, Qatar
- 2019** Master of Arts, Visual Art and Visual Communication Design
Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

Selected Exhibitions

- 2022** *Palimpsest*, Mahalla Festival 2022, Özel Kurtuluş Rum İlköğretim Okulu, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2022** *Where is your home?* Aşk Festival, Soho House, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021** *Murmuration*, Mahalla Festival 2021, Yeldeğirmeni Sanat Merkezi, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021** *Dün Bugün İstanbul*, Sabancı Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2020** *The Wandering Tower: Language, Space and Time* Mahalla Festival Artwalk, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019** *Açık Stüdyo Günleri // Open Studio Days* Open Studio Days, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019** *Contemporary Istanbul* Mahalla Festival Gallery, Istanbul Convention Center, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019** **Solo Exhibition** *Dolaşma // Wander* MA Final Exhibition, Nadas Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey

Commissions

- 2017** **Institutional Commission** UCL Curates: *Back to Msheireb*, Msheireb Museums, Doha, Qatar
large-scale (300x200cm & 300x60cm) vinyl prints from pencil drawings

Grants and Awards

2018 Full Academic Scholarship, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

Affiliations and Memberships

2019-Present

Assistant Head, diyalog-derneği, Beyoğlu, Istanbul, Turkey

2019-Present

Design Lead & Resident Artist, Nadas Istanbul, Yeldeğirmeni, Istanbul, Turkey

Lectures/Workshops

2022 Workshop Lead *Painting with Paper*, Nadas Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 Class Leader *Mail Art Series*, Nadas Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey & online

2020 Guest Artist *Home Studio for Beginners*, Gabrielle Reeves, online

2020 Workshop Lead *Face to Face // Yüz Yüze*, Workshop series, Nadas Istanbul, online

2019 Workshop Lead *Painting with Paper*, Nadas Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey

Additional Projects

2021 Curator *Far afield & from next door*, Online exhibition, Nadas'a Bırak Online Art Residency, <https://www.nadasistanbul.com/nbspring2021>

2021 Co-founder Nadas'a Bırak Online Artist Residency, Nadas Istanbul, Turkey (organized in collaboration with Gabrielle Reeves)

2020 Curator *Face to Face // Yüz Yüze*, Online exhibition, Nadas Istanbul, <https://www.nadasistanbul.com/exhibitions/2020/4/1/slow-art-day-face-to-face>

2019 Co-founder Nadas'a Bırak Artist Residency, Nadas Istanbul, Turkey (organized in collaboration with Gabrielle Reeves & Jessica Sim)

2018 Curator *Works in Progress* Sabancı FASS Gallery, Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey

Bibliography

Fritz, Monica. "Murmuration, a concept." *Cornucopia Magazine*. September 17, 2021.

<https://www.cornucopia.net/blog/murmuration-a-concept/>

Küper, Sabine. "Nora Byrne at Nadas." *InEnArt*. January 18, 2019. <http://www.inenart.eu/?p=24191>.

Work Experience

2019 – Present

Graphic Designer

- Freelance design work for creatives & arts organizations.
- Create visual content for multiple social media accounts, exhibition catalogs & informational brochures.

2019 – Present

Private instructor & workshop lead

Istanbul, Turkey (in person & online)

- Private drawing lessons, design & collage workshops for small groups and individuals
- Focus on basic drawing skills, developing visual literacy and working with unconventional materials

2017- 2019

Teaching assistant: Great Works of Western Art

Sabancı University, Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey

- Led multiple discussion classes for groups of 25 students each semester.
- Developed weekly lesson plans, held office hours, proctored and graded exams as part of a team of teaching assistants.

2015 –2017

Artist's assistant

Lou Kohl Morgan, Sanford, ME & Kate Doyle Studio, Portsmouth, NH

- Supported artistic practice of a mid-career and professional artist.
- Wrote content for and designed websites, researched galleries and grant opportunities.
- Assisting with studio production, handling machinery, handling and transporting artwork.