

VERSUS ART PROJECT

SABO

b.1988, Istanbul

SABO completed his undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Fine Arts, Painting Department in Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University. During his studies, he focused on the gravure print techniques at Rome Fine Arts Faculty, Painting Department.

Although figures are in the foreground in SABO's compositions, the space, all elements in the atmosphere surrounding it, and abstract spaces are complementary and enriching parts of the story as much as the figures. Every stroke of the artist on the canvas enriches his works by contributing to the culmination of the work as a whole. Handling the graphical elements with a pictorial language, SABO's works are fictional, storytelling, and even playful. The audience is invited to a story. Through this journey, the viewer follows a path that is completed with detailed descriptions of places and objects. This journey, which also bears traces of the artist's own story, cultivates the imagination of the viewer and ceases to be one-dimensional by enabling them to create alternative story lines accordingly. Thus, the first narrative created by the artist is enriched over time. In addition to the items, such as notes and texts from the history of humanity that are frequently encountered in SABO's work, history, past wars, success and failure are among the other themes that SABO thinks about and produces.

Works of SABO have been exhibited in Izmir, Rome, Copenhagen along with his solo exhibitions that took place in Istanbul. SABO continues his work and life in Istanbul.

EDUCATION

2007 – 2016 Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University
Painting Department

2010 – 2011 Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma
(Erasmus)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Golden Hours*
Versus Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 *Time Machine*
Versus Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 *Paracetamol*
Versus Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Finding a Cure in Istanbul*
Karşı Sanat Çalışmaları, Approach Tunnel, Istanbul, Turkey

2021 *Beyond Vision*
Vision Art Platform, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 *'Paper' A Selection of Turkish Contemporary Art*
Pilevneli Project, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 *Positive Space*
American Hospital Operation Room Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2018 *Ghosts*
Red Bull Art Around, Arnavutköy, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 *Spring w/ Signs of Time*
2013 Istanbul Off-site project for Sharjah Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 *In A Break In Life*
Adahan Hotel -1 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2017 *Tomorrow*
Gaia Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 *450 Km*
Erimtan Archaeology and Arts Museum, Ankara, Turkey

2016 *The Mystery of Figure*
Plato Sanat, Istanbul, Turkey

2016 *Masturbation*
Mixer, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 *Alice*
Maumau - Space Debris - Studio Kein, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 *Cross The Earth Her Head Is On The Balcony*
Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey

- 2014 *Parlor Party*
Tankut Aykut Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 *Outer / Dream w/ Signs of Time II*
Adahan Hotel -1 Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 *First Viewing*
ArtSümer, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 *ESSL Art Award CEE*
Tophane-i Amire Culture and Arts Center, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 *Rome-Foggia Fine Arts University Painting Exhibition*
Beyoğlu Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 *Il Segno Condiviso*
CKSM Art Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 *Rome Engraving*
Izmir Konak, Güzelyalı Culture Center Art Gallery, Izmir, Turkey
- 2010 *Mostra di Incisione*
Accademia Belle Arti Rome, Rome, Italy
- 2009 *Transform in Art Education*
Tophane-i Amire Culture and Arts Center, Istanbul, Turkey

FAIRS

- 2022 Artweeks Akaretler w/ Versus Art Project
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2022 Enter Art Fair w/ Versus Art Project
Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2022 Artweeks Akaretler w/ Versus Art Project
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2022 Border_less ArtBook Days
ARTER, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 Contemporary Istanbul w/ Versus Art Project
Istanbul, Turkey

- 2016 Contemporary Istanbul w/ Design Bay
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 Contemporary Istanbul w/ Signs of Time
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 Contemporary Istanbul w/ Signs of Time
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 20th Istanbul Art Fair Artist 2010
Istanbul, Turkey

ARTIST BOOKS / PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *Borderless Paper #3*
Istanbul, Turkey, published by Border_less
- 2019 *Time Machine*
Artist Book, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2019 *Paracetamol*
Exhibition Book, Istanbul, Turkey, published by Versus Art Project
- 2018 *Black Book*
Artist Book, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 *Signs of Time, Berlin Book*
Berlin, Germany
- 2015 *Berlin*
Artist Book, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *Outer / Dream w/ Signs Of Time,*
Exhibition Book, Istanbul, Turkey, published by Bilgi Publish Center
- 2014 *(EVE) Virus*
Artist Book, Istanbul, Turkey

ARTIST TALKS

- 2019 *Paracetamol*
Artist Talk w/ Sena, Huo RF, Burak Ata (Moderator: Ela Atakan)
Versus Art Project, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Ghosts*
Artist Talk w/ Bahar Yürükođlu, Eda Aslan, Pınar Marul, Iğın Seymen, Naz Cuguođlu,
Mine Kaplangı, Serhat Cacekli
Red Bull Art Around, Arnavutköy, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 *The Mystery of Figure*
Artist Talk w/ Mustafa Akkaya, Volkan Kızıltunç (Moderator: Marcus Graf)
Plato Sanat, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 *Alice*
Artist Talk w/ Rafet Arslan, Fulya Çetin, İtir Demir, Cansu Gürsu, Gülhatun Yıldırım
(Moderator: Özge Ersoy, Lara Ögel)
Maumau - Space Debris - Studio Kein, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 *Cross the Earth Her Head is on the Balcony w/ Signs of Time*
Artist Talk w/ Sena, Burak Ata, Huo RF, Burak Dak, Nihat Karataşlı
(Moderator: Hande Oynar)
Pi Artworks, Istanbul, Turkey