

DIRIMART

SARKIS

b. 1938, Istanbul, Turkey

Lives and works in Paris, France

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Five Icons Framed in Edirne-style Wooden Ornamentation*, Dirimart Dolapdere, Istanbul
- 2024 *Infini croisement des détails avec sa mesure en lumière*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
Children's Rain Call with the Colours of the Rainbow, Dirimart Dolapdere, Istanbul
- 2023 *85 Screams: After Munch*, Dirimart Dolapdere, Istanbul
Sarkis' Films, Dirimart Pera, Istanbul
Future Lies Ahead 1993-2023, Daejeon Museum of Art, Daejeon
Endless, Arter, Istanbul
- 2022 *Mon Atelier Depuis 19380*, MAMCO, Geneva
Défilé du Siècle, Energy Museum, Istanbul
7 jours 7 nuits, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
- 2021 *Au commencement la chaleur*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
All Cézanne's of Vermeer (online exhibition), Riverrun, Istanbul
- 2020 *UNTITLED*, Dirimart, Istanbul
The Kintsugi Floor, Art in Chapeles, Saint-Point-Lac-Church, Pontarlier
- 2019 *Les Vitraux Mobiles de Sarkis*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
Au Commencement le Retable d'Isenheim, La Chapelle espace d'Art Contemporain, Thonon les Bains
Mayakovski-Lisitski: The Source Illuminates, Riverrun, Istanbul
- 2018 *Les Vitraux de Sarkis*, Musée de Fécamp, Fécamp
Punctum, Galerie Mezzanin, Geneva
Interieures (with Eugène Leroy), Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
Angel Rainbow, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw
- 2017 *Yellow Punctum*, Riverrun, Istanbul
Program 2017, 44 Møen Kunsthalle, Askeby
Mon Atelier Depuis 19380, MAMCO, Geneva
100 Cries After Munch, Galerie de Zaal, Delft
Mirror (Curators: Sarkis and Ceren Erdem), Dirimart, Istanbul
- 2016 *Sarkis avec Paradjanov*, Boghossian Foundation, Brussels
Il Grido, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels
- 2015 *Respiro*, 56th Venice Biennale (Curator: Defne Ayas), Pavilion of Turkey, Venice
Frieze Masters, London
V.11 et V.12, Nuit Blanche, Villejuif
- 2014 *Au commencement le blanc*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
At the Other End of the Rainbow - à l'autre bout de l'arc-en-ciel, CIAC, MNAC, Musée du Paysan, Bucharest
Sarkis/Ring Portraits, Huis Marseille Museum voor Fotografie, Amsterdam



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- 2013
Aimants, Musée du Château des Ducs de Wurtemberg, Montbéliard
Arte Video Night, Palais de Tokyo, Paris
In the Beginning, My Studio and the Outside, Galeri Manâ (coordinator), Istanbul
Château d'Angers, Centre des Monuments Nationaux, Angres
Interpretation of Cage / Ryoanji (Curator: Melih Fereli), Arter, Istanbul
When Attitudes Become Form: Bern, 1969/Venice, 2013, 55th International Art Exhibition, Venice
Cage/Ryoanji Interpretation, Arter, Istanbul
Twin Rainbow, Gallery Manâ, Istanbul
Twin, Gallery Manâ, Istanbul
Two Films, Maumau, Istanbul
- 2012
Ballads, Submarine Warehouse in collaboration with Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam
Ailleurs, ici, Château de Chaumont-sur-Loire, Région Centre
Aura d'Après Vaudou, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
Passage croisés en or, Château d'Angers, Centre des Monuments Nationaux, Paris
Ici, La Nuit Verte Est Immense-Fantastic 2012, Palais Rameau, Lille
- 2011
Opus II, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
The Golden Scaffold at Hasköy, Hasköy Thread Factory, Istanbul
Depot Exhibition, Galerist, Istanbul
Hotel Sarkis, MAMKO, Geneva
- 2010
Sarkis-Passages, Centre Pompidou, Paris
Opus, Galerist, Istanbul
A Cage Roaratorio, IRCAM, Paris
An Icon (Curator: René Block), Kazım Taşkent Gallery, Istanbul
- 2009
Site (Curator: Levent Çalıkoğlu), Istanbul Museum of Modern Art, Istanbul
D'après et après, Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Rennes
ring-portrets, Galerie de Zaal, Delft
Sarkis at Yıldız, Yüksel Sabancı Gallery, Yıldız University, Istanbul
Ekphrasis, Galerie Art & Essai, Rennes
Golden Scaffold (Curator: Z. Ayşe Akyıl), Marmara University, Istanbul
- 2008
Landscape Forever, Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam
Dans la Nuits des Images, Nef du Grand Palais, Paris
- 2007
Inclinaison, Musée Bourdelle, Paris
Rencontre avec Uccello, Grünewald, Munch, Beuys, Musée du Louvre, Paris
Ikonen, Bode Museum, Berlin
Signed Anonymous, Portakal House of Culture and Art, Istanbul
- 2006
Alive and After, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco
- 2005
A Milestone, Aksanat, Istanbul
- 2004
148 Ikonas, Museum Kunst Palast, Düsseldorf
- 2003
Voyages en Aquarelles, Galerie de France, Paris
L'atterrissage, Adagio et L'atelier d'aquarelle dans l'eau, Musée Picasso, Antibes
- 2002
Le monde est illisible, mon cœur si, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Lyon
Le voyage. Le soleil. L'obscurité, Musée d'Art Moderne de Céret, Céret



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- 2001 *Çaylak Sokak on Çaylak Sokak Street, Çaylak Sokak, Istanbul*
Ikones dans la Chapelle, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris
Sound... Sound... Sound..., A School, Sabancı University Kasa Gallery, Istanbul
Mixed Retrospective, Maçka Art Gallery, Istanbul
- 2000 *SARKIS 21.01.2000 - 09.04.2000, CAPC Musée Bordeaux, Bordeaux*
- 1999 *L'écho de ma Main, MAMCO, Geneva*
- 1998 *Les Films Tournés à Saché, Atelier Calder, Saché*
- 1997 *Au Commencement, Le Son De La Lumiere, A L'arrivee, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes*
- 1995 *Das Licht des Blitzes, Der Lärm des Donners, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Wien, Vienna*
- 1993 *From Ankara To Today, Gallery Zon, Ankara*
- 1992 *19380-19930, Maçka Art Gallery, Istanbul*
- 1990 *Ma Chambre de la Rue Krutenau à San Lazzaro (La 2ème Intérprétation), San Lazzaro dei Armeni, Venice Biennale, Venice*
- 1989 *The Angel of War, Maçka Art Gallery, Istanbul*
- 1986 *A Quoi Bon La Lumière, Ecole Nationale d'Art Décoratif, Limoges*
Çaylak Sokak, Maçka Art Gallery, Istanbul
- 1984 *La Fin des Siècles, Le Début des Siècles, ARC, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris*
- 1983 *Serko Sarkis 1961-1962, Maçka Art Gallery, Istanbul*
- 1981 *K, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Geneva*
- 1979 *Réserves Accessibles, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris*
DER BLACKOUT IST VOLLER SCHWARZER BLAUER ROTER GOLDENER FARBE SO WIE DER ANSTREICHER, Neue Galerie, Sammlung Ludwig, Aachen
- 1978 *Kriegsschatz Klassenkrieg, Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster*
- 1976 *Autopsie d'une peinture anonyme murale en face de la Base Sous-marine à Bordeaux, CAPC de Bordeaux, Bordeaux*
- 1973 *La Drama of the Tempest, Musée Galliera, Paris*
- 1972 *Opération Organe, Kunsthalle, Düsseldorf*
- 1963 *Sarkis, Goethe Institut, Ankara*
- 1962 *Sarkis, Goethe Institut, Istanbul*
- 1960 *Sarkis Zabunyan, Taksim Art Gallery, Istanbul*

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Biennale d'Autun, Autun*
- 2024 *Further Away, 6th Mardin Biennial (Curator: Ali Akay), Mardin*
- 2022 *Depot, Vitrine, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam*
Les Ateliers Brûlés, Hypernuit, CAPC, Bordeaux
Après Monet, Le MAT-Centre d'Art, Ancenis-Saint-Gereon & Montrelais
Eugene Leroy. A contre-jour, MUba Eugene Leroy, Tourcoing
Le tour du jour en quatre-vingts mondes, CAPC, Bordeaux
Delocaliser la peinture - selection d'oeuvres de la collection du Frac Bretagne, La Galerie



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- 2021
Binic-Etables-sur-Mer
Ex-Africa, Musée Quai Branly, Paris
Odore, Galerie Pauline Pavéc, Paris
Au commencement la chaleur, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
Inventaire, MAMCO, Geneva
GR2021, Abbaye de Fontdouce, Saint-Bris-des-Bois
- 2020
ICONS, Fondation Boghossian Bruxelles, Brussels
Dirimart Presents VII: Still Life (Curators: Senem Özgoren and Levent Özmen), Dirimart, Istanbul
PRISMES, Goethe, Reflections, Contemporaines, CEAAC, Strasbourg
Le Mural Nomade, Couvent de la Tourette, Evieux
- 2019
Inviting: Sarkis-Kantor, Cricoteka, Kraków
The Bees of the Invisible (Curator: Denis Gielen), Musée des Arts Contemporains au Grand-Hornu, Belgium
Ad Infinitum (Curator: Ceren Erdem), Dirimart, Istanbul
Shared Sacred Spaces (Curator: Dionigi Albera and Manoël Pénicaud), Depo Istanbul, Istanbul
L'Atelier depuis 19380, MAMCO, Geneva
Inviting (Sarkis-Thadeus Kantor), Museum Cricoteka, Krakow
Va dans ta chambre, Espace Ecureuil, Toulouse
What Time Is It? (Curators: Emre Baykal & Eda Berkmen), Arter, Istanbul
COME ON! Participation and Collective Production in Contemporary Art (Curator: Marcus Graf), Plato Sanat, Istanbul
- 2018
In the beginning dazzling night (Berat Işık & Sarkis), Merdiven, Istanbul
Parajanov with Sarkis, Pera Museum, Istanbul
L'art du dessin, Musée Beaux-Arts, Rouen
Persona Grata, Musée national de l'histoire de l'immigration, Paris
Mesure de la Lumière, Couvent des Jacobins, Toulouse
Le Rouge des villes et des forêts, Chateau Dominique, Bordeaux
Large Meadow, Riverrun, Istanbul
Silence (Curator: Fulya Erdemci; assistant curator Ilgın Deniz Akseloğlu), Festival Cappadox, Nevsehir
Large Meadow 2018 Exhibitions, Norgunk & Riverrun (organiser), Istanbul
Images en Lutte (1968-1974). La Culture Visuelle de l'Extrême Gauche en France, École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Paris, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Paris
Intérieures (with Eugène Leroy), Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
L'Aventure de la Couleur, Centre Pompidou Metz, Metz
- 2017
Cine y Pintura: 120 Años de Intercambio, Fundación La Caixa, Barcelona
Lactation in History, Geneva University, Geneva
What is not visible is not invisible, les collections des FRAC en Asie (touring exhibition in Asia), National Museum of Singapore, Singapore
Untitled, Edition Block'dan Bir Seçki (Curator: René Block), Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul
Exposition d'été, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels
- 2016
Istanbul, passion, joy, fury (Curator: Hou Hanru, Ceren Erdem, Elena Motisi and Donatella Saroli) MAXXI, Rome
Carambolages, Grand Palais, Paris



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- Ce que fait le printemps avec les cerisiers (Pablo Neruda)*, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris
Dans l'atelier l'artiste photographié, d'Ingres à Jeff Koons, Petit Palais, Paris
Indices d'Orient, la mémoire, le témoin et le scrutateur, MUba, Tourcoing
Memory and Continuity. A Selection from Huma Kabakçı Collection (Curators: Huma Kabakçı and Esra Aliçavuşoğlu), Pera Museum, Istanbul
- 2015
Saltwater—A Theory of Thought Forms (Curator: Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev), 14th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul
Armenity, Pavilion of Armenia, 52nd International Art Exhibition at La Biennale di Venezia, Venice
Exposition d'été, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels
6th International EgeArt Art Days, Ege University, Izmir
- 2014
The Red Queen, Museum of Old and New Art, Hobart, Tasmania
Plurivocality (Curator Çelenk Bafra & Levent Çalkoğlu), Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
Magiciens de la terre, mise-en-scène par Sarkis, Centre Pompidou, Paris
Plurivocality, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
Objets: Pouvoirs Secrets, Passage de Retz, Paris
Ex-Voto d'Artistes Contemporains, Musée du Montparnasse, Paris
Un Moment d'Éternité dans le Passage du Temps, La Terrasse, Espace d'Art de Nanterre, Nanterre
- 2013
Une Traversée en Couleur, Musée d'Art et d'Histoire de St-Brieuc, St-Brieuc
Scared of Murals (Curator: Merve Elveren), Salt Beyoğlu, Istanbul
Ailleurs, Ici, Capitale Européenne de la Culture, Marseille-Provence 2013, Marseille
Modernity? Perspectives from France and Turkey, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
Un Monde Invérifiable, Couvent des Minimes, Perpignan
Iskele 2: The Unanswered Question, TANAS and Neue Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin
- 2012
La Triennale-Intense Proximité, Palais de Tokyo, Paris
Hors Les Murs, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels
Néon, Who's Afraid of Red, Yellow and Blue?, La Maison Rouge, Paris
Vivement Demain, Nouveau Parcours de la Collection, MAC/VAL, Val de Marne, Vitry-sur-Seine,
Istanbul Modern - Rotterdam, Musée Boijmans van Beunungen, Rotterdam
John Cage, (Conceptual framework: Norgunk), KUAD, Istanbul
Reflecting on Reflection, (Curator: Abaseh Mirvali), Galeri Manâ, Istanbul
Se Souvenir de la Mer, Domaine départemental du Château d'Avignon, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer
- 2011
In Between, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels
- 2011
Tactics of Invisibility, (Curators: Daniela Zyman & Emre Baykal), Arter, Istanbul
- 2010
...une collection, MAMCO, Geneva
In Den Schluchten des Balkan, Kunsthalle Fridericianum, Kassel
Boîtes, Musée d'Art Moderne, ARC 2, Paris
La Colección Sonabend, Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid
+ Infinity: A Selection From the Ebru Özdemir Collection (Curator: Deniz Artun & Döne Otyam), CER Modern, Ankara
Tactics of Invisibility, Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, Vienna



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- 2009
Nomos et Physis, Galerie UQAM, Montréal
Violet de Bayeux, Le Hangar, Bayeux
Le Cri du Paysage, Galerie of Marseille, Marseille
Altın İskele (l'échaffaudage en or), Atik Valide Kulliyesi, Istanbul
New Works, New Horizons (Curator: Levent Çalikoğlu), Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
Sarkis Yıldız'da, Yüksel Sabancı Gallery, Yıldız University, Istanbul
Litanies, Nuit Blanche, La Grande Mosquée de Paris, Paris
10th Biennale de Lyon (Curator: Thierry Raspail), Lyon
Europe XXL-Istanbul, Traversée, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Lille
- 2008
L'art Contemporain de Georges Perec, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nantes, Nantes
En Perspective, Giacometti, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Caen
Turkish Art. Hüma Kabakçı Collection (Curator: Tayfun Belgin), Istanbul Tüyap, Istanbul
- 2007
Moscow Biennial, (Curator: Josefina Alvares), Moscow
La Suite des Innocents, La Maison Rouge, Paris
Modern and Beyond: 1950-2000 (Curators: Fulya Erdemci, Semra Germaner, Orhan Koçak and Zeynep Rona), SantralIstanbul, Istanbul
Not Only Possible, But Also Necessary: Optimism In The Age of Global War, 10th Istanbul Biennial, (Curator: Emre Baykal), Istanbul
Time Present Time Past (Curators: David Elliott and Rosa Martinez), Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
Radikalart: Not Behind But In Your Face (Coordinated by Övül Durmuşoğlu and Cem Erciyas), Taksim Art Gallery, Istanbul
- 2006
Cetinje Biennial V, (Curator: Svetlana Patić), Cetinje
La Force de l'Art, Grand Palais, Paris
Rencontre Sarkis/Kramer, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Lille
PROFILES: 15 Years of Artistic Creation In France (Curator: Philippe Piguet), Pera Museum, Istanbul
Painting As a Way of Living, video programme (Curator Rosa Martinez), Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
So far away from here: A public space project (Exhibition producer: Döne Otyam), Ankara Train Station, Ankara; Haydarpaşa Train Station, Istanbul
- 2005
Lichtkunst, ZKM Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe
«R.W.-1+2 contrepoints», MAMCO, Geneva
- 2004
Call Me Istanbul ist mein Name, ZKM, Karlsruhe
- 2002
Le Diaphane & l'Obscure, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris
Les Années 70, l'Art en Cause, CAPC Musée de Bordeaux, Bordeaux
- 2000
Feature Presentation – Coming Attractions (Coordinators: Özge Açikkol & Cem İleri), Galerist, Istanbul
- 1995
Orient/ation – The Vision of Art in a Paradoxical World, 4th International Istanbul Biennial, (Curator: René Block), Istanbul
- 1990
12th International Biennale of Drawings 1990, Museum of Modern Art, Rijeka
Grand Exhibition 2, (Coordinator: Tomur Atagök), Mimar Sinan University Museum of Painting and Sculpture, Istanbul & Ankara
- 1989
Les Magiciens de la Terre, Centre Georges Pompidou et La Grande Halle de la Villette, Paris
2nd International Istanbul Biennial (Coordinator: Beral Madra), Hagia Sophia Museum, Istanbul



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- 1988 *Collection Sonnabend*, CAPC Musée d'Art Contemporain, Entrepôt Lainé, Bordeaux
Meltem, Magasin-Centre National d'Art Contemporain, Grenoble
- 1987 *Sarkis Dreams* (with Amer, Bougeard, Davis, Jezequel, Emilsson, Caty, Ramette, Trouvé, Faessler, Simonnet, Caminiti, Maegerlin, and Guillotin, Sommerhalter), Villa Arson, Nice
1st International Istanbul Contemporary Art Exhibitions (1st Istanbul Biennial) (Coordinator: Beral Madra, Istanbul)
- 1986 *Collection Souvenir*, Le Nouveau Musée, Villeurbanne
In Memory of Joseph Beuys: Another Art, Izmir Goethe Institut, Izmir
10th Year Anniversary Group Exhibition Series, Maçka Art Gallery, Istanbul
Homage to Turkish Artists Exhibition: 1956-1986. 30 Years of Turkish-German Collaboration in Istanbul, Maçka Art Gallery, Istanbul
- 1985 *A Cross Section of Avantgarde Turkish Art*, Yıldız University, Istanbul
- 1983 *Rupture Pas Rupture*, Centre Culturel Le Parvis, Tarbes
- 1981 *Textart*, The Definition of Art Group's Workspace, Istanbul
- 1978 *The Record as Artwork (from Futurism to Conceptual Art)*, The Fort Worth Art Museum, Texas; Moor College of Art Gallery, Philadelphia; Musée d'Art Contemporain, Montréal; Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
- 1977 Documenta VI, (Curator: Manfred Schneckenburger), Kassel
- 1976 *Identité/Identification*, CAPC de Bordeaux et Palais des Beaux-Arts de Bruxelles, Brussels
The Artist and the Photograph, Israel Museum, Jerusalem
- 1971 *Boltanski, Borgeaud, Le Gac, Tysh, Cadere, Sarkis*, American Culture Center, Paris
- 1970 *The Object: From Duchamp to Contemporary Art*, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris
- 1969 *When Attitudes Become Form*, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern
Museum Haus Lange, Krefeld; I.C.A, London
- 1966 Salon de la Jeune Peinture, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris
XXVth State Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture, Ankara Higher Teacher Training School for Trade, Ankara
- 1965 *XXIVth State Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture*, Ankara Archeological Museum, Ankara
- 1964 *XXIIIrd State Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture*, Ankara Archeological Museum, Ankara
- 1961 *Blue Group Exhibition*, Goethe Institut, Istanbul

PERMANENT WORKS

- 2023 Chapelle Jean De Bourbon À L'Abbaye De Cluny, Cluny
- 2022 Les Anges de Beppu, Beppu
- 2019 *Salt and Light*, 23.5 Hrant Dink Site of Memory, Istanbul
- 2015 *Golden Icon*, Hrant Dink Foundation, Istanbul
- 2014 *The Rainbow*, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
- 2010 *Umbilical Cord*, İKSV, Istanbul
- 1996 *Çaylak Sokak, 26.9.19380-26.9.19950* (Street Sign), E House, Cihangir, Istanbul



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COLLECTIONS

Istanbul Modern, Istanbul
MAMCO Collection, Geneva
ARTER, Istanbul

