

DIRIMART DOLAPDERE

HALUK AKAKÇE

AKASHA

Heaven in a Wild Flower

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OPENING SEPTEMBER 12 | 20.00



Haluk Akakçe
Yellow
Acrylic on canvas
2017

*“To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour.”*

—William Blake

Dirimart is delighted to announce, AKASHA, Heaven in a Wild Flower an exhibition by New York based Turkish artist Haluk Akakçe. The exhibition, at Dirimart Dolapdere’s pop-up space during the 15th İstanbul Biennial, emphasizes the different aspects of the artist’s practice, foregrounding his balanced relationship with media that goes beyond physical and spiritual worlds. Akakçe’s charcoal drawings will be exhibited for the first time in Europe, paintings and reliefs are featured in this exhibition.

The artist’s fluid, cyclical forms that he depicts with a single wrist motion repeat a mantra that reveals how we construct our own worlds and how we are mirrored at every moment. The small-scale charcoal drawings that the artist first exhibited at the Drawing Center in New York in 1998 go beyond their boundaries and transform into reliefs projected onto the walls of the exhibition space. The permeable, breathing sketches are ballet dancers, denying their own weight. Akasha, the root of all religions, the light, sound, vibration in the universe, is at the center of the exhibition, a literary archive where everything is recorded. Akakçe thus opens up various doors to his own artistic archive through this sensibility.

Haluk Akakçe (b.1970, Ankara) is a Turkish artist living and working in New York whose work explores the intersections between society and technology through video animations, paintings and sound installations. Akakçe formally trained in an architecture in Bilkent University, Ankara then graduated with an MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Akakçe’s works is included in several major international collections: MoMA, New York; British Art Fund, London; MAXXI, Rome; Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris; İstanbul Modern, İstanbul; Hoffman Collection, Berlin; Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, Vienna.

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