

Ebru Duruman

Fluid Desire

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DIRIMART PERA



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Behind Closed Doors, 2023 (detail)

Oil on canvas

180 x 220 cm

Dirimart is delighted to present *Fluid Desire*, the first solo painting exhibition by Ebru Duruman at the gallery. The show brings together the artist's recent oil paintings created in her studio in Geneva. Duruman's abstract depictions unveil the interactions between the corporeal and emotional realms, portraying sexuality as a bridge between body and mind.

Ebru Duruman's works invite viewers to contemplate the complexities of identity and the fluidity of desire. Each detail in Duruman's works becomes a tool for reclaiming autonomy and embracing authenticity, giving birth to powerful imagery that results from the interplay of abstraction and figurative art.

The intimate connection with colours and forms rooted in her childhood, alongside her desire to illuminate insights about sexuality and selfhood, perfectly converges. The stark transition between her early works depicting lifeless figures and her recent pieces encapsulates her personal artistic odyssey marked by the struggle to reconcile societal norms with her individuality, infusing Duruman's figures with tangible physical presence. The depicted figures transform into self-portraits, shedding light on her introspective gaze toward representations of her body and sensory experiences. Although distorted forms portrayed may seem to contradict the vivid colour palette at first glance, they – together with the interrupted aggressive brushstrokes blended with tamed fluid lines – give the audience a hint to the artist's inner conflicts.

The *Fluid Desire* showcases Duruman's works featuring a commonality as they all inhabit interior spaces. Drawing on the concept of home as the synthesis of physical and social representation, Duruman strives to transcend this socio-spatial construct by introducing an additional layer: one's authentic self. The bodies painted by Duruman show a distinctive amorphous pattern with thick layers of paint; this brings to mind the layers in the flow of life where individuals have to conceal their authentic selves in the outside world. As a stable and familiar space, home becomes emblematic of the only environment where the constraints of societal norms can be cast aside, allowing us to embrace our true selves without inhibition. Walking through the exhibition, confronting the large-scale oil paintings featuring significant body parts invites the viewers to reckon with themselves while also seeking the possibilities to open new discussion spaces for crucial topics.

Promising an immersive journey into the realms of emotion and identity, the exhibition will be on view at Dirimart Pera until 28 October 2023.



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Ebru Duruman (b. 1992) graduated from Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) in 2015 with a degree in Bachelors of Fine Arts (BFA) and Bachelors of Architecture (BArch). She completed her education at The Art Students League of NY, New York in 2019. Duruman worked for several years at the renowned Pei Cobb Freed & Partners before turning to painting full-time. Her solo exhibitions include *Fluid Desire*, Dirimart Pera, Istanbul (2023) and *Breasts and Breaths*, Bloom Galerie, Switzerland (2022). Among her group exhibitions are *Fever Dreams*, Victoria Miro Gallery, Vortic (Online) (2022); *Water is Not for Sale*, Bloom Galerie, St Tropez (2022); *Golden Hour*, Bloom Galerie, St Tropez (2022) and *Interlude*, EAA Studios, New York (2020). Duruman currently lives and works in Geneva.

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Akışkan Arzu

Fluid Desire

Eylül 27 September - Ekim 28
October

- 1 *Formless Figure*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
166 x 144 cm
- 2 *Hiding*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
40 x 30 cm
- 3 *Gülli*
2022
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
166 x 144 cm
- 4 *Lying Down*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
166 x 144 cm
- 5 *Living room*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya
Oil on canvas
200 x 170 cm
- 6 *Dismantled*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
40 x 30 cm
- 7 *Behind Closed Doors*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya
Oil on canvas
180 x 220 cm
- 8 *If These Walls Could Talk*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya
Oil on canvas
180 x 220 cm
- 9 *Resting Face*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
40 x 30 cm
- 10 *Dozing Off*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
196 x 152 cm
- 11 *Mingling*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
144 x 122 cm
- 12 *Red Chair*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
144 x 122 cm
- 13 *Mirror Effect*
2023
Tuval üzerine yağlıboya
Oil on canvas
122 x 196 cm

