

DIRIMART NIŞANTAŞI

ÖZCAN KAPLAN

Chats with Mouth Shut...

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Özcan Kaplan
Untitled, Painting No.15, 2016
 Oil on cotton
 110x90 cm
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“Indeed, sometimes the most doleful, most gloomy paintings are the most hopeful ones, because human can feel the urgency of the need for change they reflect.” Ö. Kaplan

Dirimart Nişantaşı is honored to present Özcan Kaplan’s solo exhibition titled *Chats with Mouth Shut...* The exhibition opens in Turkey after 3 years, Kaplan shows a selection of his paintings he has been producing since 2013.

While focusing on the illusions between the visible and the known, *Chats with Mouth Shut...* highlights the stratification processes and time lapses in the artists oeuvre. The depth of Kaplan’s works is correlated with the phases of the production process. It is possible to see countless layers on the canvas, where restarting with the quest to find the unexperimented, self-questioning and coincidences meet with colors. The search for freedom, thrusted by lines, color successions and brush strokes, ends at a point when nothing else can be added or changed anymore. Kaplan, who lays his life process on the core of his artistic practices, completely alters the timeline perceived by the viewer. According to the artist, his works “...focus on the act of painting itself. They can be defined in terms of timing and some sort of a stratification. This way, the paintings turn into a symbol of a meta-reality. At the basis of this lays existence and being a human. Producing art is a way of seduction, after all”.

Özcan Kaplan (1964, Çorum, Turkey) works in Frankfurt. He graduated from Gazi University, Faculty of Fine Arts Department of Painting in 1986. 1989-95, he studied further at Staatliche Hochschule für Bildende Künste, Städelschule, Frankfurt am Main. He received several awards, including Kunstpreis der Deutschen Volks-und Reiffesenbanken (1999) and Hessische Kulturstiftung Werkkatalog mit Textbeiträgen (1997). Solo exhibitions: *In Any Case*, Dirimart (2013); *Notblödeln*, Galerie Arte Giani, Frankfurt am Main, (2008); *Das Malen...*, Kunsthaus Wiesbaden, Galerie Arte Giani, Frankfurt am Main (2005). Group exhibitions: *About Colour*, Kunsthaus Wiesbaden (2015); “Ö. Kaplan, S. Pick, K. Kamptner, T. S. Vukic”, Lange Str. 31, Frankfurt am Main (2014), *My Generation V*, Kunstverein Familie Montez, Frankfurt am Main (2009).

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