

## Çağla Ulusoy SANDYMANSIONAL

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DIRIMART PERA



**Çağla Ulusoy**  
*LAVENDER SOAP*, 2021 (detail)  
Oil on canvas  
160 x 240 cm

Dirimart is delighted to present *SANDYMANSIONAL*, an exhibition of paintings by Çağla Ulusoy (b. 1989, Istanbul, Turkey). This is the artist's first solo exhibition with the gallery, following an announcement of representation earlier this year.

The exhibition presents lush, large-scale abstract paintings that Ulusoy paints by using acrylics, oils and sand on both canvas and jute. Having lived and studied across many countries, Ulusoy's paintings are a distinct cross-pollination between numerous cultures. Ulusoy never ceases to cross borders and embrace the foreign elements, histories and traditions she encompasses. In her painting practice, Çağla interweaves a rich understanding of color with a unique style of emphasizing the surface of the canvas.

Sentimental and dimensional are but two words to describe the works of Ulusoy, hence Sandy Mansional. An advanced sensibility to color challenges her to push each hue to achieve balance within the projected frame. The familiarity of these abstracted paintings are the result of years of studying the color field to the point of having to rethink reality to suggest deeper connections and meanings. There are years of time spent in Mexico embedded in The Parfumerie, pastel tones of sweetshops in *LAVENDER SOAP*. City life in London appears as a single candle in *HBD*, a cartoon-like reimagination that alludes to English comic books for children. Her upbringing in Istanbul and the Aegean inspired her to add doric columns as building blocks to those vast fields of complementing colors.

Ulusoy's works are reconstructions of her visions. The subject matter is a flow between figures or scenes set against elaborately decorated frames. As one would design a set or set a table, Ulusoy takes reflective steps when building the painting. Approaching the canvas, as though through a camera lens, she blurs and sharpens the apparitions she wishes to convey. At times, the many layered forms appear close or they allude to a sense of unforced spaciousness creating a safe and balanced boundary between the viewer and the work to converse. Her unique visual language has coalesced in a universe of fantastical characters and motifs where perspective is heightened and skewed to uncanny effect.

Çağla often introduces new materials to the canvas such as sand and wax. Contrasted against the rawness of jute, the materialistic layers accentuate and allow for the image to appear at times independently. Exceptional degrees of intensity and fluidity is achieved through experimenting with a myriad of materials.

The exhibition is on view at Dirimart Pera until the 30th of April.



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**Çağla Ulusoy** (b.1989, Istanbul Turkey) completed her BA of Visual Arts at Creapole ESDI in Paris in 2013. The same year, she moved to New York where she started attending classes at the Art Student's League of New York. There, she met artist Pat Lipsky who became her mentor for two years. She graduated from Royal College of Art, London in 2018 with an MA in painting. The artist lives and works in Istanbul.

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## SANDYMANSIONAL

March 30 Mart-April 30 Nisan

- 1 *Blue Bird*  
2022  
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya ve karışık teknik  
*Oil and mixed media on canvas*  
240 x 160 cm
- 2 *Parfumerie*  
2019  
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on canvas*  
170 x 140 cm
- 3 *Spill the beans*  
2022  
Jüt üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on jute*  
145 x 122 cm
- 4 *Sandymansional*  
2022  
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on canvas*  
198 x 160 cm
- 5 *Whoops, croaks, growns and growls*  
2023  
Jüt üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on jute*  
181 x 110 cm
- 6 *Your smile, i melt*  
2023  
Jüt üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on jute*  
181 x 110 cm
- 7 *Roman candles*  
2023  
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on canvas*  
100 x 60 cm
- 8 *Tomboy*  
2021  
Tuval üzerine akrilik ve alçı  
*Acrylic and plaster on canvas*  
50 x 40 cm
- 9 *Tutti Frutti Te Kelas*  
2021  
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on canvas*  
180 x 130 cm
- 10 *Miss Universe*  
2023  
Jüt üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on jute*  
181 x 110 cm
- 11 *Honey drop Manor*  
2023  
Jüt üzerine akrilik ve yağlı boya  
*Oil and acrylic on jute*  
145 x 112 cm
- 12 *Soft spots*  
2021  
Tuval üzerine akrilik ve kum  
*Acrylic and sand on canvas*  
50 x 40 cm
- 13 *Rusty cherry jam*  
2022  
Jüt üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on jute*  
127 x 110 cm
- 14 *Take care, it's such a lonely sky*  
2023  
Jüt üzerine akrilik, diptik  
*Acrylic on jute, diptych*  
120 x 100 cm (her biri each)
- 15 *Cold grass*  
2022  
Tuval üzerine alçı ve yağlı boya  
*Oil and plaster on canvas*  
27 x 22 cm
- 16 *Frosted smoke on a creamy swirl*  
2023  
Tuval üzerine akrilik, alçı ve kum  
*Acrylic, plaster and sand on canvas*  
100 x 80 cm
- 17 *HBD*  
2023  
Jüt üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on jute*  
146 x 113 cm
- 18 *Drips and dries on marble ties*  
2018  
Tuval üzerine akrilik ve sim  
*Acrylic and glitter on canvas*  
36 x 26 cm
- 19 *Plums, bones and feather stones*  
2022  
Tuval üzerine yağlı boya  
*Oil on canvas*  
60 x 49 cm
- 20 *Jawbreaker*  
2022  
Tuval üzerine kum ve yağlı boya  
*Oil and sand on canvas*  
69 x 60 cm
- 21 *Autumn moon*  
2022  
Tuval üzerine alçı ve yağlı boya  
*Oil and plaster on canvas*  
60 x 50 cm
- 22 *Frosted smoke on a creamy swirl*  
2023  
Panel üzerine akrilik ve alçı  
*Acrylic and plaster on board*  
40 x 30 cm
- 23 *Lavender Soap*  
2021  
Tuval üzerine kum ve yağlı boya  
*Oil and sand on canvas*  
160 x 240 cm

