MUSTAFA ÇETİN

VISUAL ARTIST | CURATOR

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Toronto-based visual artist with over thirty years of experience in painting and drawing. His practice combines abstraction, expressive figuration and mixed media to explore identity, migration, memory and time. He has exhibited in Canada, the United Kingdom, Cyprus and Turkey, alongside an active practice in curating and artist-led cultural initiatives.

EDUCATION

1998–2000 **MFA**, University of East London, United Kingdom

1988–1992 **BFA (Honours), Painting**, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 **Mustafa Çetin 3D Art Show**, KUNSTMATRIX Online Gallery; curated by I.C.O.

2018 **Time Space & Me**, The Peach Gallery, Toronto, Canada

2015 **Expression**, Montgomery’s Inn Community Museum, Toronto, Canada

2014 **Retrospective 2002–2014**, Turkish Federation Community Foundation, Toronto, Canada

2012 Solo Exhibition, Gallery Hittite, Toronto, Canada

2008 Solo Exhibition, Gallery Hittite, Toronto, Canada

2006 **Hope**, Art Square Gallery, Toronto, Canada

2004 Solo Exhibition, Gallery Hittite, Toronto, Canada

1994 Solo Exhibition, Vision Art Gallery, Kyrenia, Cyprus

SELECTED TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION

2025 **Representation & Abstraction**, LVAC Gallery, Toronto. Two-person exhibition with Vladimir Topal.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 **The Soul in Five Forms**, Mavi Art Group, Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, Toronto. Five-artist group exhibition; curator and participating artist.

2025 **Roots and Wings**, Dignam Gallery, Women’s Art Association of Canada, Toronto. Group exhibition.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)

2025	**Beyond Our Roots**, Gallery 1313, Toronto
2024	**Anatolian Breeze Expo**, Mississauga Convention Centre, Mississauga
2023	Women’s Art Association Exhibition; Dignam Gallery Group Exhibition, Toronto
2022	**Beyond Our Roots 02**, Gallery 1313, Toronto
2021	Virtual 3D Online Exhibitions, curated by I.C.O.
2020	**Our Roots & Beyond**, Gallery 1313, Toronto
2016–2017	Selected exhibitions at Gallery Hittite and Arta Gallery, Toronto
2016	Colours From Anatolia And Beyond, Mavi Art Group, Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts, Ottawa, Canada. May 31 - June 3, 2016. Five-artist group exhibition; curated by Lilia Faulkner.
2007–2013	Selected curated and juried exhibitions across Toronto
1995–1999	Turquoise Art Group exhibitions, London, United Kingdom

JURIED EXHIBITIONS & ART FAIRS

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition (2011–2013); Queen West Art Crawl; Distillery District Art Festivals; KUMF Gallery Juried Exhibitions; Riverdale Art Walk, Toronto.

CURATORIAL & ARTS LEADERSHIP

Co-founder & Curator, Mavi Art Group | Toronto | 2013–Present
Exhibition planning, curatorial development, artist coordination and collaborative cultural projects. Curator and participating artist for The Soul in Five Forms (2026).

Invited Artist / Exhibition Participant, Turquoise Art Group
London, United Kingdom | 1995–2001
Invited member participating in the collective’s exhibitions and artistic activities.

MEDIA & PUBLIC CULTURAL WORK

Producer & Host, A Sip of Art (Bir Yudum Sanat) | Turkuaz TV | 2006
Television program exploring immigrant artists, their practices and cultural experiences in Canada.

Selected press: Turkuaz TV interviews (2006–2007); HB Media (2013); Bizim Anadolu News (2015); Immigrant Color documentary feature.

GRANTS, COLLECTIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Grant: Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant (2012).

Collections: İş Bankası, Lefkoşa, Cyprus; Mayor of Tatlısu Collection; private collections in Canada, Turkey, Cyprus, the United Kingdom and internationally.

Professional affiliation: CARFAC, Member.