

PROF.DR. UGURCAN AKYUZ

Ugurcan Akyuz was born in 1961 in Hopa, Artvin, TURKEY. He received his BA. degree from the Department of Painting, Gazi University, Ankara in 1983. He completed his MA degree at the department of graphic design, Faculty of Fine Arts, Hacettepe University in 1987. He was awarded a J.F. Laxton scholarship and he worked as a lecturer at Leicester, De Montfort University School of Design and Manufacture, in Leicester, in 1994. He returned to Turkey in 1995 with his Ph.D. from DMU. He became an associate professor in 1997.

Akyuz received the title of professor in 2003 and was appointed as the chair of the Department of Graphic Design, Hacettepe University. In 2004, he was assigned as the director of the Institute of Fine Arts Hacettepe University. In 2006, he established the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, Near East University, TRNC and he worked as dean till January 2010 at the same faculty.

He was appointed as dean in the Faculty of Fine Arts, Hacettepe University. The faculty received SANAT KURUMU and CAGSAV corporate awards. During his position as a dean, he supplied the publications of six peer-reviewed journals, four symposium proceedings books, three artist retrospective books, three graduation exhibition catalogues in addition to the catalogues of two symposiums and twenty various exhibitions and faculty brochures. At the same period, during his task of Hacettepe Art Museum Directorate, the museum gained two hundred works through donations of artists.

Akyuz opened total eighteen exhibitions and eight of them are abroad. His two digital art exhibitions, one is in Ankara, 1996 and another is in TRNC, 2007 can be accepted as the first in their own field. Beside his first book "Sabaha Karsi Bir Zaman" in 1989, his eight exhibition catalogues and various articles were published. He gave seminars about the subjects of art, graphic design and photograph. Domestic and abroad he participated in the biennials, the various juried and group exhibitions. Akyuz also received many awards including the award of "success" given for a digital work for the first time in the history of Turkish art. He has a lot of works on the domestic and abroad museums, in the private and public collections.

After resigning from the dean position in the Fine Arts Faculty of HU, 17 October 2012, he started to work as the dean of Fine Arts and Design Faculty at Near East University in 18 October and, then he was appointed as the dean of Faculty of Architecture at the same university in 19 February 2014.

Currently, he has writes weekly articles for his column named "YAKINDAN SANAT" in the Kibris Postasi Newspaper and, also prepares and presents his own weekly program "YAKINDAN SANAT" for Near East TV.

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