



ABOUT ME

Experienced event producer and cultural curator based in Berlin with over a decade in the entertainment industry. Skilled in event coordination, curation, and community building, previously involved in major film festivals like If Istanbul and Istanbul Film Festival. Currently working on a documentary and connecting Berlin and Mesopotamian cultures with an event series. Passionate about joining the team to bring innovative, inclusive events and experiences.

SKILLS

WORKING WITH MULTICULTURAL TEAMS

TIME MANAGEMENT

CREATIVE THINKING

PROBLEM-SOLVING

INVESTIGATING, ANALYZING, AND RESEARCHING

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ENGLISH

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WORK EXPERIENCE

MAGIC DYKE

Berlin
Apr 2023 - Present

PRODUCER

Magic Dyke* is a performing group in Berlin by and for lesbians, queer women, non-binary, trans, intersex, and agender people. Since May 2022, Magic Dyke* has been creating sensational shows and offering a party that is a safe space for the SLINTA* (sapphic, lesbian, intersex, non-binary, transgender, agender) community in Berlin.

- Spearheaded the creation of sensational shows for Magic Dyke*, a premier SLINTA performing group in Berlin.
- Strategically planned and executed event logistics, ensuring seamless operations and unparalleled attendee experiences.
- Cultivated and managed relationships with local partners, bookers, promoters, and sponsors to enhance event visibility and success.
- Oversaw event budgeting and production, driving efficiency and maximizing impact within allocated resources.

EMERGENT SPACES

Berlin
Apr 2023 - Dec 2023

CO-CURATOR & CO-ORGANIZER

Emergent Spaces is a developing curatorial project that focuses on centralizing queer and trans* feminist perspectives in the diaspora. Our goal is to create spaces of hope that are responsive, radical, and intersectional.

- Leading curatorial projects that highlight queer and trans* feminist perspectives in the diaspora.
- Developing and implementing activities that foster responsive, radical, and intersectional spaces.
- Collaborating with artists and venues to successfully raise funds for communities in need.
- Managing event budgets and overseeing production for successful outcomes.

TEMASET-

MULTISENSORY

EXPERIENCE DESIGN

STUDIO

Mar 2021 - Sep 2021

PROJECT MANAGER

Temaset defines itself as a Multisensory Experience Design Studio. Tasty Cinema is one of the projects that brings gastronomy to the experience of watching films.

- Innovatively blended gastronomy into film experiences for the Tasty Cinema project.
- Collaborated with brands to craft unique, tailored experiences for their products.
- Masterfully planned and managed all event details with precision.
- Ensured seamless communication with local partners, sponsors, and brands.
- Operated events through online platforms efficiently.

ISTANBUL

FOUNDATION FOR

CULTURE AND ARTS-

IKSV

Istanbul
Feb 2019 - Mar 2020

HOSPITALITY MANAGER

- Managed hospitality operations for premier events, including Film, Jazz, and Theater Festivals.
- Coordinated comprehensive travel arrangements for international artists and guests.
- Developed and managed detailed itineraries to optimize artists' schedules.
- Oversaw budget planning and execution for all hospitality requirements.
- Led and coordinated the guide team and hospitality assistants to ensure seamless service.

14-17 Apr 2020/ 39th Istanbul Film Festival
5-16 Apr 2019/ 38th Istanbul Film Festival
29 June-18 July 2019/ 26th Istanbul Jazz Festival

23rd Istanbul Theater Festival - Special Events
17-18 September 2019/ Sutra (Sadler's Wells)
28 September - 1 October 2019/ Pss Pss (Compagnia Baccalà)

A CORNER IN THE

WORLD & SPACE OF

CULTURE

Istanbul
Nov 2018 - Dec 2019

OPERATION & EVENT MANAGER

'Spaces of Culture' provides spaces and resources for the realization of cultural projects within the visual and performing arts, as well as for discussion, training, and development opportunities for local institutions, cultural professionals, and community members. Spaces of Culture conferences are held once a year, curated by the A Corner in the World team. A Corner in the World is a festival for performing arts that brings together artists from Turkey, the Middle East, Caucasus, and the Balkans who work in close geographical proximity, but have few opportunities to share a stage, experience each other's work, and develop a dialogue.

17-18 December 2018 / Space of Culture Conference (Bomontiada) 7-8 December 2019 / Space of Culture- Cultural Encounters (ARTER)

- Orchestrated panels, managed event budgets, and supervised production processes for annual 'Spaces of Culture' conferences.
- Streamlined hospitality and logistics coordination for participants, ensuring seamless event operations.
- Liaised with local partners to fulfill production requirements and enhance collaborative efforts.
- Directed event execution and panel coordination during conferences, maintaining high standards of professionalism.
- Led and managed a volunteer team of approximately 10 members, fostering a cohesive and efficient team environment.

!F ISTANBUL

INDEPENDENT FILM

FESTIVAL

Istanbul
Mar 2018 - Oct 2018

NEW !f2 COORDINATOR (Project Manager)

New !f 2 was a multi-screen cinema series that showcased documentaries and fiction films. The events included live and online discussions with audience members, as well as encounters with prominent figures from the cinema, art, entrepreneurship, and social sectors. The goal was to stimulate discussions and build connections around shared visions for the future. The series brought communities together to collectively dream and envision the future.

The program featured acclaimed local and MENA region films, with a focus on addressing important social and philosophical questions. Live conversations with local and international guests were a key feature, with real-time connections between audiences in different cities. The events took place in various locations, including Istanbul, Diyarbakir, Eskisehir, Izmir, Antalya, Ankara, Mersin, Trabzon, Bursa, Antep, Sinop, as well as internationally in Northern Cyprus, Iran, and Palestine. Films were screened and discussed in 33 cities and 50 locations simultaneously.

- Coordinated and communicated with over 250 local partners and organized screening locations for test and main events.
- Managed technical infrastructure for screenings and live-streaming.
- Planned and managed event budgets and production.
- Managed social media accounts for events and New !f 2 on behalf of !f Istanbul

CAPPADOX

FESTIVAL / POZITIF

MUSIC

Istanbul/Cappadox
May 2018 - Jun 2018

HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATE (Logistic Coordinator)

In the 4th year, Cappadox and its participants set out to explore the theme "Silence", across a broad range of music, contemporary art, gastronomy, and outdoor programming at Cappadocia.

- Coordinated all flights and ground transfers for over 100 team members at the Cappadox festival.
- Managed and executed logistics for flights and ground transportation.
- Supervised backstage preparations and ensured seamless execution.
- Directed field operations, ensuring smooth festival activities.
- Led a team of backstage assistants across 5 stages and 6 backstages.

!F ISTANBUL

INDEPENDENT FILM

FESTIVAL

Istanbul
Jan 2016 - Mar 2018

!f2 LIVE & EVENTS COORDINATOR

In the 16th,17th, and 18th editions of If Istanbul, I was responsible for all the festival events (VR exhibition, talks with directors) and, !f2 screenings, a cross-cultural and cross-border cinema series screened in 50 locations at the same time.

- Coordinated all festival events for the 16th, 17th, and 18th editions of If Istanbul, including VR exhibitions and director talks.
- Organized and managed cross-cultural cinema series, !f2 screenings, across 50 locations simultaneously.
- Established and maintained relationships with over 200 contacts for both test and main screenings at 56 locations in 34 cities.
- Supervised and coordinated the technical infrastructure for screenings.
- Planned and managed event budgets and production processes.
- Operated and managed !f Istanbul's social media accounts for events and !f2 Live.
- Oversaw a volunteer team of 30 people, including !f Tomorrow exhibition.
- Managed live streaming and Q&A sessions post-screening for !f2 Live events.

EXPO 2016 ANTALYA

Antalya
Apr 2016 - Sep 2016

HOSPITALITY ASSISTANT

As the hospitality assistant; I was assisting the hospitality department for logistics, transfer, and backstage operation during the events.

Worked with more than 20 groups or artists such as; Elton John & His Band, Deep Purple, Maroon 5, Enrique Iglesias, Demi Lovato, Ricky Martin, Afrojack & Apster, Simply Red, Lara Fabian, Tarkan, Stomp, One Republic, Emma Shaplin, Status Quo, Level 42, Blaze-The International Dance Spectrum and Cirque Eloize.

- Supported the hospitality department by efficiently managing logistics, transfers, and backstage operations for high-profile events.
- Coordinated logistics for over 20 renowned artists and groups, including Elton John, Deep Purple, and Maroon 5.
- Arranged seamless ground transfers for artists, ensuring punctual and smooth transportation.
- Assisted in production processes, contributing to the successful execution of events.
- Managed backstage operations and artists' schedules, enabling hassle-free performances.

CHARMENKO-

MUSIC

UNIVERSIZATION

Istanbul
Aug 2016 - Jan 2017

DEPARTMENT & PERSONAL ASSISTANT

Charmenko works as a mediator between the promoters and the artists; connects local and international festivals, companies and municipalities with the artists and bands from all kinds of genres as a booking agency with its well-experienced talent buyers Departments (Production, Agency, Booking, General Management) Assistant also personal assistant to the general executive of Charmenko.

- Coordinated international meetings with precision.
- Streamlined travel arrangements for colleagues and management, including flight research, ticket purchases, and accommodation bookings.
- Efficiently organized and maintained the company database (FileMaker).
- Managed and oversaw the ticket counting process accurately.

EDUCATION

ISTANBUL BILGI

UNIVERSITY

2014

Bachelor's Degree

- Social Sciences Department, European Union Relationship

BOĞAZIÇI

EUROPEAN SCHOOL

OF POLITICS

Istanbul

Training

- Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe