

## **Tahir Un**

### **curriculum vitae**

*Tahir Un was born in Turkey in 1960. He holds a BA degree from Language and History-Geography Faculty of Ankara University, where he studied History of European Arts.*

*He gives lectures in photography in the Communication Faculty of Yasar University, Turkey.*

*Tahir Un is currently active in photography and new media arts. He lives in Izmir.*

*Tahir Un's works have been displayed in numerous exhibitions and events, some recent examples of which are as follows.*

#### **ONE-MAN & GROUP SHOWS**

##### **2012**

- *XI Festival Internacional de la Imagen, VIII Muestra Monografica de Media Art, MANIZALES.*
- *International SnapFilm Festival, Kijow.Centrum, KRAKOW.*
- *"Nylon Refuges", solo photo exhibition, Cizgelikedi Culture Center Art Gallery, IZMIR.*
- *Yara Art Groups Winter Festival, "re-imagine ourselves", Ukrainian Institute of America, NEWYORK.*
- *"Transience" group photo-exhibition, Galerie Huit, China House, George Town, PENANG.*
- *"Xinjiang : Ancestral Land", solo multimedia photo-show, IZMIR, CANAKKALE, BANDIRMA.*

##### **2011**

- *The Madrid Festival of Contemporary Audio-Visual Arts (MADATAC) MADRID.*
- *"Turkish Photography Today", group exhibit, Photography Museum, ISTANBUL.*
- *4<sup>th</sup>. International EgeArt Art Days, group exhibit, State Museum of Painting & Sculpture, IZMIR.*
- *Celeste Prize Final Exhibition, (as a guest artist) group exhibit, Invisible Dog, Brooklyn, NEWYORK.*
- *XI.Fotonoviembre Int. Biennial "Atlantica Colectivas" group exhibit, Centro Cultural Los Cristianos, ARONA.*
- *24<sup>th</sup>. Instants Vidéo Numériques et Poétiques", Videoart Festival, MARSEILLE.*
- *1<sup>st</sup>. Biedeodromo Videoart Festival, Pulimentos del Norte, BILBAO.*
- *"Nylon Refuges" solo exhibition, 9th. Backlight Photo Festival, TR2 Kunsthalle, TAMPERE.*
- *"Transience" group photo-exhibition, Galerie Huit, Les Rencontres d'Arles Photographie, ARLES.*
- *"Interface-Gallery Issue No:1/Update!", group exhibit, Hayaka Arti Project Center, ISTANBUL.*
- *13<sup>th</sup>. International Cultural Studies Symposium, papers and video screening, IZMIR.*
- *13<sup>th</sup>. International Panorama of Independent Film and Video Makers, PATRAS.*
- *9<sup>th</sup>. VAD Festival Internacional de Video i Arts Digitals, GIRONA.*
- *"Young Mixed", group exhibit, Tunca Art Gallery, Akmerkez, ISTANBUL.*
- *2<sup>nd</sup>. Façade Videoart Festival, Art Today Association, PLOVDIV.*
- *8<sup>th</sup>. Film & Video Festival Aarau, AARAU.*
- *IV Bienal do Porto Santo, group exhibit, PORTO SANTO.*
- *VIDEOHOLICA International Videoart Festival, VARNA.*
- *Athens Video/Art Festival, group exhibit, Technopolis, ATHENS.*
- *VIDEOAKT International Videoart Biennial, Loop Barcelona, BARCELONA.*
- *FONLAND #07 Digital Arts Festival, "shipping minds" (photography & video), COIMBRO*
- *Near East University International 7th. Photo Days (papers), NICOSIA.*
- *Terminal Third Annual Short Video Festival, CLARKSVILLE.*
- *"8<sup>th</sup>. Yildiz Short Film Festival", ISTANBUL.*
- *IFOD 17<sup>th</sup>. traditional exhibition: "Sign" group exhibit, Cetin Emec Art Gallery, İZMİR.*

##### **2010**

- *Alternative 2010 Film / Video Festival, BELGRAD.*
- *The Madrid Festival of Contemporary Audio-Visual Arts (MADATAC) MADRID.*
- *"Festival do Minuto" SAO PAULO.*
- *"We Are All Photographers of the Public Space!", group show, Musée de l'Elysée, LAUSANNE.*
- *"7<sup>th</sup>. Yildiz Short Film Festival", Yildiz Technical University, ISTANBUL.*

##### **2009**

- *Kargaşa 9 Traditional Exhibition "Hack", generative-collage, group exhibit, Kargart Galeri, Kadikoy, ISTANBUL.*
- *AllArtNow 1st International Video Art Festival, DAMASCUS.*
- *The 1st. International Roaming Biennial of Tehran "Urban Jealousy", Centar za Kulturnu Dekontaminaciju, BELGRADE.*
- *Melbourne Fringe Festival, "Digital Fringe", MELBOURNE.*

2008

- *The 1st. International Roaming Biennial of Tehran "Urban Jealousy", Galerie Wallywoods, BERLIN.*
- *Melbourne Fringe Festival, "Digital Fringe", MELBOURNE.*
- *The 1st. International Roaming Biennial of Tehran "Urban Jealousy", Hafriyat Karakoy, ISTANBUL.*
- *Video Art Days 2, Cyprus International University, LEFKOSA.*

2007

- *Melbourne Fringe Festival, "Digital Fringe", MELBOURNE*
- *2. International Fabrikartgroup Art Festival, group exhibit, Mustafapasa, CAPPADOCIA*
- *"Athens Videoart Festival" Technopolis, ATHENS.*
- *Web Bienal 2007, online project, "Consepts & Images - SCRS Project" - by ICAM.*

2006

- *"Memos for the passage" solo exhibit, Underground Photo Gallery, IISALMI.*
- *"Third Circuits" ARTIST 16th. İstanbul Art Fair, Video-Art Program, Karşı Sanat Çalışmaları, ISTANBUL.*
- *"PI Performance & Intermedia Festival", PI Five, Curated by Antoni Karwowski, OFFICYNA, SZCZECIN.*
- *Bienaldo ano 3000, Curated by Fred Forest, MAC | Museu de Arte Contemporânea, SAOPAULO.*
- *"METU Video Meeting" Middle East Technical University Campus, ANKARA.*
- *"3rd.Yildiz Short Film Festival", Yildiz Technical University, ISTANBUL.*

2005

- *"Nihilism or Identity" solo exhibit, 23rd. Universiade Olympic Games / Erayalar Art Gallery, İZMİR.*
- *Web Biennial 2005, on-line project by Istanbul Contemporary Art Museum.*

2003

- *"Nihilism or Identity" solo exhibit, Çanakkale 1<sup>st</sup>. Photography Festival, CANAKKALE*
- *"H et Geritsel Van De Bosphorus" group exhibit, De Markthallen, HERK -DE -STAT.*

2002

- *Nihilism or Identity" solo exhibit, Bursa Photography Days / TKM Cemal Nadir Art Gallery, BURSA*
- *"Sondaj" solo exhibit, Pamukbank Photography Gallery, ISTANBUL.*

2001

- *R2001 PROJECT "RHYTHMONE - CELLspace Global Community Festival, group show, SAN FRANCISCO.*
- *R2001 PROJECT "ART ELECTRONICA ATELIERS" Cerveira XI. Bienal, group show, CERVERIA.*

2000

- *"Nihilism or Identity" solo exhibit, The British Council Art Gallery, ANKARA.*
- *R2001 PROJECT "UTUTU" group show, Musashino Park at Harappa Festival, TOKYO.*
- *"Nihilism or Identity" solo exhibit, Altın Koza Art Festival, ADANA.*

1998

- *"Nihilism or Identity" solo exhibit, The Lamp Gallery/ YORKSHIRE*
- *"Nihilism or Identity" solo exhibit, Boekhandel De Verbeelding, AMSTERDAM.*
- *"Global Collage" group show, the on-line project by Akimbo Design, SAN FRANCISCO.*
- *"Faces and Dreams" solo exhibit, Artlink Exchange Gallery, YORKSHIRE.*
- *"On the Road" group exhibit, the on-line photo project by Cafe Society, YORKSHIRE.*

1997

- *IV.Fotonoviembre Int. Biennial "Interventions" group exhibit, Cultural Center of The Christians, TENERIFE.*
- *"Menhir" Photo - Installation by Tahir Un Old Laundry of Yoruk Village, SAFRANBOLU.*

1996

- *Contemporary Turkish Photography" group exhibit, HABITAT / Silahhane, Yildiz Palace, ISTANBUL.*

1995

- *"Faces and Dreams" solo exhibit, 3rd. Fotonoviembre Int. Biennial, La Caixa Galeria, LA LAGUANA.*
- *"Turkish Plastic Art Exhibitions" group exhibit, Art Festival, HOUSTON*

1994

- *"Contemporary Art Photography by Turkish Photographers" group exhibit, SANTA FE.*

1993

- *"Details From Life" solo exhibit, Akbank Art Gallery, ANKARA.*
- *"The Sahin Kaygun Prize" awarded as the best Turkish Photographer of International Exhibition by AFAD and Seyhan Municipality.*

1992

- *"Polaroids" solo exhibit, Arsiv Art Gallery, ISTANBUL.*
- *"Selections 6" by Polaroid, group exhibit, FotoKino, COLOGNE.*
- *Selected as "2000 Years' Artists" by Turkish Official TV (TRT), ANKARA.*
- *The First Prize in Black and White Photography awarded by The Ministry of Culture, ANKARA.*

1991

- *"Turkish Photography, Today" group exhibit, LINZ.*

1990

- *"Photographs 1980-1990" solo exhibit, Istanbul Photography Days, France Culture Center, ISTANBUL.*
- *"Turkey, Ich Liebe Dich !" Mainzer Rathauses, group exhibit, MAINZ.*

1989

- *"Imagined Views 2" solo exhibit, T. A. A. HekimgilArt Gallery, ANKARA.*
- *"Turkish Photography in Republic Period" group exhibit, Emlak Bank Art Gallery, ISTANBUL.*

1988

- *"Imagined Views 1" solo exhibit, Refo Photography Center, ISTANBUL.*
- *"ImaginedViews 1" solo exhibit, Turco - British Art Gallery, ANKARA.*

1987

- *"Photography for a Son" group exhibit, Sala Zielona, WARZSAWA.*

1978

- *"Views From Country" group exhibit, Akbank Art Gallery, IZMIR.*

## **SOME OF THE PUBLICATIONS, REFERENCES, BIOGRAPHIES**

2005

- *The Oxford Companion to the Photograph. Edited by Robin Lenman, 2005, Oxford University Press.*
- *"23rd Universiade 2005, İzmir", catalogue for exhibitions..*

2004

- *"Nude in Turkish Photography" Edited by Alberto Modiano, Bileşim Yayıncılık.*

2002

- *"Nude in Turkish Photography" CD-ROM Edition. Edited by Alberto Modiano, NummuS Medya.*

2000

- *"Nihilism or Identity" Exhibition Catalogue by British Council Art Gallery.*

1999

- *Photography in Turkey; by Engin Özendes, Tarih Vakfı Yayınları; İstanbul, 1999.*

1997

- *"The Catalogue of The Fotonoviembre Int. Biennial" by Centro de Fotografía of Tenerife.*
- *"Encyclopedie internationale des photographes des debuts a nos jours = Photographers Encyclopedia by Auer, Michele. CD-ROM Version. Neuchatel, Switzerland.*

1996

- *"Foto" Magazine by Revista Foto S. L. , Madrid, Spain.*
- *"Zoom International" Magazine by Progreso Fotografico Editrice, Italy.*

1995

- *"The Catalogue of The Fotonoviembre Int. Biennial" by Centro de Fotografía of Tenerife.*
- *"The Poetic Introduction of Representation of the Hidden Photograph. "Poems by Tahir Ün, Kuban Printhouse*
- *"The Index Magazine" by Turkish Public., CC.*
- *Houston Art Festival, Turkish Plastic Art Exhibitions Catalogue, Ministry of Culture.*

1994

- *"Encyclopedia of The Turkish Plastic Artists" Edited by Kaya Özsezgin, Y.K.B. Publication, Istanbul.*
- *"Contemporary Photography from Turkey" by the catalogue of the Collage of Santa Fe.*

1992

- *"Turkey'92" The Catalogue by Shell Company.*

1990

- *"Imagined Views/Moments of Revulsion" Photographs by Tahir Ün, (self-publishing).*

1989

- *"Turkish Photography, Today" by Y. K. B. Publication.*

1983

- *"Foto Kino Magazine tillæg International Photography" by Konkordia Kvissel, Denmark*

## **COLLECTIONS**

- *Rhizome Art-base*
- *State Museum at Majdanek, Lublin.*
- *Centro de Fotografia, Isla de Tenerife.*
- *Michele & Auer, Brussels / Paris.*
- *Ransom Center Photography of Texas University, Austin.*
- *The Polaroid Collection of U.S.A.*
- *The Ministry of Culture of Republic of Turkey..*
- *The Ministry of Culture of East Germany (old).*