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Floating Islands

“Floating Islands,” Istanbul Modern’s 9th collection exhibition, besides the permanent exhibition gallery, encompasses other spaces throughout the building.

The exhibition presents a chronological selection from the museum collection that traces the development and transformation of art scene in Türkiye after 1945. Touching on different subjects and approaches, from figurative paintings to installations and videos, the selection reveals interactions between artists. While shedding light on the popular tendencies of the time, each work also informs viewers about the specific style of the artist.

“Floating Islands” pays homage to artists’ extraordinary imagination and spheres of influence. It indicates their attachment to a specific place while also emphasizing the impact of their thought and production beyond borders and geographies.

Curators: Levent Çalıkoğlu, Deniz Pehlivaner

Artists: Kuzgun Acar, Murat Akagündüz, Erol Akyavaş, Hüseyin Bahri Alptekin, Halil Altındere, Refik Anadol, Avni Arbaş, Yüksel Arslan, Tomur Atagök, Kutluğ Ataman, Fikret Atay, Bedri Baykam, Aliye Berger, Nurullah Berk, Sabri Berkel, Semiha Berksoy, Albert Bitran, Cihat Burak, Anthony Cragg, Hüseyin Çağlayan, Adnan Çoker, Richard Deacon, Nejad Melih Devrim, Burhan Doğançay, İpek Duben, Nezaket Ekici, Abidin Elderoğlu, Olafur Eliasson, Devrim Erbil, Neş'e Erdok, İnci Eviner, Bedri Rahmi Eyüboğlu, Ara Güler, Mehmet Güler, Neşet Günel, Nedim Günsür, Selma Gürbüz, Altan Gürman, Balkan Naci İslimyeli, Ferit İşcan, Nuri İyem, Zeki Faik İzer, İhsan Cemal Karaburçak, Gülsün Karamustafa, Şahin Kaygun, Zeynep Kayan, Ali Kazma, Nur Koçak, Komet, Azade Köker, Yıldız Moran, Aydan Murtezaoğlu, Julian Opie, Mübin Orhon, Kemal Önsoy, İrfan Önürmen, Ferhat Özgür, Serkan Özkaya, Şener Özmen - Erkan Özgen, Ardan Özmenoğlu, Orhan Peker, Anselm Reyle, Adrián Villar Rojas, Sarkis, Jennifer Steinkamp, Hale Tenger, Canan Tolon, Seyhun Topuz, TUNCA, Selim Turan, F.Tülin, Ömer Uluç, Burhan Uygur, Richard Wentworth, Nil Yalter, Fahrelnissa Zeid, Yılmaz Zenger

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Nejad Melih Devrim

Untitled

1978-1986

Gouache on paper

33 x 25 cm

Dr. Nejat F. Eczacıbaşı Foundation Collection

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(detail)



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