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Signs Taken in Wonder Searching for Contemporary Art about Istanbul

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With the exhibition “Signs, Taken in Wonder – Searching for Contemporary Art about Istanbul”, the Kunstverein Hannover presents a snapshot of contemporary art production within the context of Turkey and Istanbul. The 23 participating artists have international backgrounds and come from three different generations, all living in Istanbul or having grown up in Turkey. Artwork in several formats – including photography, film, installation and paintings – outlines various aspects of culture, history and everyday life in a multifaceted metropolis and in a country with European and oriental influences.

Narration as a theme of contemporary art is a defining aspect of the exhibition. The curatorial aproach is inspired by literature which breaches the topic of the emergence of collective percep-tions of foreign languages and cultures. Works of important authors such as Mario Levi, Orhan Pamuk, Franco Moretti or Homi K. Bhabha have had a particularly large influence on the general perception of Istanbul and “world images” which go hand in hand with this.

“Signs Taken in Wonder – Seraching for Contemporary Art about Istanbul” is an exhibition from MAK, Vien which is adapted by the Kunstverein Hannover, taking place within the German-Turkish Days of Culture “In the Light of Moon and Star”, Hannover.

Participating Artists
Hamra Abbas / Murat Akagündüz / Eylem Aladoğan / Meriç Algün
Ringborg / Hüseyin Bahri Alptekin / Halil Altindere / CANAN / Cengiz
Çekil / Banu Cennetoğlu / Lukas Duwenhögger / Cevdet Erek / Erdem
Ergaz / Murat Gök / Sibel Horada / Aki Nagasaka / Olaf Nicolai /
Marcel Odenbach / Füsun Onur / Ahmet Ögüt / Mario Rizzi / Nasra
Şimmes / Erdem Taşdelen / Cengiz Tekin

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Zeichen, gefangen im Wunder
Auf der Suche nach Istanbul heute
in der zeitgenössischen Kunst

30 Euro