SAFA BARAN ÖCAL

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Safa Baran Öcal (b. 1994, Diyarbakır) is a visual artist based in Ankara. Working with photography, video and installation, he develops a self-documentary practice that starts from questions about existence, the self and change, and has taken his work into public space.

He studied Photography at the Faculty of Fine Arts, Marmara University, Istanbul, and holds an MA in Communication, Art and Culture from the University of Minho, Portugal. His work has been shown in solo exhibitions in Istanbul and Amasya and in group exhibitions in Istanbul and Ankara.

EDUCATION

MA, Communication, Art and Culture · University of Minho, Braga, Portugal

BA, Photography · Faculty of Fine Arts, Marmara University, Istanbul

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 **entropi** · Public installation, Halıcıoğlu, Istanbul

2016 **Öteki Amasya** · Amasya

GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

2026 **Species, Traces and Relationships: Biodiversity Photography Exhibition** · Biodiversity Research Association, Ankara

2023 **An Exhibition on Possibilities** · TMMOB Chamber of City Planners, Ankara

2021 **Making Peace with the City** · ALİKEV, Istanbul

2021 **BASE Istanbul**

2021 **BAZAART 2021 Art Project** · Istanbul

2020 **İZOLE Project** · Istanbul

2018 **ARTİST'18, 28th TÜYAP Istanbul Art Fair** · Istanbul

SCREENINGS

2022 **A New World is Born, independent documentary, dir. Serhat Yüksekbağ** · Assistant director of photography · 41st Istanbul Film Festival

SYMPOSIA

2026 **1st International Amasya Culture and Arts Symposium** · Amasya

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2017 **Recep Dönmez Photography Scholarship** · Istanbul

2011 **Basic Photography Education Scholarship** · Ankara Photography Art Institute (FSK)

2010 **9th Prize, 33rd FIAP Youth Biennial** · Abu Dhabi