

## **Diary of our Art from DenizKültür and Nebil Özgentürk**

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In the framework of its social responsibility besides its commercial responsibilities, **DenizBank** works towards adding brand new richness to the circles of culture and arts in our country. Carrying out activities of DenizBank in this respect, **DenizKültür** has undersigned a unique work of art together with the accomplished documentary film maker Nebil Özgentürk and has realized the project of "Diary of our Art". Introductory meeting of the "Diary of our Art" which includes a documentary of 600 minutes and a book of 250 pages with the voluntary performances of many well-known artists that has passed beyond just being a project gathering the names that marked an era in our close history in culture, arts and literature, was held at the Head Office building of DenizBank on December 28, 2012 on Friday. DenizBank CEO **Hakan Ateş** and accomplished documentary film maker **Nebil Özgentürk** participated to the meeting.

### **DenizBank supports culture and arts**

DenizBank CEO Hakan Ateş underlined the support they give as a bank for culture and arts in his speech at the meeting. Ateş stated "As DenizBank, which has put in effort in order to enrich the culture-arts life of our country since the day of establishment and has taken a step forward in this effort by the establishment of DenizKültür, we are very proud and honored to take place in such a meaningful and comprehensive project which is a permanent mark in history and which will ensure that future generations embrace the valuable heritage of the past. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has actualized this valuable work of art by working day and night with valuable accomplished Nebil Özgentürk and valuable artists who voluntarily contributed to this project with their artistic performance in the first place."

Accomplished documentary film maker Nebil Özgentürk said "After the Diary of Turkey project we carried out with DenizKültür, I always dreamed of making a full length documentary... Diary of our Arts was started to be prepared under this light... When I mentioned the project to

DenizBank CEO Hakan Ateş, he set his heart on the documentary project just as a producer. I can never forget his attention and enthusiasm... Or that Hakan Ateş, who is well-known for his personal sensitivity for arts, and his team saying "continue" to the project by supporting it in scope of "social responsibility"... DenizBank, as DenizKültür, set its heart on our Diary of our Arts by approaching the project as a long term cultural service beyond being a financier and just like a producer. I can never thank them enough for this "heart and service". Based on this enthusiasm, we have an art project of 600 minutes. Now, you will be embraced by many memories that happened throughout the era of the Republic, in the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Republic in 2013... It must be known that there are many more memories... As a poet once said, the most beautiful memory is the one that has not yet been told".

### **Everyone was mobilized for the Diary of our Art**

The life stories of artists who have placed great marks on our close history were dubbed by Cihan Ünal and Haluk Bilginer with their unique voices in the project of Dairy of our Art. Besides the documentary films whose music was composed by Can Atilla, 24 valuable artists ranging from Halil Ergün, Erkan Can, Beyazıt Öztürk, Meltem Cumbul, Demet Akbağ, Serra Yılmaz, Tark Akan, Nefise Karatay, Güven Kıraç, Mustafa Alabora, Ayşe Arman to Candan Erçetin undertook the roles of artists and literary persons of our close history. The photographs from these performances were enriched by the accomplished drawing of the famous caricaturist Kutlukhan Perker and stories of 85 interesting lives that had never come to light before.

24 short video films were recorded in order to be shown among the documentary recesses of Diary of our Art out of respect to big names that enrich culture, arts and literary lives in our country ranging from Abdülhak Hamit Tarhan, Aşık Veysel, Cahide Sonku, Müjdat Gezen, Neyzen Tevik, Orhan Pamuk, Münir Nurettin to Halit Refiğ; some being sad and some making us smile. This work of art which includes interesting memories of painting, music, literature, cinema and plastic arts that happened between years of 1920-2007 is planned to be aired on Turkish television in coming weeks.

**About DenizBank**

*DenizBank was established in 1938 as a state economic enterprise aimed at funding of the developing Turkish maritime sector. In early 1997, DenizBank was acquired by the Zorlu Holding in the form of banking license from the Privatization Administration and in October 2006, a leading European financial group, Dexia incorporated it to its structure. For 6 years, DenizBank operated in Dexia's main shareholding and since 28 September 2012, continues providing services under the umbrella of Russia's largest and well-rooted bank, Sberbank. DenizBank has become one of the remarkable banks of Turkey in a short period of time. DenizBank Financial Services Group was established in 2003 in order to create a "financial supermarket" accumulating various financial services under one roof. There are totally 614 branches within DenizBank Financial Services Group operating in 81 provinces of Turkey and abroad employing 11.382 people. DenizBank Financial Services Group consists of DenizBank, six domestic and three international financial subsidiaries, four domestic non-financial subsidiaries and a branch in Bahrain. Deniz Investment Securities, Express Investment Securities, DenizInvestment Trust, DenizPortfolio Management, DenizLeasing, DenizFactoring, Intertech, Deniz Kültür, Bantaş and Pupa are the group's domestic subsidiaries while Eurodeniz, DenizBank AG and DenizBank Moscow are its international subsidiaries.*

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