

## ***DenizBank Becomes IKSv's Accessible Art Partner***

# **STRONG COOPERATION OF IKSv AND DENIZBANK FOR ACCESSIBLE ART**

**Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV)** aims to meet every segment of society with culture and art with its various events in the fields of film, theater, music, and current art. With its work in culture policy, it also helps art become more egalitarian, accessible and inclusive. IKSv intends to decrease physical and social challenges in access to art and increase inclusivity and diversity. Continuing its work with this vision, IKSv's new cooperation with **DenizBank**, which focuses on sustainability in culture and art in Türkiye and accessibility for everyone, comes into effect. So, Denizbank has become **IKSV's Accessible Art Partner**.

With the support of **IKSV's Accessible Art Partner DenizBank**, individuals with physical or neurodevelopmental differences will take part in the teams as audience or will appear on the stage so that they can participate in IKSv events more frequently and effectively. First steps in the scope of **Accessible Art Partnerships** will be taken in the **18<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Biennial** and **29<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Theatre Festival**.

**"In cooperation with DenizBank, we are going to bring an important initiative to IKSv events that will be effective for many years to come."** **Görgün Taner, IKSv General Manager**

Görgün Taner, IKSv General Manager, considered this cooperation a significant beginning for the permanent and transforming steps that would enable way more people to participate in art in IKSv's works. He said, "As IKSv, we have been working to develop culture and art in Türkiye for more than 50 years, offering qualified productions in different disciplines to our audience, and conducting support programs for our artists to develop and produce. Our top priority is to provide access for a wider audience to qualified culture and art productions through our annual events. We sincerely believe that culture and art should be accessible for everyone, and we consider it our duty to prevent physical or social obstacles from being barriers ahead of individuals' participation in art. We would like to take this topic among our priorities and develop more projects actively. This cooperation with DenizBank, which shares the same vision with us, affects our current works positively and also reflects our dream of a more inclusive future for art life. I present my sincere thanks to DenizBank, which places great emphasis on the development of culture and work life while focusing on social benefit and makes this new initiative in the IKSv events possible."

**"We do care about the sustainability and accessibility of culture and art."** **Recep Baştuğ, CEO of DenizBank**

Recep Baştuğ, CEO of DenizBank, shared his opinions and said, "As DenizBank, we consider banking as the expansion of sources by using them effectively and the increase of financial inclusivity. Also, as required by our responsibility of providing benefit for people and society, we continue to support the fields that will contribute to development. The fact that culture and art productions in Türkiye increase and they become accessible to everyone is the projection of our approach. In the scope of the Accessible Art Partnership with IKSv, which has been significantly contributing to culture and art life in our country for more than fifty years, we are more than happy to provide support for individuals with physical or neurodevelopmental differences to take part in production or performance stages of art or as an audience more actively and equally. We aim to expand this cooperation starting with 18th Istanbul Biennial and 29th Istanbul Theatre Festival to other art disciplines and provide our contributions to make the culture and art environment in our country more inclusive."

## **In cooperation with Denizbank, IKSİ will continue its work for increasing access to art**

In the framework of this new cooperation for increasing inclusivity and accessibility, under the consultancy of various non-governmental organizations, numerous culture and art events will be held with the participation of challenged individuals.

At all possible IKSİ events where appropriate conditions are provided, challenged individuals with physical or neurodevelopmental differences will be employed for a definite duration in line with their skills, and opportunities will be created to become part of culture and art life together.

In the scope of the project, it is also planned to arrange accessible tours for those with different disabilities in the Istanbul Biennial.

**DenizBank's Accessible Art Partnership** will be expanded with an aim to increase inclusivity and diversity in art production and participation through projects to be carried out in different art disciplines.

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