

Devrim Erbil and Akın Ekici's "Inverted Images- Take a Closer Look at Art!" Exhibition Opens at Gallery Deniz

The exhibition "Inverted Images - Take a Closer Look at Art!" featuring works by state artist and painter Devrim Erbil and painter Akın Ekici created using different techniques, has opened to the public at Gallery Deniz, DenizBank's culture and art space.

Curated by **Prof. Dr. Uğur Batı**, the exhibition brings together works produced using different materials and techniques such as painting, ceramics, silk, and Plexiglas. This special selection that explores the concepts of reality and image through contrasts and transformations can be visited at Gallery Deniz until **May 17, 2026**.

In his opening speech, **DenizBank CEO Recep Baştuğ** said, "As DenizBank, we see art as a criterion of civilization and progress; and value contributing to its reaching a wider audience. We are very happy to bring together Devrim Erbil, a leading figure in Turkish painting, a state artist and academic, and Akın Ekici, another important artist in our country who also successfully serves as our Bank's Chief Legal Advisor, under the roof of Gallery Deniz."

State artist and academic Devrim Erbil stated the following in his opening speech, "It is a great pleasure to bring together our works in this exhibition, which we have been planning with Akın Ekici for a long time. Our exhibition includes many works that have never been exhibited anywhere before and are being presented to the audience for the first time. I believe that art education should begin at the earliest possible age. Raising generations who have more contact with painting, music, and literature, and who possess a strong aesthetic and cultural background is of great importance for the development of society. I also find DenizBank's efforts to make different disciplines of art widespread in Turkey extremely valuable."

DenizBank Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Counsel Akın Ekici, stated, "DenizBank has been an institution that has embraced different disciplines of culture and art for many years, supporting production in this field and hosting many artists within Gallery Deniz. This exhibition has a special meaning for me. Devrim Erbil is not only one of the most important artists in Turkey and the world; he is also a name that has shaped my perspective in my artistic journey, deepening my way of thinking and producing, especially in the field of abstraction. It is a great pleasure for me to meet art lovers under the same roof as him."