DenizBank 7th IAAF Istanbul Art Fair is getting ready to welcome art lovers

DenizBank 7th IAAF Istanbul Art Fair will bring together 55 galleries, 1,200 artists, and 4,350 works of art at the Lütfi Kırdar Congress Center from December 2 to 6, 2026.

The fair will offer visitors a multifaceted art experience through works from various disciplines, as well as opportunities for young artists, workshops, and hands-on activities.

DenizBank 7th IAAF Istanbul Art Fair will bring together artists, galleries, and collectors from Türkiye, the Middle East, Europe, and Russia. The event, which is expected to welcome 40,000 visitors this year, will feature contemporary artworks from various disciplines, particularly painting and sculpture, as well as works by established artists. In addition to the exhibitions, the event will include booths showcasing art supplies, workshops, and hands-on activities.

Free exhibition opportunities for 100 young artists

As part of the fair, the "Artists of the Future" project will be held for the second time this year to support young talents in establishing themselves in the art world. The 100 young artists selected by the jury will have the opportunity to exhibit their works free of charge and connect with galleries, collectors, and art lovers.

"We believe art should be accessible to everyone"

DenizBank Legal Group EVP, Akın Ekici, who is also a painter, stated the following in his assessment of the matter: "As DenizBank, we place great importance on making art accessible to all segments of society. We believe that ensuring artistic productions and interactions in this field are not limited to certain circles but reach broader audiences enriches society's cultural heritage. The 7th IAAF Istanbul Art Fair, with its structure that brings together artists and art lovers from different generations, aligns with this approach of ours. In particular, we view the opportunity provided to 100 young talents to exhibit their works as part of the Artists of the Future project as a valuable investment in our country's future. As DenizBank, we will continue to support initiatives that expand access to art, strengthen participation in cultural life, and contribute to the future of art."

"We want art to find a place in the lives of more people"

Sebahattin Aslan, the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Demos Fuarcılık emphasized the importance of a commitment to the development of artists, galleries, and culture and the arts for the sustainability of art events. Mr. Aslan described their approach to art events and their initiatives for young artists as follows:

"Sustaining art events over the years is made possible by our commitment to artists, galleries, and the development of culture and the arts. For us, every event means creating an environment where artists can share their work with a wider audience, where new pieces of art can be recognized, and where different generations can come together. Offering 100 young artists the opportunity to exhibit their works free of charge through the Artists of the Future project is also part of this approach. We view standing by art and artists as a long-term responsibility. DenizBank, which has been our main sponsor since last year, places great value on culture and the arts, and its contribution to our fair is very meaningful to us. We are pleased that this support for making art accessible to a wider audience continues. I would like to thank DenizBank, our artists, our galleries, and everyone else who contributed. In addition to Istanbul and Izmir, we will continue our efforts to bring art to more people in different cities through the events we organize in Bodrum as well. In 2027, we will take a significant step in our international art journey by connecting with the global art community at IAAF Abu Dhabi 2027, which will be held in Abu Dhabi between April 1 and 4. We believe this event will help Turkish art and artists reach a wider international audience."

DenizBank 7th IAAF Istanbul Art Fair will hold a VIP preview on December 2, followed by the fair's opening to the general public between December 3 and 6, 2026. Art lovers will be able to purchase fair tickets with a 50 percent discount using their DenizBank credit cards.