



Paintings since 2019

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Thirty-five paintings made since 2019 across Istanbul, Milan and Luxembourg. Acrylic on canvas, carton and paper, with one charcoal drawing. The decisions are taken in wet paint, on the spot, and layer goes over layer like a palimpsest: colour clusters of movement, energy, aura and feeling rather than of light and shadow.

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BIOGRAPHY

Yiğit Özen was born in 1994 in Istanbul and trained as an architect.

The paintings date from 2018 onward and were made across Istanbul, Milan and Luxembourg.

Alongside the paintings, Özen works as an XR and spatial web designer, and is the founder of decentralize design in Milan and Virtually Ever After in Luxembourg. That practice has been shown at Kunsthalle Zürich, the Royal Institution in London, Holy Art Gallery London and Art Basel Miami.



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ON THE WORK

The figures in these paintings are assembled rather than drawn whole. A body accumulates out of clusters of rounded cells and bubbles that lean against one another, and it may close or stay open: which way it goes belongs to where that figure stands in the scene and to what it is thinking there. Bodies and faces are the medium the work is made in, and the question they carry is an existential one. What lies behind them is not a backdrop but a place, and those places work as dimensions.

The decisions are taken in wet paint, on the spot. Layer goes over layer like a palimpsest, and they are not layers of light and shadow: they are colour clusters of movement, energy, aura and feeling. Large areas of ground are left bare, and they carry as much weight as the painted part.

Familiar compositional formats are kept while the agreement that made them legible is withdrawn: an object is held out, a sign is displayed, and what either stands for is never supplied. Titles act as a second body in the scene, bending the image instead of describing it. Power appears as a distribution of weight, one figure left underneath the stack. At the edges a small onlooker sits with its eyes closed and its mouth sewn shut, so the witness is cancelled before anything can be reported. Scale works as a verdict, one face given as a person and the rest reduced to signs, sometimes a face replaced by a number.



Cat. 01

7 fam board game

YEAR	2026
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	100 × 80 cm
LOCATION	Luxembourg



Cat. 02

Virgil on Virtual Cage (final_final-finalV9)

YEAR 2026

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 80 × 100 cm

LOCATION Luxembourg



Cat. 03

gary grills cooper

YEAR	2026
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MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
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DIMENSIONS	55 × 75 cm
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LOCATION	Luxembourg
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Cat. 04

walls of perception

YEAR	2026
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	50 × 70 cm
LOCATION	Luxembourg



Cat. 05

articulo attack on mandarin

YEAR 2026

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 80 × 80 cm

LOCATION Luxembourg



Cat. 06

s(t)lop

YEAR 2026

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 55 × 75 cm

LOCATION Luxembourg



Cat. 07

penguin is not a friend, only a sinner

YEAR	2023
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	120 × 120 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 08

ciao capo, sono squalo

YEAR	2020
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MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
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DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
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LOCATION	Milan
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Cat. 09

cellular spleens

YEAR	2020
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	100 × 120 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 10

cute but unemployed cartoon figure

YEAR	2020
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 11

the family dinner after a night in jail

YEAR 2020

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 65 × 90 cm

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 12

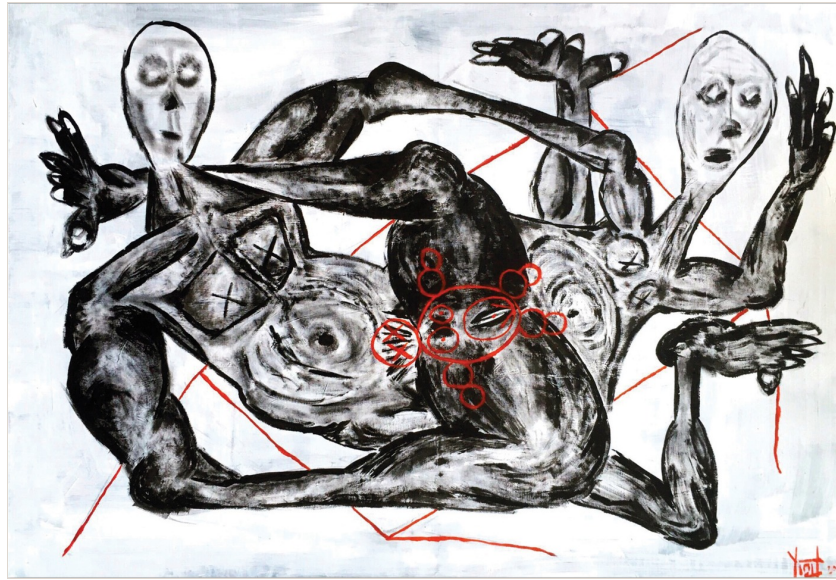
caprocorn sister: war, plague, earthquake

YEAR 2020

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 65 × 90 cm

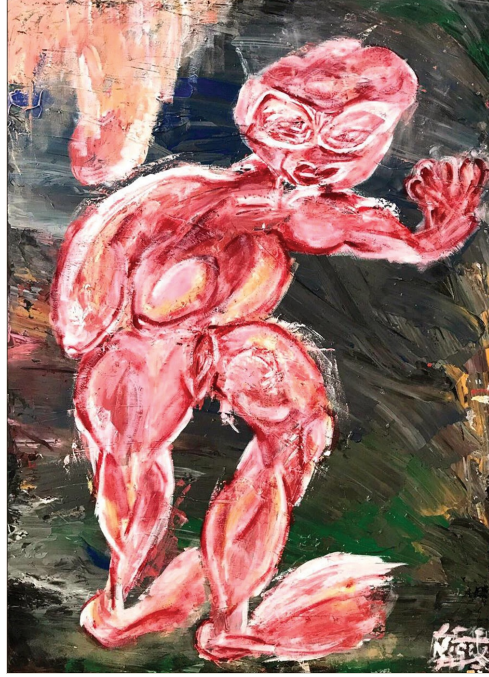
LOCATION Milan



Cat. 13

baby rights 101

YEAR	2020
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	80 × 100 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 14

When the Darkness surrounds, be among those who burn the Great Fire

YEAR	2020
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 15

viperella

YEAR	2020
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	50 × 70 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 16

bacchus 2

YEAR	2020
MEDIUM	Acrylic on paper
DIMENSIONS	42 × 59.4 cm (A2)
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 17

The On-Top Ruler

YEAR	2020
MEDIUM	Acrylic on thick paper
DIMENSIONS	29.7 × 42 cm (A3)
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 18

sin over black matter

YEAR	2019
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 19

the assassination of the crow

YEAR	2019
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 20

despite transgression

YEAR	2019
MEDIUM	Acrylic on gray carton
DIMENSIONS	100 × 160 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 21

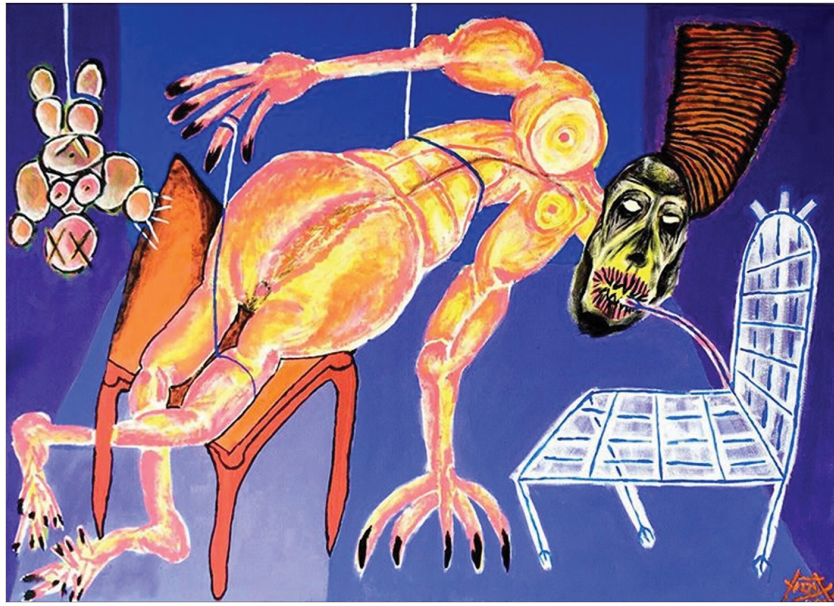
duality of the angelic summarization

YEAR	2019
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MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
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DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
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LOCATION	Milan
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Cat. 22

victim psycho-logique II : the peachy pharaoh connects with the chair

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 65 × 90 cm

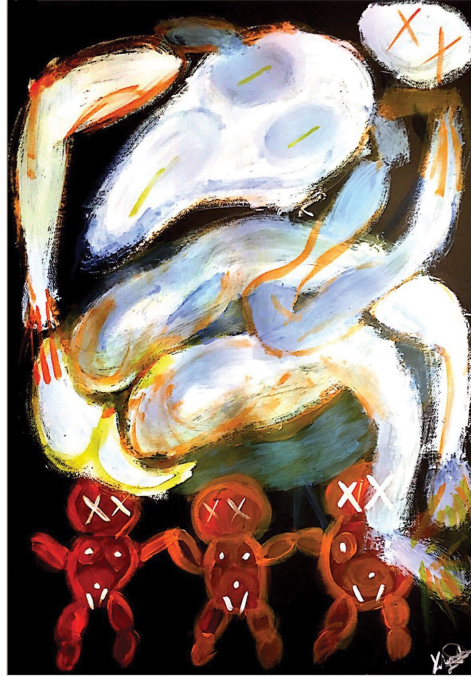
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Cat. 23

guarding holy mountains from malice

YEAR	2019
MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 24

good people helping bad ones (that's why they're bad too)

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on black paper

DIMENSIONS 70 × 100 cm

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 25

amor cathedra

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on black paper

DIMENSIONS 70 × 100 cm

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 26

burningman fast

YEAR	2019
MEDIUM	Acrylic on black paper
DIMENSIONS	70 × 100 cm
LOCATION	Milan



Cat. 27

il sbagliato di rompipalle

YEAR	2019
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MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
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DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
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LOCATION	Milan
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Cat. 28

morbid forebodings triggered by childish landscape

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on grey carton

DIMENSIONS 73 × 80 cm

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 29

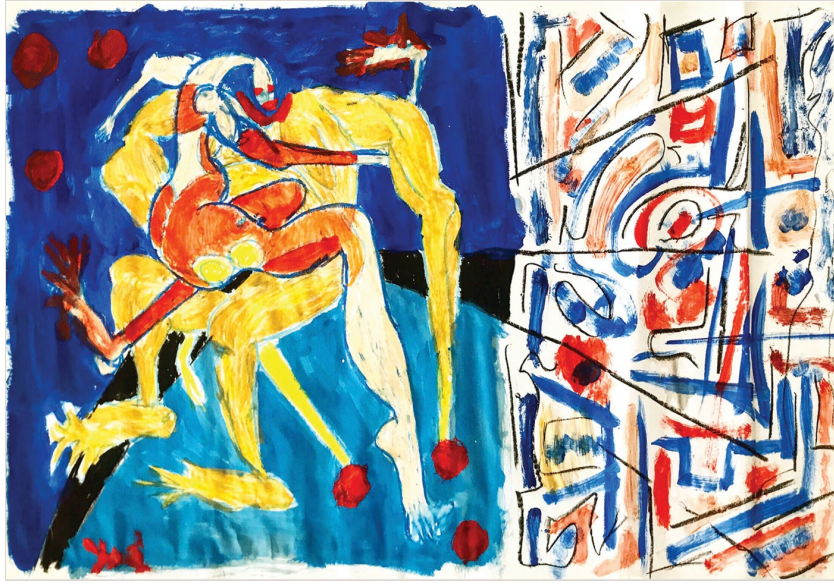
wings of abyss

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 65 × 90 cm

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 30

see u in the other side

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on paper

DIMENSIONS 42 × 59.4 cm (A2)

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 31

society screwing balance

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on paper

DIMENSIONS 42 × 59.4 cm (A2)

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 32

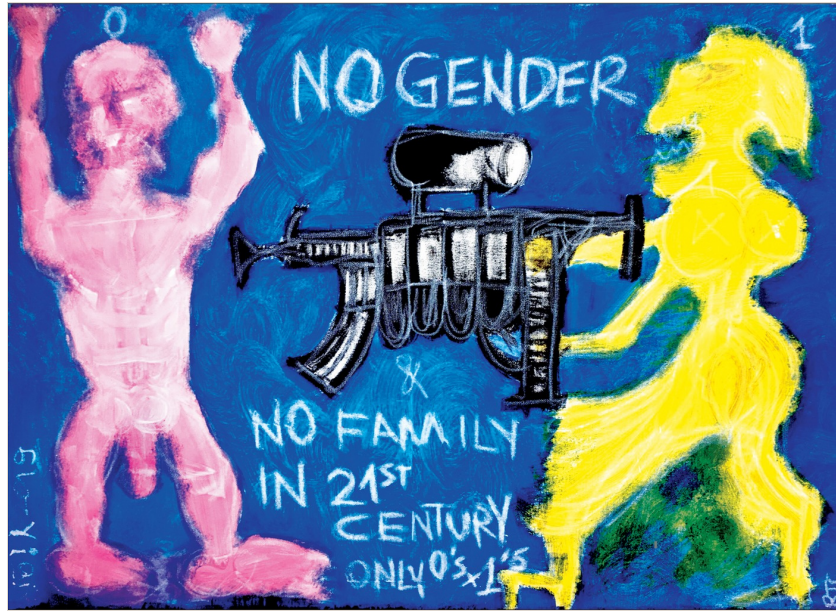
How to materialize your loneliness by using an animal in somewhere concrete or technologic

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 65 × 90 cm

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 33

Century of 0 & 1 / Transhumanism

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Acrylic on canvas

DIMENSIONS 65 × 90 cm

LOCATION Milan



Cat. 34

remixed execution of lucid drowning

YEAR	2019
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MEDIUM	Acrylic on canvas
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DIMENSIONS	65 × 90 cm
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LOCATION	Milan
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Cat. 35

two woman figures sitting at the back of the canvas

YEAR 2019

MEDIUM Charcoal on the reverse of a canvas

DIMENSIONS 65 × 90 cm

LOCATION Milan



COLOPHON

Paintings since 2019. All works by Yiğit Özen, born 1994 in Istanbul.

Works are listed in chronological order. Dimensions are given as width by height.
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