

AYBIKE IPEKCI

FREELANCE DANCE ARTIST / PERFORMER /
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ARTIST STATEMENT

My artistic journey is rooted in emotional landscapes shaped by experiences of survival, resilience, and inner transformation. I work with embodied memory through movement and choreography, using dance as a language to express emotional depth, collective memory, and personal resistance. For me, movement is a form of emotional inquiry—an exploration of the human psyche and identity. My work reflects the fragile yet resilient nature of existence and invites others into a space of reflection, connection, and healing. I see art as both mirror and bridge—revealing our shared human experience.

AWARDS

- 2021 : 2nd Place, 22nd Golden Bridge Contemporary Dance Competition (Solo)
- 2020 : 1st Place, Korea International Contemporary Dance Competition (Choreography)
- 2019 : 1st Place, 20th Golden Bridge Contemporary Dance Competition (Solo)

EDUCATION

- MIMAR SINAN FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY**
Contemporary Dance Department
(Honor Degree), 2015–2020
- ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DI DANZA**
Erasmus+, Fall 2019
- RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS**
2003–2013
- METU / ODTÜ COLLEGE**
2001–2013

WORKING EXPERIENCE

SELECTED PERFORMANCES & COLLABORATIONS

- 2024: *Heartbeat* (solo), OPEN STUDIO: STAGE, Sasha Waltz & Guests, Radial System, Berlin
- 2024: *Sugar Army Collective*, Symposia Festival, Berlin
- 2024: *No Man Is An Island* exhibition, Concept & Photographer: Emre Ünal
- 2023: *XENA* by Skrillex ft. Nai Barghouti, Dir. Amara Abbas, Prod. Iconoclast.tv & Panda Films, Choreo. Damien Jalet
- 2023: *Heartbeat*, Nike X Own the Floor, Movement Dir. Ekin Bernay
- 2023–2024: Concert Performances with *Büyük Ev Ablukada*
- 2023: *Urban Care Commercial Movie*, Movement Dir. Ekin Bernay, Dir. Thor
- 2023: *Medusa's Scream*, Movement Dir. Ekin Bernay, Project Dir. Başak Cankeş (BASHAQUES), Basilica Cistern
- 2023: *RESET*, Movement Dir. Ekin Bernay, Nike X Hope Alkazar
- 2023: *Dance with Different Bodies*, Choreo. Tuğçe U. Tuna, Unlimited Forum, British Council
- 2022–2023: *24th* & 25th Yapı Kredi Afife Theatre Awards Opening Performances, Movement Dir. Ekin Bernay
- 2022: *UNIFORM*, In Hoodies Music Video, Choreo. Aybike İpekçi, İlayda İpekçi, Dir. Ece Latifoğlu
- 2022: *Dar Geçit*, Choreo. Ebru Cansız, 26th Istanbul Theatre Festival
- 2021: *REVERT*, Choreo. Tuğçe U. Tuna, Beykoz Kundura
- 2018: *45's*, Choreo. Tuğçe U. Tuna, ICFA 22nd Istanbul Theatre Festival
- 2018: *Pursuit of Trace*, Choreo. Tuğçe U. Tuna, Pera Museum, Istanbul
- 2017: *Body Drops*, Choreo. Tuğçe U. Tuna, 15th Istanbul Biennial

CHOREOGRAPHIC WORKS

- **2021** *Icarus Falling* – Solo
- **2020** *Folie à Deux* – Video
Art, with İlayda İpekçi
- **2019** *Lament* – Solo
- **2019** *Re-Cordis* – Duet with
Ekin Ancel

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **2024:** Motion*s Tanzstudio, Berlin
(Contemporary Dance & Improvisation)
- **2024:** Orbit Studio, Berlin (Flexibility Classes)
- **2023:** MSFAU Movement Research Club
- **2020–2022:** Exanimo, Istanbul
(Contemporary Dance, Stretching)
- **2021:** Contemporary Dance classes,
Dansorium, Istanbul

TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

- **Contemporary Dance Technique (Floor work, Release, Cunningham, Counter, Feldenkrais) :**
Tuğçe Ulugün Tuna, Melih Kırac, Aslı Bostancı, Aslı Öztürk, Canan Yücel Pekikten, Hilal Sibel Pekel, Alper Marangoz, Evrim Akyay, Beril Şenöz, Stefania Brugnolini, Ricky Bonavita, Terry Jeanette Weikel, Athanasia Kanellopoulou, Bára Sigfúsdóttir, Jacob Storer, Gibney Dance Company, James Vu Anh Pham, Anouk Van Dijk, Verena Pircher
- **Ballet:** Ahu Kınöğlü, Ebru Cansız, Valeria Diana, Umut Özdaloğlu

- **Repertory:** Greg Lau, Oded Graf, Yossi Berg, Eldad Ben Sasson, Navala Chaudhari, Georgios Katsafakis (Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui), Ralza Malehounova (Marco Goecke), Sarah Reynolds (Jiri Kylian), Anton Valdbauer (Mats Ek), Joy Alpuerto Ritter (Akram Khan), Maria Kolegova (Ultima Vez), Jiri Pokorny (Crystal Pite)
- **Improvisation, Movement Research & Gaga:** Eldad Ben Sasson, Valentiina Lutseenko, Oded Graf, Yossi Berg, Elisabeth Sjostrom, Bahar Vidinlioğlu, Leyla Postalcioğlu, Ingo Reulecke, Ian Robinson, Shahr Binyamini, Nitzan Ressler, Mirjam Karvat

