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Biography :

Murat Sayginer is a self-taught artist who works in the fields of photography and digital art, and is also known as a filmmaker and composer.

Born in Prague in 1989, Murat Sayginer got involved with photography and digital art in 2007 and won several international awards. In 2008 his works were selected for "IPA Best of Show" exhibition in New York. In 2010 he was awarded Emerging Talent of the Year in "The Photography Gala Awards".

He has written, directed and produced several animated short films since 2013 which were screened in over 200 film festivals including Academy Award Qualifying Festivals such as "Animest" and "AIFVF". 6 of his films were also Staff Picked on Vimeo. In 2019 he assembled 10 of his short films under the title of "The Flying Fish" which had various reviews by film critics.

Besides his career in visual arts, Sayginer also composes music.

He is currently living and working as a freelancer in Ankara.

Awards :

2018 Mexico International Film Festival, Mexico

Winner of the Golden Palm award in Animation Competition

2017 Open World Animation Festival, USA

Winner of the award for Best Experimental Film

2017 ATF Animated Film Festival, Iran

Appreciated Film in Experimental and Newmedia Section

2016 5th Hak-İş International Short Film Festival, Turkey

Winner of the award for Best Original Score

2015 Davis International Film Festival, USA

Winner of the award for Best Animation

2011 PreFoto International Photography Competition, Serbia

Winner of the 1st prize

2011 Fokus International Competition of Artistic Photography,

Albania

Winner of the 3rd prize

2010 WPGA, Pollux Awards, UK

Emerging Talent of the Year

2010 PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris, France

1st prize - Portraiture - Personality

2010 Trierenberg Super Circuit, Austria

Goldmedal - Special Themes - The Magic of Colours

2009 International Photography Awards, Lucie Foundation, USA

3rd prize - Editorial - Personality ; 3rd prize - Fine Art - Collage

2009 PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris, France

1st prize - Advertising - Music ; 3rd prize - Fine Art - Digitally Enhanced

2009 Trierenberg Super Circuit, Austria

Goldmedal - Special Themes - Painted With Light

2008 International Photography Awards, Lucie Foundation, USA

1st prize - Editorial - Personality ; 1st prize - Advertising - Music ; 3rd prize - Advertising - Other ; 3rd prize - Special - Digitally Enhanced

Group Exhibitions :

2018 - "FILE 2018 - Electronic Language International Festival" - Fiesp Cultural Center, São Paulo, Brazil

2017 - "Celebration of the Arts - Art in Motion" - Fort Worth, Texas, United States

2015 - "Colors of Life - Young Men with Big Dreams" - Capital One Corporate Gallery, Richmond, VA, United States

2014 - "Exposition Focus" - Gallery of Art, Fier, Albania

2014 - "Colors of Life - Young Men with Big Dreams" - Pepco Edison Gallery, Washington DC, United States

2012 - '6th Arte Laguna Prize Finalist Artists Exhibition' - Romanian Cultural Institute, Venice, Italy

2012 - 'Worldwide Photography Biennial Exhibition' - The Palais de Glace, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2011 - 'PreFoto' - Cultural Center "Abdullah Krashnica", Preševo, Serbia

2011 - 'Exposition Focus' - Gallery of Art, Fier, Albania

2011 - 'Colors of Life : A Dream in Color' - Art Works, The Jane Sandelin

Gallery, Richmond, VA, United States

2011 - 'Colors of Life : A Dream in Color' - Capital One Corporate Gallery, Richmond, VA, United States

2010 - 'Colors of Life : A Dream in Color' - Embassy of Guatemala, Washington DC, United States

2008 - 'IPA Best of Show' - Splashlight Studios, SOHO Gallery, New York, United States

Selected Festivals :

16th Akbank Short Film Festival 2020, İstanbul, Turkey

Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival 2020, Hawick, United Kingdom

15th Athens ANIMFEST 2020, Athens, Greece

Athens Digital Arts Festival 2019, Athens, Greece

Festival Internazionale Segni Della Notte 2019, Urbino, Italy

7th Canlandırınlar Film Festival 2019, İstanbul, Turkey

15th Festival Transterritorial de Cine Underground 2019, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Animation Marathon 2019, Athens, Greece

Festival International Signes de Nuit 2019, Paris, France

Animest International Animation Film Festival 2019, Bucharest, Romania

International Microm Film Festival 2019, Athens, Greece

Tuzla Film Festival 2019, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

North Bellarine Film Festival 2019, Victoria, Australia

Unseen Festival 2019, Denver, CO, United States

Open World Animation Festival 2019, Allentown, PA, United States

Overmountain Animation Festival 2019, Johnson City, TN, United States

10th Kinolikbez 2019, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

31st Society for Animation Studies Conference 2019, Lisbon, Portugal

The Katalyst Film Event 2019, London, United Kingdom

International Fine Arts Students Congress 2019, İstanbul, Turkey

13th River Film Festival 2019, Padova, Italy

LTUE Film Festival 2019, Provo, United States

3rd Chaniartoon 2019, Chania, Greece

29th İstanbul International Short Film Festival 2018, İstanbul, Turkey

6th International Animators Festival 2018, Istanbul, Turkey
Lucid Dream Fantastic Film Festival 2018, Toscana, Italy
Melrose Film Festival 2018, Orlando, United States
Punto y Raya Festival 2018, Wroclaw, Poland
Tripoteca Psychedelic Film Festival 2018, Worldwide
ANNY Animation Nights 2018, New York, United States
Shenandoah Seasonal Film Series 2018, Strasburg, VA, United States
North Bellarine Film Festival 2018, Victoria, Australia
VIFF Vienna Independent Film Festival 2018, Vienna, Austria
Mexico International Film Festival 2018, Baja, Mexico
Der Phantastische Trashfilm 2018, Kassel, Germany
The Quarantine Film Festival 2018, Varna, Bulgaria
Philadelphia Independent Film Festival 2018, Philadelphia, United States
The Mosaic Film Festival 2018, Clarkston, United States
Athens International Film and Video Festival 2018, Athens, United States
Ecozine Film Festival 2018, Zaragoza, Spain
Boomtown Film and Music Festival 2018, Beaumont, United States
ANNY Animation Nights 2018, New York, United States
Athens Animfest 2017, Athens, Greece
Open World Animation Festival 2017, Allentown, United States
ATF Animated Film Festival 2017, Tehran, Iran
Chhatrapati Shivaji International Film Festival 2016, Pune, India
5th Hak-İş International Short Film Festival 2016, Ankara, Turkey
47th Kraf International Short Film Festival 2016, Rijeka, Croatia
17th International Izmir Short Film Festival 2016, Izmir, Turkey
Dracula Film Festival 2016, Brasov, Romania
Cut it Short Film Festival 2016, Istanbul, Turkey
Nightpiece Film Festival 2016, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Medway Visions Film Festival 2016, Kent, United Kingdom
Hackney Attic Film Festival 2016, London, United Kingdom
Cartoon Club 2016, Rimini, Italy
Karakoy Short Film Days 2016, Istanbul, Turkey
39th Elche International Independent Film Festival 2016, Elche, Spain

Cavo Fest 2016, Trani, Italy
Rabbitfest 2016, Perugia, Italy
Love Horror Short Film Festival 2016, California, United States
Heartearth Festival 2016, Berlin, Germany
Comicipalooza Film Festival 2016, Texas, United States
The Quarantine Film Festival 2016, Varna, Bulgaria
Backup Festival 2016, Weimar, Germany
Bloody Week-end Film Festival 2016, Franche-Comté, France
Transmission Video Art Festival 2016, Karlsruhe, Germany - Athens, Greece
AniFest 2016, Connecticut, United States
International Second Hand Film Festival 2016, Ankara, Turkey
Chippewa Valley Film Festival 2016, Wisconsin, United States
Ouarzazate International Film Festival 2016, Morocco, Africa
Drunken Zombie Film Festival 2016, Illinois, United States
Third Culture Film Festival 2016, Hong Kong, China
NukhuFest 2016, New York, United States
Chennai International Short Film Festival 2016, Chennai, India
Goldensun Short Film Festival 2015, Malta
Anilogue International Animation Festival 2015, Budapest, Hungary
I.N.S.A.N.E Animation Film Festival 2015, Malmo, Sweden
Davis International Film Festival 2015, California, United States
Visionaria Film Festival 2015, Siena, Italy
Multivision Festival 2015, St.Petersburg, Russia
Nottingham International Microfilm Festival 2015, Nottingham, England
Festival Film Front 2015, Novi Sad, Serbia
Vasteras Film Festival 2015, Vasteras, Sweden
FilmOneFest 2015, New Jersey, United States
Pause Festival 2015, Melbourne, Australia
Tripoteca Psychedelic Film Festival 2015, Worldwide
File Anima+ 2014, Sao Paulo, Brazil