

## :mentalKLINIK

With a collaborative practice that began in 1998, **:mentalKLINIK** is a Brussels-based artist duo from Istanbul composed of Yasemin Baydar and Birol Demir. Their work operates through paradox and dark humor, examining how contemporary life is shaped by hyper-capitalism, technological systems, and the hidden forces that influence perception and behavior.

Working across video, installation, sculpture, participatory performances, AI-generated figures, and image-based environments, :mentalKLINIK explore visual overload, automation, and hyper-connectivity. Since the inception of the duo, they have developed an evolving lexicon called **contempoetry\***, rooted in everyday language and clichés that reveal the *face cachée* of contemporary society.

Alongside this linguistic practice, the duo experiment with printing techniques, industrial processes, and architectural materials—including UV printing, polished metals, aluminum trusses, and ready-mades—to create immersive environments that blur image, object, and space, and prompt viewers to consider how to find an individual anchor within increasingly saturated and automated systems.

## EDUCATION

### YASEMIN BAYDAR

2002 Mimar Sinan University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Istanbul

### BIROL DEMIR

1990 MA, Mimar Sinan University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Istanbul 1986  
BA, Mimar Sinan University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Istanbul

## RESIDENCY

2018 Khalifa University of Science and Technology, Abu Dhabi

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Are you human enough*, Gallery Isabelle, Dubai, UAE
- 2025 *Awfully Marvelous*, Solo Performance, PİLEVNELİXMARKİZ, İstanbul, Turkey  
*Terribly Happy*, Artist of the Year at MedBodrum Festival, Bodrum, Turkey  
*Fiesta*, Group Show, Curated by Fabrice Bousteau Lille3000, Lille France  
*Glitter*, Solo Presentation of Puff Out, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg, Germany  
*Hypercloud On Sky*, Curated by Marie du Chastel, KIKK Festival, Belgium House at SXSW London  
*WOO\_OOO*, Curated by Aida Gabriels, SLOW (36h), Concertgebouw, Kammermuziekzaal, Brugges, Belgium
2024. *Generated Dreams*, Solo Show, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Madrid, Spain  
*Apple Of Discord*, Group Show, Louise Alexander, Porto Cevro, Italy  
*Ethereal Realms*, Scenography for Marie Delprat & Aida Gabriels, Bern/ Basel/ Rotterdam/ Brugge/ Glasgow  
*Kağit Üzerine / On Paper*, Group Show, Curated by Levent Çalikoğlu, İstanbul, Turkey  
*Y Si Madrid Fuera Mi Casa*, Group Show, Project by Joel Andrianomearisoa, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Madrid Spain

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- 2023 : *mentalKLINIK Stage, 'Violently Joyful'*, Mazarine Group, Paris, France  
*Spectres Of Future*, Espace Triphase, Curated by Zoé Van Den Boogaerde, Brussels, Belgium  
*Spectres Of Future*, Doel Festival, Curated By Zoé Van Den Boogaerde, Doel, Belgium  
*Paradise On Sale*, Solo Show At Dirimart, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Boulevard Jacquain*, Group Show, Curated by Olivia Ardui, Nadine, Brussels, Belgium
- 2022 : *mentalKLINIK Stage, 'Obnoxiously Happy, 47 Minutes'* At Eugster II Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia  
*Chroniques Biennale Of Digital Imagination 2022, After Party*, Curated by Mathieu Vabre, Panorama Friche La Belle De Mai, Marseille, France  
*Lovelessness*, Solo Show At Eugster li Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia  
*Shake Your Body*, Group Show, Curated By Jerome Sans, Lago Algo, Mexico City, Mexico  
: *mentalKLINIK Stage, 'Obnoxiously Happy, 56 Minutes'* At Brasserie Surrealiste, Brussels, Belgium  
*Insanely Joyful*, Solo Show, Basewindow, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Hypermoody*, Solo Show, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2021 *Signs of The Time*, Apalazzo Gallery, Italy  
*Tiger In A Tropical Storm*, Louise Alexander, Porto Cervo, Italy  
*Out Of Place*, Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai, UAE  
*Ticker Tape*, NICC, Belgium  
*Canal Connect MAD MACHINE*, curated by Charles Carcopino, Teatros del Canal, Madrid, Spain  
*BEYOND ALL YOU ARE MINE*, project by Joel. Andrianomearisoa, Hakanto Contemporary, Antananarivo, Madagascar
- 2020 *Ver versus ver*, Sabrina Amrani Gallery, Madrid  
*Bitter Medicine #02*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
*Perspecti.ef.ve*, a performative tour on 'It Never Ends' Exhibition by John Armleder at Kanal Centre Pompidou, Brussels, Belgium  
*Bitter Medicine #01*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Belgrade  
*Here We Reach All the Dreams of the World*, Hakanto Contemporary, Antananarivo, Madagascar
- 2019 *Almost Home*, Galerie RX, Paris  
*RACING THE GALAXY, Astana Art Show 2019*, curated by Jerome Sans and Dina Baitassova, Palace of Peace and Reconciliation / Palace of Independence, Astana  
*Eldorama*, Tripostal, curated by Jerome Sans and Jean-Max Colard and Isabelle Bernini, Lille, France  
*Golden Room*, curated by Jérôme Sans and Jean-Max Colard in collaboration with Isabelle Bernini, Palais Des Beaux-Arts, Lille  
*Sunday Morning*, curated by Nicole O'Rourke, Galerist, Istanbul 2018
- 2018 *The Thirtieth Year*, Krizinger Projekte, Vienna  
*Catastrophically Gorgeous*, Eugster | | Belgrade, Belgrade  
*Obnoxiously Happy*, La Patinoire Royale, Brussels
- 2017 *Truish*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai  
*Self-Seeking Superficials*, Louise Alexander Porto Cervo, Italy  
*Summer in the City*, La Patinoire Royale, Brussels  
*Good Printing*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai
- 2016 *White Cube... Literally*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai
- 2015 *83% Satisfaction Guaranteed*, Louise Alexander Gallery, Porto Cervo  
*Time and Image*, Greek Film Archive Museum, Athens  
*Co-Operation Would Be Highly Appreciated*, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah
- 2014 *Entre Nosotros (Between Us)*, Video Art from the Middle East and North Africa, Etopia, Centro de Arte y Tecnologia, Zaragoza  
*Thank You For Your Cooperation*, Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde, Dubai  
*Rock The Casbah*, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Design Miami, Basel  
*Plurivocality: Visual Arts and Music in Turkey*, curated by Levent Çalıkoğlu and Çelenk Bafra, Istanbul Modern Museum, Istanbul
- 2013 *MAGMAONTHEMOUNTAIN*, Istanbul Modern Museum, Istanbul  
*FRESHCUT*, curated by Marlies Wirth, Museum of Applied Arts (MAK), Vienna  
*MAGMAONTHEMOUNTAIN*, Performative Dinner in a hotel lobby, Paris
- 2012 *Encounter: The Royal Academy in The Middle East*, Katara Cultural Village, Doha

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- TerriblyJolly*, real-time sculpture in a hotel lobby, Istanbul  
*HappilyDizzy*, Le Méridien Etoile, Paris  
*Istanbul Modern-Rotterdam*, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam
- 2011 *That's Fucking Awesome*, Galerist Hasköy, Istanbul  
*B-34 Kulturk*, Freie University, Berlin Germany  
*30 et Presque-Songes*, Maison Revue Noire, Paris  
*Dreams Of Art Spaces Collected*, IGBK, Berlin
- 2010 *Silence\_Storm*, PORTIZMIR International Contemporary Art Triennial, Izmir  
*From Istanbul They Come*, Kappatos Gallery, Athens 2009  
*A Survey of Turkish Art*, Cuadro Fine Art Gallery, Dubai  
*RABBITHOLE*, Galerist, Istanbul  
*PuFF*, Art Basel 40, Art Unlimited, Basel  
*TagCloud*, :mentalKLINIK Space, Istanbul
- 2008 *TagCloud*, :mentalKLINIK Space, Istanbul
- 2007 *BinaryOccupations Phase1. Surface*, :mentalKLINIK Space, Istanbul  
*Converted01*, X-CUBE© locker, Tokyo  
*Give Joel a Gift, You Will Be Gifted, 30 and Almost-Dreams*, Zone Zital Ankorondrano, Antananarivo  
*Frozen45*, Tomorrow Now, Musee d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean (MUDAM), Luxembo
- 2004 *~SELF01*, curated by Marie-Claude Beaud, Musee d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean (MUDAM), Luxembourg
- 2003 *[copy]*, :mentalKLINIK Space, Istanbul
- 2001 *{game}*, :mentalKLINIK Space, Istanbul
- 2000 *(sleep)*, :mentalKLINIK Space, Istanbul

## YASEMIN BAYDAR

- 1997 Karanfilköy, Right to Shelter, Kültür Group, 5th International Istanbul Biennial
- 1996 A Gender Project from Istanbul, Kültür Group, Shedhalle, Zurich
- 1994 Co-Founder of artist run space Devlet Han  
Contemporary Artists, Painting and Sculpture Museum, Istanbul
- 1993 Contemporary Artists, Painting and Sculpture Museum, Istanbul

## BIROL DEMIR

- 1994 Co-Founder of artist run space Devlet Han
- 1993 Group Exhibition, Urart Gallery, Ankara
- 1992 Group Exhibition, Urart Gallery, Ankara  
San-Art Exhibition, Ankara
- 1991 Group Exhibition, Maçka Art Gallery, Ankara  
Solo Exhibition, Urart Gallery, Ankara  
Solo Exhibition, Çanakkale Gallery, İstanbul

## PUBLICATIONS

- LUNATIC POETS*, 2024, Published by PİLEVNELİ
- MIRRORMIRROR*, *The Reflective Surface in Contemporary Art*, by Michael Petry 2024, Published by Thames &Hudson
- DANNIE K. *BOULLEVEARD JACQMAIN ARTZINE*, 2024 Published by Nadine
- GLITTERWORLDS*: The Future Politics of a Ubiquitous Thing, Rebecca Coleman, 2020, Published by Goldsmiths Press
- THONET, *Bending Wood and Beyond*
- OBNOXIOUSLY HAPPY*, 2018, published by La Patinoire Royale, ISBN 978-2-930737-19-5
- The Thirtieth Year*, 2018, published by Krinzinger Projekte

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*Şiir Her Yerdedir, İLHAN BERK 100 Yaşında*, 2018, edited by Necmi Sönmez, published by Yapı Kredi Yayınları, ISBN: 978- 975-08-4372-3

*Sanatın ve Sosyolojinin Ruh Hali*, 2016, authored by Ali Akay Category Theoria-2, published by Bağlam Yayıncılık, ISBN: 9753447388

*83% Satisfaction Guaranteed*, 2015, published by Louise Alexander Gallery

*Plurivocality*, 2014, published by Istanbul Modern Art Museum, ISBN 10: 9756167718 / ISBN 13: 9789756167717

*That's Fucking Awesome*, 2012, designed by :mentalkLINIK, published by GALERIST, Istanbul, ISBN: 978-97592510-9-3 (*uyku*)

*sleep*, 2001, edited by Birhan Keskin, published by :mentalkLINIK, ISBN: 9758614002

*docu:mentalkLINIK issues*, 2002, published by :mentalkLINIK

*{oyun} game*, 2002, edited by Tül Akbal Süalp, published by :mentalkLINIK, ISBN: 9758614010

*[kopya] copy // unpublished*, edited by Ali Akay, published by :mentalkLINIK

*self 01*, 2004, edited by Birhan Keskin, published by :mentalkLINIK, Musee d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean (MUDAM)

*wanting book odd notebook*, 2004, published by :mentalkLINIK, Musee d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean (MUDAM), ISBN: 9758614029

*Contents*, 2004, conceived by Yasemin Baydar and Birol Demir, published by :mentalkLINIK, Musee d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean (MUDAM), ISBN: 9758614037

*Çağdaş Sanat Konuşmaları, Çağdaş Sanatta Sivil Oluşumlar ve İnisiyatifler*, 2007, edited by Levent Çalkoğlu, published by YKY, ISBN: 978-975-08-1178-4

*Musée D'art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, 2000-2004 ALMANACH IS*, 2004, published by Foundation Musée D'art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean (MUDAM), ISBN: 2-919923-01-3

*User's Manual, Contemporary Art in Turkey 1986-2006*, 2007, edited by Halil Altındere, Süreyya Evren, published by Art-ist and

Revolver Publishing, ISBN: 978-3-86588-392-6

*5th International Istanbul Biennial: on life, beauty, translations and other difficulties*, 1997, edited by Emre Baykal, published by Istanbul Foundation For Culture and Arts, ISBN: 975-7363-03-0

*Kültür: Ein Gender-Projekt aus Istanbul*, 1997, published by Shedhalle Zürich, Die Autorinnen, ISBN: 3-907829-06-9

## COLLECTIONS

Hakanto Contemporary, Antananarivo Museum of applied Arts (MAK), Vienna Istanbul Museum of Modern Art  
Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi