

# MURAT SAYGINER

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## Biography :

Murat Sayginer is a self-taught digital artist who works as a motion designer, filmmaker, photographer and composer.

Born in Prague in 1989, Murat Sayginer got involved with photography and digital art in 2007 and won numerous international awards. As early as 2008, his works were selected for "IPA Best of Show" exhibition in New York and 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". Six of his films were Staff Picked on Vimeo. In 2019, he assembled ten of his short films under the title of "The Flying Fish" which drew various reviews by acclaimed film critics and received the Vitriol Award as the Best Experimental Film in The First Hermetic International Film Festival in Venice.

Besides his career in visual arts, Sayginer also composes music and is currently working as a freelancer in Ankara, Turkey.

## Awards :

### **2020 15th Athens Animfest**

Winner of the 1st Prize in the Experimental Competition

### **2020 First Hermetic International Film Festival, Italy**

Winner of the Award for Best Experimental Film

### **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 :**

Insomnia International Animation Film Festival 2020, Moscow, Russia

Interactive Conference Unknown 2020, Moscow, Russia

8th Canlandırılar Film Festival 2020, Istanbul, Turkey

TOFUZI International Animated Film Festival, Batumi, Georgia

Marmaris International Short Film Festival 2020, Marmaris, Turkey

Rincon International Film Festival 2020, Rincon, Puerto Rico

AniMate Australia Animation Film Festival 2020, Sydney, Australia

First Hermetic International Film Festival 2020, Venice, Italy

Athens Digital Arts Festival 2020, Athens, Greece

Open World Animation Festival 2020, Allentown, PA, United States

International Animation Film Festival Golden Kuker 2020, Sofia, Bulgaria

ALC Video Art Festival 2020, Alicante, Spain

Neum Animated Film Festival 2020, Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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 Canlandırılar Film Festival 2019, Istanbul, 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, Istanbul, Turkey

13th River Film Festival 2019, Padova, Italy

LTUE Film Festival 2019, Provo, United States

3rd Chaniartoon 2019, Chania, Greece

29th Istanbul International Short Film Festival 2018, Istanbul, 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