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## **Opening of the Turkish artist Necla Rüzgar's exhibition: »My Name Was Written On Every Page«**

**GRIMMWELT Kassel is opening its new special exhibition on 4 November 2021: for the first time, over one hundred drawings and watercolours by the Turkish artist Necla Rüzgar (born 1972) will be showcased in a solo exhibition in Germany.**

Most of the works in the exhibition belong to the series called »My Name Was Written On Every Page«, which the artist began during the first lockdown of the pandemic in the spring of 2020 – as a reaction to the events. *»I guess I adapted myself to the isolation worldwide by reducing and paring back my own world more and more. I started to scale down my figures, my techniques and my materials according to my living space,«* explains Necla Rüzgar, describing her existential experience and its transformation into her art.

Necla Rüzgar's works often deal with socially critical topics. Indeed, she sees herself as an artist who addresses the »problem zones« of being a woman, but also that of being a human being, illuminating them in a cross-cultural way. At the same time, her paintings convey a profound narrative based on ancient tales. Inspiration comes from an inner canon of images developed by the artist since her earliest childhood from stories told by her grandfather. The central motif in Necla Rüzgar's visual work always comes back to the symbolic transformation or fusion of a human being into an animal or hybrid being – a theme that has guided her for around twenty years. The real and the fantastic converge, allowing the audience to lose themselves in their own fantasy worlds.

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### **Exhibition period:**

04 | 11 | 2021 – 24 | 04 | 2022

### **Opening hours:**

Tue – Sun 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Fri 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Mon closed

### **Address:**

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**Admission prices:**

Adults: € 10, concessions: € 7 | Families: € 25

Group minimum 8 people: € 7, minimum 40 people: € 6

Children under 6: admission free

**Admission prices for special exhibition only:**

Adults: € 5, concessions: € 3 | Families: € 12

Group minimum 8 people: € 3, minimum 40 people: € 3

**Press releases:**

<https://www.grimmwelt.de/site/presse/>

**Curriculum vitae:**

**Necla Rüzgar** was born in Tunceli, Turkey, in 1972 and now lives and works in Ankara. Since 2013, she has worked as a professor at the painting department of the Faculty of Arts at Hacettepe University in Ankara, where she also studied. Her works have already been featured in international exhibitions, including in Alexandria, Basel, Berlin, Bucharest, Freiburg, Seoul, Thessaloniki and Zurich. The artist is represented by Galeri Nev.

**GRIMMWELT:**

In GRIMMWELT Kassel, the Brothers Grimm are brought to life in the here and now: through art, media and interaction, this newly created world of adventure conveys the Brothers' fascinating life and work. Valuable originals, artistic installations along with interactive and multimedia features all draw visitors in to explore the permanent exhibition. International in its approach, the museum presents the cultural heritage of »fairy tales« and »language« in a way that appeals to children and adults, art lovers and fairy tale lovers alike.

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