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SUZAN BATU: FLAVORS
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Dirimart is proud to announce Suzan Batu's (1954, İstanbul) new solo show.

In her current show Batu goes to 'ice-cream' for her inspiration and brings all her recent work together under the title 'Flavors'. According to the artist to recreate the paintings in a few words would go something like this:

STRAWBERRY LINES ON VANILLA... PLUM OVER AN EXPANSE OF MANGO... LUSCIOUS CHOCOLATE SLIDING OFF A CARAMEL BACKGROUND ... ORANGE SORBET STREAKING CREAMY STRAWBERRY... MORE CHOCOLATE ON A PISTACHIO BACKGROUND... THOUGHTS OF MOUTHFULS OF THE STUFF - BLISS

Batu's interpretations of elements of decoration are optically multi-dimensional, dynamic and colorful and combine symbols from the cultures of the East and the West. Nothing that the geometric and calligraphic forms and shapes she uses reflect the world in which we live in, Batu says that she strives to minimize the distance between the world she perceives and the world she creates in her paintings, and adds: "I think that this process will also be in constant change in my attempt to go further and deeper in my quest for some form of "truth".

The contrasts Batu creates on the canvas, the glowing colors she employs that seem to suddenly explode, the seemingly incongruous elements used within a single painting, visibly expand the boundaries of possible choices for the artist while creating a space of perceived freedom the viewer. But, Suzan Batu notes, working within self imposed boundaries creates the energy which enables her to attempt to proceed to extremes .

Suzan Batu graduated from Oakland/California College of Arts and Crafts. She received her master's degree in 1990 at CUNY Brooklyn College. In addition to her personal and group exhibitions, she also worked as a curator in New York. Batu's last one-woman exhibition was in November 2007 at The Phatory Gallery in New York and she was also the curator of the KÜF-MOLD exhibition in the Grad Bazaar, İstanbul and the KÜF-MOLD, GENT exhibition in 2008 in Belgium. She lives and works in İstanbul.

SUZAN BATU: FLAVORS may be visited between 6-29 November, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 – 19:00. Please contact the gallery for information: info@dirimart.org.