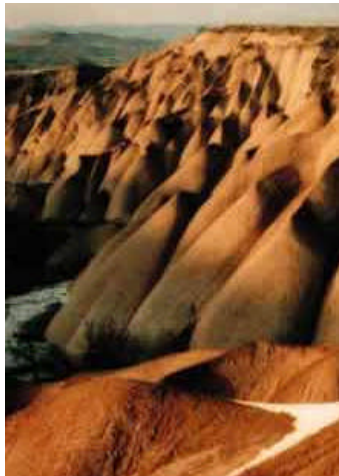


## Newsletter 3 of the Art Residency Babayan Culture House Foundation, Ibrahimpasa, Cappadocia, Turkey - December 2008

Dear all: *Babayan Culture House* guests and interested; professional artists, art work-shoppers, culture and nature lovers.

**Introduction:** Cappadocia is a cultural and historical area, still peaceful and away from a hectic modern world and a World Heritage site of UNESCO. The presence of open air museums, beautiful landscapes filled with painted cave churches, pigeon houses and historical sites makes it well to study and to connect to. Breathtaking hand-carved architecture and 40.000 km<sup>2</sup> of sculpturally shaped volcanic nature astonish the eye of everyone that enters.



*Babayan Culture House*, a Netherlands Foundation, established in 2006 an art residency in this region to create awareness for both art and the environment.

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**Content of this newsletter:** Annual news about the Art Residency *Babayan Culture House*.

Up-dates about the Art/Eco Platform Cappadocia, EKOKAP and 'MAINSTREAM awareness by art' projects related to the Cappadocia environment and art.

**THE ART RESIDENCY BABAYAN CULTURE HOUSE** - Nineteen artists from Spain, Macedonia, New Zealand, Sweden, Caribbean, Canada, USA, The Netherlands, Germany have been working on their art projects in 2008 and some of them received funds from their home countries. Please read the paper of Macedonian artist Simon Kalajdziev about his EU-funded residency stay:

<http://www.rhiz.eu/article-23478-en.html>

*Dutch Art Institute* master students (ArtEZ Institute of the Arts) developed an art project about the water issue in Cappadocia, which will be continued in 2009:

[http://dutchartinstitute.nl/cappadocia/blog/?page\\_id=2](http://dutchartinstitute.nl/cappadocia/blog/?page_id=2)

At the moment we're drawing-up an inventory of the applications for the artist residency (long-stay) in 2009. We planned already seven residencies from early spring.

>>The artists' application deadline for a 2009 residency is 31 January 2009<<

The target groups for the residencies are international and Turkish artists interested in contemporary art and exploratory site-specific and/or social community based arts. Disciplines and media:

- Visual arts
- Music
- Educational projects / programs
- New Media



Besides professional artists, *Babayan Culture House* also received guest who attended art workshops, but all enjoyed Paul's daily meals and walks.

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**ART/ECO PLATFORM CAPPADOCIA** - The partnership within Art/Eco Platform Cappadocia, keeps on working on the establishment of awareness for ecological issues in the Cappadocian region. Active Partners are KozaVisual, FabrikArtGroup, Hayal and *Babayan Culture House*.

- The '3d Contemporary Art Festival Mustafapasa' was organized by FabrikArtGroup with the theme: WATER!=BRIGHT? SU!=PIRILTI?
- And the Culture House Babayan established a Netherlands Pavilion within the festival with professional art contributions from The Netherlands. Next year the 4<sup>th</sup> Festival will be organized in June/July also based on an ecological theme.
- Hayal continued its theatre projects at the seashore in Kalkan.
- KozaVisual is active on rural and urban issues both for Turkey and The Netherlands. The partners support each other wherever necessary.



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**EKOKAP** - Towards an alternative and sustainable solution for wastewater treatment in rural areas in Cappadocia: setting-up a constructed wetland in Ibrahimpasa. Realization in partnership with NIHankara (Netherlands Institute for Higher Education), Rotary Club Cappadocia, Vocational High school Kapadokya (KMYO) and *Babayan Culture House*.

A 50.000 Dollar fund has been given by Hayata+ (Coca-Cola and UNDP) to do research and to realize this project in 2008 and 2009. Meetings and research have been started. *Babayan Culture House* residency artists are already reacting with their art works to the EKOKAP project.

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**'MAINSTREAM Awareness by Art'** - Organized by the *Babayan Culture House* in cooperation with the participating artists.

Ten professional artists, working in Turkey and The Netherlands found each other on common ground in their concern for the shortage of drinking water and good sewerage systems, environmental pollution and the obvious signs of global warming and its subsequent effect in Turkey on dry areas including Central Anatolia



(Cappadocia is a UNESCO World Heritage site) but also for big cities as Ankara and Istanbul. They acknowledge that there is a growing struggle between urban and rural areas caused by global changes.

The food supply and major water use of cities diverted from rural areas create a

great pressure and imbalance. For example, Turkey's longest river Kizilirmak which runs through Cappadocia is polluted and less full because of many storage lakes. It supplies Ankara with drinking water since 2008...

The artists respond with their art work to the dilemma between East and West conditions. They use their art to give this shape and to create 'Awareness by Art' for both Turkey and the global Water issue.

The artists will further develop and show their works in Istanbul in 2009 and 2010, when there are many activities, events and forums organized around art and the global water issue.

Direct link: <http://www.wbouman.com/water.html>

**A last word about the Art Residency *Babayan Culture House*:**

Artists who want to work on their independent art projects with individual funding and sponsorship are most welcome to apply. We can write them a letter of recommendation and give them all kinds of information about presenting their art in Turkey. Unfortunately for now, the artists depend on their own budgeting. We invite artists to prepare themselves for their stay in the *Babayan Culture House* by NOW planning a period and presenting a project by application.

**>>The artists' application deadline for a 2009 residency is 31 January 2009<<**

Download the application form:

[http://www.wbouman.com/upload/application\\_babayan\\_culture\\_house.doc](http://www.wbouman.com/upload/application_babayan_culture_house.doc)

Artists can also attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Contemporary Art Festival Mustafapasa June/July 2009; artists accepted with an art project for an art residency in the Babayan Culture House are automatically accepted in the Festival.

Direct link: [http://www.wbouman.com/turky\\_en.html#prof](http://www.wbouman.com/turky_en.html#prof)

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With regards,

On behalf of the Babayan Culture House Foundation,  
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