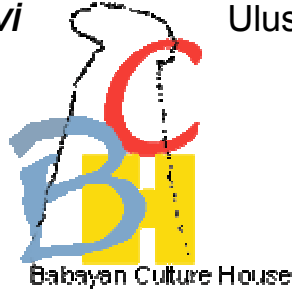


BABAYAN CULTURE HOUSE International professional Art-Residency
BABAYAN KÜLTÜR EVİ Uluslararası profesyonel Sanat-Evi



BABAYAN CULTURE HOUSE FOUNDATION:

The *Babayan Culture House* is a Netherlands non-profit Foundation based in Amsterdam since 2004 and with a location in Ibrahimpaşa (old name Babayan) Cappadocia, Turkey. Objectives are to offer and organize temporary working facilities to professional national and international (visual) artists to enable them to gain inspiration and practical experience in Cappadocia and Turkey as a whole. The Foundation encourages contact between Turkey and the Netherlands, particularly of visual art but also all other art forms, and thereby stimulates intercultural exchange. The Foundation initiates and organizes exhibitions, festivals, workshops, courses, readings, forums, discussion-platforms and meetings of all kinds both in Turkey and in The Netherlands.

ABOUT THE ART-RESIDENCY:

The environment of the art-residency is Cappadocia, a unique shaped landscape with historical decorated rock churches and pigeon houses cut in the volcanic tufa stone. Cappadocia is an UNESCO world heritage site.

The target group for the *Babayan Culture House* art-residency in Turkey are international and Turkish artists interested in contemporary art and exploratory site-specific or community based arts. Artists are invited to respond in an artistic way to Ecological themes.

An attitude of independency in project development is expected of the artists, besides an open mind towards the inter-cultural aspects of the stay. The *Babayan Culture House* provides any support to create the co-operation between the artists and with local inhabitants and handicraftsmen. Artists can work in cave studios, valleys and abandoned village cave houses. Disciplines and media are: Visual arts, New Media, Music, Educational projects/programs.

ON GOING PROJECTS:

- Art/Eco Platform Cappadocia - ecological theme 2008/9: WATER!=BRIGHT?
- 'Awareness by Art' – EKOKAP ecological wastewater pilot project in Ibrahimpaşa.
- Art contribution to the '5th World Water Forum' Istanbul, March 2009.
- Annual Contemporary Art Festival Mustafapaşa (Netherlands Pavilion).
- 'MAINSTREAM – awareness by art' artists to Istanbul 2009.

PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES:

- NIHAncara Netherlands Institute for Higher Education.
- KozaVisual Audio-Visual documentary and research.
- *Hayal* Theatre Projects in Amsterdam and Kalkan.
- *FabrikArtGrup* Turkish artists member group.
- *Res Artis* Intermediating art residency organization.
- *KMYO* – Mustafapaşa Vocational High School Cappadocia.

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