

## Melike KARA

(b.1985 in Bensberg, Germany)  
Lives and works in Cologne, DE

## Education

### 2007-2014

Dusseldorf Art Academy (Rosemarie Trockel)

### 2014

Academy letter and Protégé

## Selected Solo and Two Person Exhibitions

### 2021

*Nothing is Yours, Everything Is You*, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne, DE  
*HOW SHE SHAPES US*, LC Queisser, Tbilisi, GE

### 2020

*dayê, dayê*, B.LA Art Foundation, Vienna, AT  
*a slice of*, Fuhrwerkswaage Kunstraum, Cologne, DE  
*where we meet*, Jan Kaps, Cologne, DE  
*No Friends but the Mountains*, Kunstverein Göttingen, Göttingen, DE

### 2019

*Gowend Garden*, Salon 94, New York, US  
*New Work*, curated by Sofía Hernández Chong Cuy and Samuel Saelemakers, Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, NL  
*My Beloved Wild Valley*, Arcadia Missa, London, UK

### 2018

*A Taste of Parsley*, Yuz Museum, Shanghai, CN  
*Speaking in Tongues*, Jan Kaps, Cologne, DE

### 2017

*Köpek*, Peres Projects, Berlin, DE

### 2016

*In Your Presence*, Peres Projects, Berlin, DE  
*Honey: Bread & Butter*, with Jessica Gispert, Komplot, Brussels, BE

### 2015

*Lunch*, Salon Kennedy, Frankfurt Am Main, DE  
*Flying Dinner*, Open Forum, Berlin, DE

## 2014

*Real Sorbet*, Ortloff, Leipzig, DE

*L'avventura / Die mit der Liebe spielen*, A+B Gallery, Palazzo Guaineri delle Cossere, Brescia, IT

## 2013

*Das kleine Schwarze*, Boutique, Cologne, DE

## Selected Group Exhibitions

### 2021

*Sweet Lies*, Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Aachen, DE

*INCORPOREA 04*, Basement Roma, Rome, IT

*The Dreamers*, 58th October Salon, curated by Ilaria Marotta and Andrea Baccin, Belgrade Biennial, Belgrade, SR

### 2020

*Risquons-Tout*, curated by Dirk Snauwaert in collaboration with co-curators Zoë Gray and Devrim Bayar et al, Wiels Contemporary Art Centre, Brussels, BE

### 2019

*Solar Anus*, Parisian Laundry, Montreal, CA

*Zwei Alter: Jung*, Galerie Crone, Berlin, DE

### 2018

*Kollectors Series: Material Musings*, K11 Art Foundation, Hong Kong, HK

*BAMBOO BAR, AT THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE*, Dortmunder Kunstverein, Dortmund, DE

*The Same As Ever, But More So*, curated by Miriam Bettin, Braunsfelder, Cologne, DE

*Untitled*, LC QUEISSER, Tbilisi, GE

*Nothing Will Be The Same As Before*, Tanya Leighton, Berlin, DE

### 2017

*(X) A Fantasy*, curated by Sandra Pusterhofer, David Roberts Art Foundation, London, UK

*MIDTOWN*, Salon 94 and Maccarone Gallery, Lever House, New York, US

*White Columns Benefit Exhibition and Auction*, White Columns, New York, US

*Monday is a Day Between Sunday and Tuesday*, curated by Lisa Offermann, Tanya Leighton, Berlin, DE

### 2016

*Melike Kara, Talisa Lallai, Lindsay Lawson*, curated by Maria Chiara Valacchi, Studiolo, Milan, IT

*Wild Style: Exhibition of Figurative Art*, Peres Projects, Berlin, DE

*In Wonderland*, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, DE

*FACE TO FACE: Works from Ernesto Esposito Collection*, curated by Eugenio Viola, Palazzo Fruscione, Salerno, IT

*SURRREAL*, König Gallery, Berlin, DE  
*Folly, Emalin*, Dunmore Pineapple, Airth, Falkirk, UK  
*The Snoring Princess*, Kunstgruppe, Cologne, DE  
*Honey: Bread & Butter*, Komplot, Brussels, BE  
*Lanzarote*, Union Pacific, London, UK

## 2015

*copy g\_ods*, (with Yves Scherer & Julia Scher) Drei Jacob, Cologne, DE  
*The State of Having Left*, curated by Lisa Offermann and Pauline Seguin, Leipzig, DE

## 2014

*kunstfilmtage*, Pourya, Dusseldorf, DE  
*NOWHERE*, Bar Babette, Berlin, DE  
*L'Aventura.*, A+B Contemporary Art, Brescia, IT  
*Ifinito*, Kunstverein Essen, Totale, Essen, DE  
*Shortcuts*, Hallmackenreuther, Cologne, DE

## 2013

*Body Light, Venus & Apoll*, Julia Stoschek Collection, Dusseldorf, DE  
*Dark(traces)*, Hamburger Filmfestival (with Keren Cytter, Anja Kirchner, David Panos, Clemens v. Wedemeyer), Hamburg, DE  
*Fragile Islands*, Parkhaus, Dusseldorf, DE  
*Zyklus*, Studio Roh, Dusseldorf, DE  
*Bal Aksin*, Maybachpoint, Cologne, DE  
*Ein drittel weiß hören*, KIT, Dusseldorf, DE  
*Der stille Grund*, Gagarin, Dusseldorf, DE  
*Here is always somewhere else*, Castle Oud Rekem, Rekem, BE

## Selected Collections

Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Los Angeles, US  
Yuz Museum, Shanghai, CN  
Zumuseum, Riga, LV

## Selected Publications

Schöneich, Fabian, *Melike Kara: Where We Meet*, Cologne: Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther König, 2021

## Selected Bibliography

### 2021

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Krogh Christensen, Sofie, *5 Exhibitions to See During Art Cologne*, Frieze, November 17, 2021

## 2020

*Melike Kara at Jan Kaps*, Art Viewer, June 26, 2020

Behr, Louisa, *Das Sichtbarmachen von Simultanitäten Melike Kara Kunstverein Göttingen*, Passe-Avant, February 25, 2020

*Melike Kara at Kunstverein Göttingen*, Art Viewer, January 27, 2020

Semonjek, Anja, *Melike Kara offenbart ihre kurdisch-alevitischen Wurzeln*, Göttinger Tageblatt, January 21, 2020

## 2019

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Rees, Lucy, *Melike Kara's Striking Canvases Go On View at Salon 94*, Galerie Magazine, September 10, 2019

Scheper, Moritz, *Melike Kara: Speaking in Tongues at Jan Kaps*, Cologne, ArtReview, April 1, 2019

## 2018

Herriman, Kat, *Melike Kara Brings The Spirit World to the Yuz Museum*, Cultured Magazine, July 6, 2018

Roland, Kristian, *5 Artists to Watch by Kristian Roland*, Artland, March 10, 2018

*Melike Kara in conversation with Venus Las*, Yuz Museum, July 7, 2018

## 2017

*Kulturbeziehungen auf der Großleinwand*, Arte, November 2017

Ther, Milan, *Dogged Disclosure: Melike Kara*, Mousse Magazine, Issue 60, October-November 2017

Corrigan, A., *Berlin - Melike Kara: "Köpek" at Peres Projects Through November 3rd, 2017*, Art Observed, November 1, 2017

Radley, Jack, *Exhibition: An Avowal of Anonymity: Melike Kara at Peres Projects*, Berlin Art Link, October 31, 2017

*Melike Kara: Body Language*, Elephant Magazine, October 18, 2017

*Menschen wie Hunde: Melike Karas anonyme Wesen*, taz, October 12, 2017

Loizou, Nicolette, *The Human form in 'Köpek' by Melike Kara at Peres Projects*, Berlin, Blouin ArtINFO, October 4, 2017

*Köpek by Melike Kara*, Cura Magazine, October 2017

Elderton, Louisa, *Melike Kara solo at Peres Projects*, Blouin Modern Painters Magazine, September 2017

*Melike Kara*, Hyde/Hypocritedesign Magazine, August 2017

*Abwesenheitsnotiz: Melike Kara, Sommer in Köln*, Monopol Magazin, August 15, 2017

Quack, Gregor, *Melike Kara*, Cura Magazine, Issue 25, Summer 2017

Zierold, Ariadna, *Enigmatic Canvases by Melika Kara*, Upperplayground News, June 16, 2017

*The 15 Best Booths at Art Basel in Hong Kong*, Artsy, March 22, 2017

Weisenstein, Kara, *(Photos) Inside Independent New York, the Art fair That Shook Armory Week*, Vice, March 6, 2017

Indrisek, Scott, *From the Subtle to the Sexual, Independent's Eighth Carves Its Own Path*, Artsy, March 3, 2017

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Steer, Emily, *Six Female Artists to See at Independent New York*, Elephant Magazine, March 1, 2017

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Neuendorf, Henri, *Independent's Laura Mitterrand Explains Why Dealers Make the Best Fair Directors*, Artnet News, February 16, 2017

## 2016

Vasey, George, *Melike Kara*, KALEIDOSCOPE Magazine, Winter 2016

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## 2015

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Julia Scher, *Melike Kara, Yves Scherer*, KubaParis, November 15, 2015

Gottschalk, Molly, *Art-World Insiders Select Frieze's Must-See Works*, Frieze, October 14, 2015

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## 2014

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