

Biography

Mehmet Ünal. 1951 born in Canakkale/ Turkey.
Until 1969 numerous casual jobs.
1969 joining an acting course, until 1976
working as an actor at different Theatres in Istanbul.
Immigration to Germany in November 1976.
Since 1977 working as a freelance photographer
and journalist for German and Turkish magazines and
newspapers. Publication of numerous photo reports.

Exhibitions

"Children"

Displayed in Stuttgart during the UNICEF-BRD convention
in the "Year of the children"

"You don't know what it means to be a foreigner everywhere"

Displayed between 1980 and 1985 in 35 cities of the Federal
Republic of Germany

"The Seventh Cross"

An exhibition about the same named novel written by
Anna Seghers and in connection with the authors 80th
birthday. Several photographers from Mainz joined the
exhibition. (In city archive Mainz)

"Two foreign eyes, a short glance"

Exhibited between 1985 and 1988 in Berlin, Mainz, Moskau,
Duisburg, Höchst, Esslingen, Würzburg, Nauheim, Lübeck,
Zonguldak-Turkey and Urbiono-Italy.

"Black on White"

Photo-Exhibition about the Youth-today, with text of Manfred Miller
(SWF Kulturredaktion Mainz), by the order of the city of Mainz and
Savings-Bank Mainz.

"Turkey, I love you"

Organization and performance of this exhibition, joined by
39 Turkish photographers. This exhibition was shown in
several cities in Germany.

"Photography - Now"

Participation at Community Exhibition of the Mainz Art Club
in occasion to "150 years of Photography", Mainz 1989

"Invalid - The Lost Generation"

30 Years of Turkish Guestworkers in Germany
Displayed between 1991 and 1993 in Munich, Marburg, Essen,
Ruesselsheim, Hamburg, Koenigswinter, Ingelheim, Lübeck,
Kiel, Mainz, Metz (FR), Bottrop, Oberhausen and Kaiserslautern.

"Rainy Heat"- and the moon rises whither the birds move...

Starting September 1996 in Mainz
August 1997 Galerie Goethe 53, Munich
September 1997 Museumscenter Lorsch
June 1998 through April 1999 House of the History in
Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn
April/ May 1999 Galerie Rotunde City Administration and
Opel AG Rüsselsheim
June 1999 City-Library Ravensburg

"The gaze is the bow of the human being"

(Walter Benjamin)
Turkish people in Germany - Turkish people in Turkey
Exhibition with Candida Hofer in Rotterdam
(November 1996 through January 1997)

Focus: Thats us!

Photoprojekt with Youngsters
1998 in Fürth/Odenwald

"Photography 2000" in Mainz

Participation in the exhibition
„Art and Artists in Rheinland-Pfalz"

"Hotel Germany" - A journey without return

August 2001 in Mainz, Berlin, etc.

"Stations of Silentness"

30 Years of Turkish Guestworkers in Germany
Since March 2005 Völklinger-Hütte Saarland
(World Culture Heritage)

Books and Show catalogues

"YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOREIGNER EVERYWHERE!"

AstA - University Mainz, 1982

"TWO FOREIGN EYES, A SHORT GLANCE"

Kaynar Publishing House, Duisburg 1985, ed.s Art-office Berlin-Neukölln.

"24 HOURS RUHR AREA"

RV-Verlag Munich 1985, with other photographers.
The book was distinguished with the "Kodakphotobuchpreis."

"INVALID" - The lost Generation

30 Years of Turkish Guestworkers in Germany
Kyrill & Method Publishing House, Munich 1991

YASAMIN AYNASI FOTOGRAFI

Essays about Photography in Turkish
1. Edition August 1999, Gendas Publishing House, Istanbul

"STATIONS OF SILENTNESS"

30 Years of Turkish Guestworkers in Germany
August 2001, Önel Publishing House, Cologne

Awards

1979 Special award POLITIKA (daily newspaper in Turkey)
1981 5th place "Pardon, we are the Youth! - Worker's Photography Germany
1983 Distinction with the Prize of the German Youth-Press
1985 Participation beside numerous renowned photographers from all over the world
Project "24 Hours in the district" (KODAK-Photobookprize)
1985 Diplom International Press Photo, Moskau
1985 2nd place and Diplom, International Photo-contest: Youth, Warsaw
1985 Honour of the City of Siegen
1987 Diplom, Interpress-Photo, Bagdad-Iraqe
1994 Silver-Medal KODAK Panther Work-Book
1997 3rd Prize, „50 Years - 50 Pictures“ - Rheinland-Pfalz and its people

Purchases

Private collectors in Turkey and Germany
House of History of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn