

# Onan's eternal images coming to Ankara

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**T**urkish photographer Timurtaş Onan opens his solo photo exhibition in Ankara this Thursday. The exhibition titled "Eternal Images" features a collection of classical images by Onan. It will be held at the Contemporary Arts Center and can be visited until April 10. The TDN interviewed Timurtaş Onan about his exhibition, his future plans and new projects.

In this exhibition nearly 30 huge photos will be exhibited. The photos were collected from the last 20 years of his work and many of them have received awards both in national and

international competitions. Onan prints his photos in limited numbers and does not sell more than 10 copies of each.

The exhibition does not focus on a single subject, the only thing common in this exhibition is that the photos were taken in Turkey and most of them portray people living in Anatolia.

The photographs were also exhibited in a joint exhibition with British sculptor, David Cregeen. This exhibition toured Istanbul, Adana, Çanakkale, Edirne, Balıkesir and Izmir before arriving in Ankara.

His exhibition can also be viewed online from [www.timurtasonan.com](http://www.timurtasonan.com). His other exhibition will also be available on the net very soon. An opening ceremony will be organized

on April 1 and Onan will sign his booklet as a part of the opening.

Onan has another upcoming project with David Cregeen. "In August we plan to go Edinburgh for another exhibition. A traditional yoruk tent will be placed in the university's garden, adorned with the latest light technologies and we will display David's sculptures with my photos. Previously we organized a similar exhibition in Antalya titled 'Old City for Sale' and we showed the destruction of the old quarters of Antalya which brought attention by media as well as people living there," said Onan.

Another Onan's projects is to organize a genuine exhibition in Istanbul. He plans to place huge photos on buildings in different districts so that while touring the exhibition the viewers will also tour Istanbul and learn more about the city.

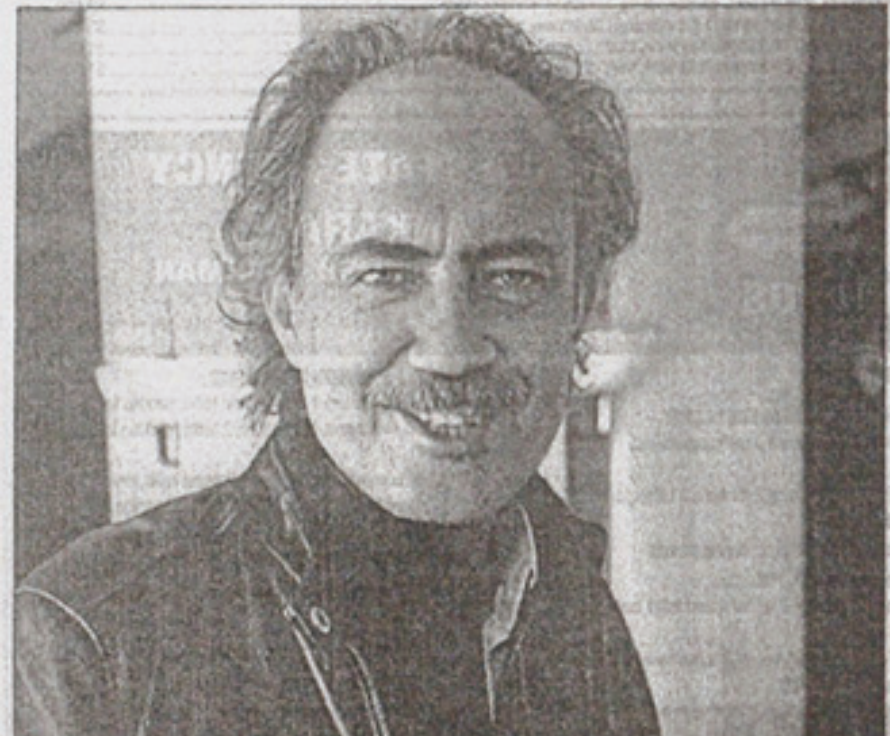
## Who is Timurtaş Onan?

Onan's photography has received ever increasing recognition; winning prizes for his work both at home and abroad. For the past fifteen years he has also been engaged in photographic work in the tourism and industrial sectors as well as for important magazine publications. In 1990 he moved from Istanbul to Antalya and in 1996 he founded the Antalya Photography Days. In 1998 his contributions to the cultural life of the city were recognized by the Antalya Art Association. Nationally and internationally he has taken part in more than 100 exhibitions and other photographic activities. He is a member of the Antalya Photography and Cinema Amateurs Club, the Istanbul Photographic and Cinema



FIAP (Federation Internationale de L'art Photographique). In April 2000, along with the Turkish based and internationally recognized British sculptor David Cregeen, he exhibited his works at the Ziraat Bank Tunel Art Gallery, a joint exhibition which was entitled "Eternal Image." In 2001, 2002, and 2003 he showed his photographic presentation "Outsiders" and his exhibition section of the exhibition "Eternal Image" at the 5th Asia Koro International Art Festival

Photography and Art Festival, Istanbul Slide days, Cyprus Photography Days, the 1st Istanbul Symposium of photography, Çanakkale Photography Days, Edirne Fine Arts Gallery & Izmir Municipality Art Gallery. In 2003 he participated in the 1st Antalya International Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Art exhibition with his installation entitled "Old City For Sale." At the present time he is working on a documentary on the region of Akrotiri.





Timurtaş Onan.

Amateurs club and the Adana photographic society.

In 1991 he was selected as one of the Turkish representatives at the Turkish Photography Exhibition in Austria; in 1994 in an exhibition of "Photography from Romania and Turkey," in Santa Fe, USA; and in 1997 at FIAP International Transparency Biennale. Amongst his many photographic presentations he has shown "Old City for Sale," a documentation of the destruction of the old quarters of Antalya; "Istanbul Blues;" "Life in Elmalı;" "Abdal Musa" and "The story of Rose Oil from Isparta to Burdur."

In the year 2000 he was awarded the title FIAP (Artist of FIAP) by

5th Alın Koza International 13 Kare region of Akseki.

## Selected awards of Onan

1992 - JMO - MTA International Photography Contest FIAP, Honorary Mention

1993 - Istanbul City Municipality "Details from Istanbul" Photography Contest, 1st award

1993 - UNESCO Accu World Photo Contest Japan, Bronze Medal

1994 - KASK International Photography Contest, FIAP Honorary Mention

1994 - CAFD 2. National Pho-

tography Contest, 1st award

1995 - UNEP (United Nations Environment Program) "Focus On Your World," Bronze Medal

1992-94-97 - Golden Camera Photography Contest, Golden Camera Award

1997 - Rovinj 5th Mundial Photo Festival "Children of the World," Silver Medal.

1999 - Özgen Özgenel Cup, Silver Medal