

Jury Report Armin Meienberg Residency Program 2023

19. April 2022

Participants of the jury:

Beat Mazenauer, Jury Chair/president, germanist/author/literary critic

Gabriela Gyr, film director and artist

Hans-Peter Pfammatter, composer, lecturer lucerne school of music

Giuliana Gjorgjevski, performance artist, representing Gelbes Haus

mondo Messmer graphic designer, representing board Istanbuluzern

Administration and support: Eylem Demirci, office manager of Istanbuluzern

On recommendation of its different delegates in Istanbul, the Istanbuluzern association received a total of six applications for their Residency Program 2023 in Lucerne.

At its meeting on April 12. 2022, the jury unanimously chose the project

«**KISIR, the Q&F Turkish summer salad**» by video artist **Metin Akdemir**.

Laudation – Metin Akdemir

In his project, Metin Akdemir intends to bring a Turkish tradition to Lucerne for ten weeks: the «Golden Day», when housewives come together to prepare a Kisir salad while chatting with each other. Gold or money is collected in the process, which goes to one of the women. Metin Akdemir wants to extend this tradition to women* and queers, organize such meetings in Lucerne and document them photographically or with a video camera.

The jury was enthusiastic about this format, which is traditional in Turkey, and which allows a pleasurable exchange about all questions of life and promotes solidarity between the participants. By moving the «Golden Day» to a new setting in Lucerne, Metin Akdemir builds a bridge between cultures and cities. In doing so, it is not only the Swiss* who will be challenged. The artist himself will also have to adapt his plan to bring together unpaid housewives, pensioners and queers to the social conditions in Switzerland. «KISIR» makes the kitchen the center of a social-artistic cultural transfer with unforeseeable results and effects. Especially this last aspect convinced the jury. The project may turn out quite differently than anticipated, which is precisely why it will trigger something in the artist as well as in his hosts in Switzerland.

Metin Akdemir will reside in Lucerne at the Yellow House for 10 weeks from March to May 2023.



On behalf of the jury

Beat Mazenauer (Jury President)