

## OMM WAS AWARDED A SPECIAL COMMENDATION IN THE “EUROPEAN MUSEUM OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2021”!

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*Odunpazarı Modern Museum, Photo: Studio NAARO*



OMM was awarded a Special Commendation in the “European Museum of the Year Awards 2021” (EMYA), in which museums that have been open to visitors in the past four years or have undergone a wide-scale transformation are evaluated. Special Commendations are granted to museums with innovative perspectives and are deemed exemplary to museums throughout Europe. While announcing the award, Marlen Mouliou, Chair of EMYA Judging Panel described OMM as “a museum that manages to create a democratic and inclusive environment, open to all.” An EMYA judge had visited OMM and made their own assessments within the last year.

The award ceremony could not be held with an audience in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. On May 6, it was broadcast live on European Museum Forum’s [Youtube channel](#). In addition to OMM, two other museums from Turkey received awards at the ceremony: Museum of Troy was awarded a Special Commendation in the “European Museum of the Year Awards 2020”, while Kenan Yavuz Ethnography Museum received the 2021 Silletto Prize.

OMM had previously won the “International Project of the Year > £ 1m award” in the 18th Museums + Heritage Awards organized in the UK. In 2019, OMM was awarded the “Ministry of Culture and Tourism Special Award” and the “Çağsav Award of Honor”. In 2020, OMM received the “Anatolian Award” under the “Museology” category organized by the Baksı Culture and Art Foundation.

## **Notes to Editors**

### **About OMM**

OMM is a modern and contemporary art museum founded by collector Erol Tabanca, in Eskişehir, northwest Turkey in 2019. Designed by Kengo Kuma and Associates (KAAA), with its stacked timber design, the surrounding streetscape of Odunpazarı and its history as a timber trading market, the 4,500m<sup>2</sup> museum stands as a new landmark that reconnects the town with its heritage, and as a progressive cultural development for Eskişehir and the Central Anatolia region at large. OMM aims to contribute towards the development of cultural, social, and artistic life through dynamic and extensive public programs, seminars, artist talks and workshops.

To receive up to date information on exhibitions, events and education programs at OMM and for detailed information about tickets, guided tours and planning your visit, please visit [www.omm.art](http://www.omm.art) and follow us on Instagram [@ommxart](https://www.instagram.com/ommxart). Information about temporary closures due to Covid-19 can also be seen on our website [www.omm.art](http://www.omm.art).

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