

New Exhibition at OMM Explores the Cultural Memory of the Table: *Wide Expanse*29 November 2025 – 13 September 2026

OMM – Odunpazarı Modern Museum welcomes visitors with *Wide Expanse*, its new exhibition centered around the concept of the "table," a space that brings people together and nourishes cultural memory. Curated by **Yağmur Elif Ertekin** of the OMM team, the exhibition showcases works that visually articulate life's vitality, inviting audiences to rediscover the shared emotions behind celebration, connection, community, and collective joy. On view at OMM from **29 November 2025 to 13 September 2026**, *Wide Expanse* goes beyond its connotations of freshness and openness, calling audiences to meet in shared sentiments and embark on a collective journey. **İş Yatırım**, known for its strong support of arts and culture and a partner of OMM since 2019, is the main sponsor of the exhibition *Wide Expanse*.



(Visual: Wide ExpansePoster, Design: Amir Jamshidi)

Wide Expanse reminds us that the table is far more than a place to eat—it stands at the center of conversation, celebration, mourning, and sharing. Enriched with echoes of social settings ranging from bars and taverns to coffeehouses and living rooms, the exhibition offers a vivid tableau of life in all its diversity. Food culture and its intertwined rituals emerge as a quiet yet enduring language—one that transmits the climates, geographies, belief



systems, collective memories, social ties, and cultural codes of communities from one generation to the next. From the symposion feasts of Ancient Greece—where poetry and philosophical conversations on love, humanity, and desire were shared over wine—to the convivium traditions of Rome, where friends gathered around a common table in the spirit of "living together," these ancient images of the table and celebration have persisted across time. *Wide Expanse* brings these enduring motifs into the present, weaving a narrative that unites the individual and the collective, the everyday and the sacred, the transient and the lasting.

The exhibition features works by Abdülmecid Efendi, Adnan Varınca, Anke Eilergerhard, Antonio Cosentino, Ara Güler, Aylin Zaptçıoğlu, Azade Köker, Can Sun, Cevat Dereli, Cevdet Erek, Cihat Burak, Claudia Comte, Ecem Yüksel, Elif Uras, Etel Adnan, Eren Göktürk, Erol Eskici, Ferruh Başağa, Fırat Engin, Fikret Mualla, Francesca Hummler, Gülsün Karamustafa, Hakan Gürsoytrak, Haluk Akakçe, Hans op de Beeck, Hilmi Can Özdemir, Hüseyin Bahri Alptekin, İhsan Oturmak, Mehmet Güleryüz, Merve Şendil, Mustafa Boğa, Nadide Akdeniz, Nedim Günsür, Neşe Erdok, Nezaket Ekici, Nuri İyem, Özer Toraman, Pınar Akkurt, Robbie McIntosh, Sinan Orakçı, Slim Aarons, Şahin Paksoy, Toygun Özdemir, TUNCA, Yaren Karakaş, and Zeki Faik İzer.

With *Wide Expanse*, OMM invites visitors to reconsider how table culture shapes both individual and collective memory, and to embrace all the emotions that life brings. The exhibition can be visited at OMM until 13 September 2026.

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Notes to Editors

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About OMM

Designed by the world-renowned Japanese architecture office Kengo Kuma and Associates (KKAA), OMM offers a striking 4,500 m² museum space. Through its educational programs, seminars, artist talks, workshops, and dynamic exhibition schedule, OMM aims to foster cultural development and strengthen the artistic engagement of younger generations. Founded in Eskişehir by Erol Tabanca—Chairman of Polimeks Holding and an avid collector—the museum opened its doors to visitors on 7 September 2019. Alongside works from its collection, OMM's exhibition program includes prominent international figures from various disciplines of contemporary art, presented through a universal perspective. omm.art | @ommxart



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