



PROFILE

Roksan is an immigrant / settler visual artist from Turkey who is based on what is now called Galiano in the Salish sea. She lives in Canada since April 2009.

Her main practice is drawing and painting however she also does multidisciplinary and collaborative work such as facilitating arts workshops with all ages, working as the program coordinator at the Yellowhouse Art Centre Society located on Shxixnetun, known as Sturdies Bay, and performing live improvised drawings to improvised music and dance.

Yellowhouse Art Centre is a non-profit contemporary art space which serves Galiano Island community since 2017 by hosting workshops, exhibitions, performances and an Artist in Residency Program.

Since May 2019, Roksan has been providing Turkish to English translation services for a diverse range of documents, including literary pieces and other materials.

ROKSAN PARFITT

EDUCATION

BFA, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey
1999 - 2004

WORK EXPERIENCE

April 2009–Present

All ages workshop Facilitator Yellowhouse Art Centre Society / Galiano Island, BC

July 2017–Present

Art Director / Coordinator at Yellowhouse Art Centre Society / Galiano Island, BC

April 2004–Present

Independent Visual Artist / Galiano Island, BC / Istanbul

May 2019–Present

Turkish to English Translator Literary and others / Galiano Island, BC

Nov 2011

Illustration contract for "Oceana Designs" Granville Island / Vancouver

Oct 2009

Illustration contract for 'Dancing at the Crossroads' Book, UBC Theatre Department / Vancouver

Nov 2009–Jan 2010

After School Art Classes at Yellowhouse Art Centre Soc Eagle Harbour Community School / West Vancouver

2005–2009

Art Workshops / Portfolio Preparation with Kids and Adults / Istanbul

April 2007

Activism Art Workshops with youth at the Rock for Peace Festival
www.barisarock.org / Istanbul

April 2007 – Present

YELLOWHOUSE ART CENTRE SOCIETY / CONTACT

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Graphic Design for various not for profit organizations ex:
[www.kureseylem.org /Istanbul](http://www.kureseylem.org/Istanbul)

November 2007

Illustrations for the advertisement company Hayalgücü Tanıtım Co.
[hayalgucutanitim.com /Istanbul](http://hayalgucutanitim.com/Istanbul)

April 2007

Illustration for Bal Parmak Honey Company's book for children / Istanbul

Sep 2005 - May 2006

Art workshops with pre-school / Istanbul

April 2004

Illustration for Srikss Co. srikss-pen.com / Istanbul

April 2003 – April 2009

Art Therapy Sessions with Youth and Adults / Istanbul

VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Galiano Island Community School Art Program facilitator since 2020
- Treasurer at AMES (Access To Media Education Society) / Galiano Island
- Secretary at Active Passive Performance Society / Galiano Island
- Galiano Conservancy Association Spring Herbal Harvest 2021

SELECT EXHIBITIONS / PERFORMANCES

Performance

2023 / with Ben Brown and Lisa Simpson Yellowhouse Art Centre

2024 / with Caitlin Hertzman at Sad Song Sundays, Oxeye Café

2024/ with Dan Gaucher Trio at Oxeye Cafe

2024 / with THASH Band at Deli, Vancouver

Solo

2019 / Galiano Inn Art Gallery, Galiano Island, BC

2018 / Galiano Public Library, Galiano Island, BC

2017 / Luppello Brewing Company, Vancouver, BC

2015 / "Wonder", Babes in the Woods Restaurant, Galiano Island, BC

2013 / "Search For A Better World", Insight Art Gallery, Galiano Island, BC

2012 / "Homo Urbanus", Raw Canvas, Vancouver, BC

2012 / "New Spirits", Ottoman Marina Gallery, Bodrum / Turkey

2011 / District Foyer Gallery, District Hall, North Vancouver, BC

Group

2020 / "Art on The Islands", Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council, Mayne Island, BC *Juror's Award

2019 / "In a Small Way", Galiano Inn, Galiano Island, BC

2017 / "In a Small Way", Manzanita Gallery, Galiano Island, BC

2016 / Sooke Art Show, Sooke, BC

2014 / "Neither/Nor" Curated by Fay Nass, Ayden Gallery, Vancouver

2011 / "Psychedelica Moderna", Hall Gallery, East Vancouver, BC

2011 / "Street dance", Cityscape Community Art Space, North Vancouver

2010 / Open Studio, Eastside Culture Crawl, Octopus Studios, Vancouver, BC

2010 / "Art in the City", Westend Community Centre, Vancouver, BC

2009 / "Illus 1", Lumen Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2009 / "Where we start from", On The Rise Artist Collective Gallery, Vancouver, BC

2009 / "BC Art Show", Heritage Hall, Vancouver, BC