



## 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 Shixnetun, 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

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

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**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](http://www.barisarock.org) / Istanbul

**April 2007 – Present**

## **YELLOWHOUSE ART CENTRE SOCIETY / CONTACT**

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### **SOCIAL**

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[instagram.com/yellowhouseartcentre/](https://instagram.com/yellowhouseartcentre/)

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[facebook.com/roksan.kohen](https://facebook.com/roksan.kohen)

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

### **November 2007**

Illustrations for the advertisement company Hayalgücü Tanıtım Co.  
[hayalgucutanitim.com](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 Scrikss Co. [scrikss-pen.com](http://scrikss-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 / Luppolo 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