

MSK

CONSTRUCTED
PERCEPTION
ON OVERLOOKED BEAUTIES

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THE ARTGINEER IN PURSUIT OF UNNOTICED BEAUTY

A deliberate soul living within the completion of engineering and artistic identities. MSK constructs systems of perception around a single question:

"As time flows through life, what makes us overlook and which beauties do we miss?"

HIS COMPLEDITION

Mehmet Salih Kanber (MSK) is an artist operating between two fundamentally opposing disciplines: engineering and art. Engineering builds systems, measures reality, and accelerates processes; art perceives, questions, and slows time down.

Rather than resolving this tension, MSK sustains it through what he defines as **Compediction**: a state where contradiction is not eliminated, but deliberately preserved and allowed to let opposing disciplines complete one another.

Through works such as *Stone Portraits*, *Stonograph*, *MSK Stones*, and other experimental systems of perception, MSK investigates overlooked forms of beauty hidden within ordinary materials, forgotten details, and unnoticed moments.

Operating between deep geological time and immediate human experience, his works invite viewers to pause and reconsider what remains unseen within everyday life.

At the center of his practice lies a continuous question:

“As time flows through life, what makes us overlook, and which beauties do we miss?”

EDUCATION - BACKGROUND

Mehmet Salih Kanber (MSK) holds a degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Middle East Technical University (METU) and a Master’s degree from Akdeniz University.

With a background spanning energy systems, automation, and robotics, his practice bridges engineering precision with artistic exploration. His work focuses on revealing hidden structures and visual narratives within natural materials.

Alongside his artistic practice, he develops functional products through 3D printing, exploring the relationship between material, process, and perception.





STONE PORTRAITS

Translating Micro-Lithic Beauty into Macro-Scale Limited Editions

MSK gathers a limited number of tiny sea stones, each carrying millions of years of memory, and, through the Stonograph's precise light and perspective, infused with his artistic vision, transforms them into *Stone Portraits*.

In this act, he bridges deep time with the present, reinterpreting ancient memory within a contemporary form.

Within these works, viewers encounter their own emotions and hidden memories, sometimes forming an immediate, unspoken connection. *Stone Portraits* invite a quiet pause, asking:

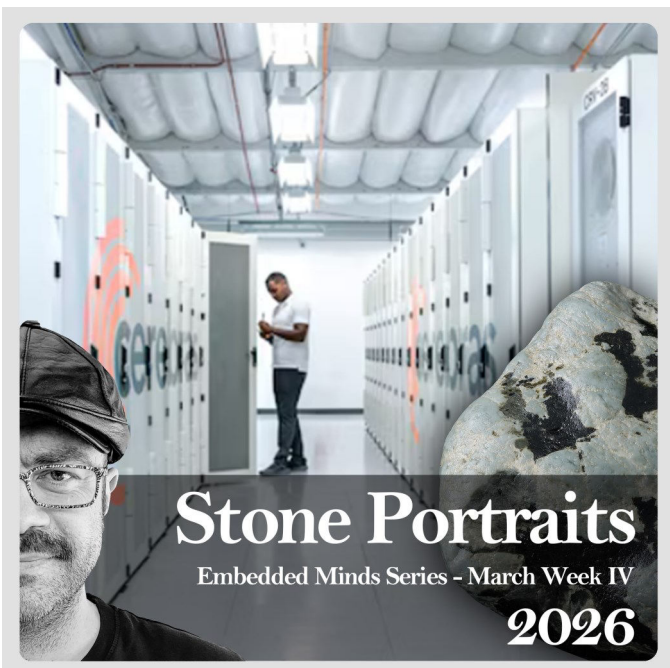
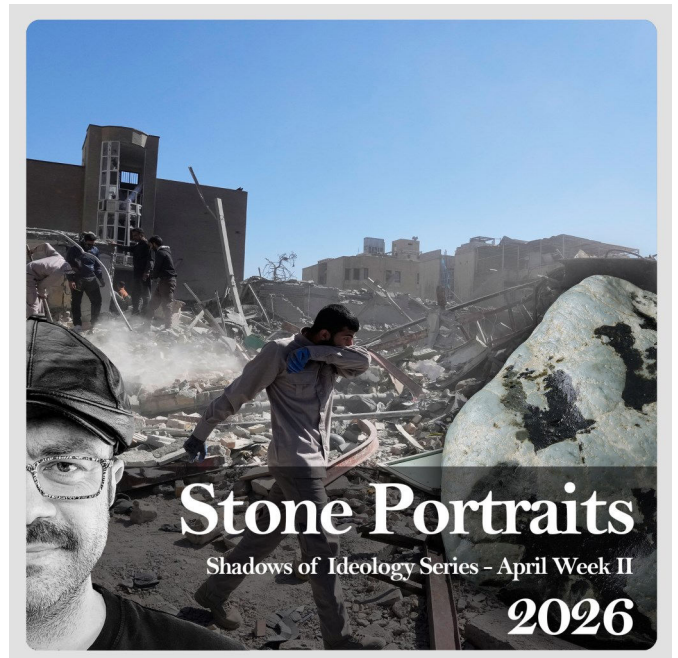
"What beauties in life are we overlooking?"



RELEASE STRUCTURE

Stone Portraits are released in weekly series.

Each series of *Stone Portraits* consists of four stones, named after a significant event of the week in which the series is formed, creating a bridge between deep time and the present.





THE EMBODIMENT RITUAL

MSK prepares the spirit. The collector completes its embodiment, choosing its mode of appearance, Portrait or Detail, and determining its scale. Through this ritual, the work is not only realized, but completed through the convergence of two roles: the artist and the collector.

From a singular spirit, **one Master Artwork** and **five Collector Prints** come into existence through museum-grade fine art pigment printing.

No more can be created.



The Master Artwork incorporates the original stone itself, preserved on a custom base, singular and irreproducible. .

Each piece is embodied only once, in the form and scale chosen by its collector.

Once embodied, the pieces remain fixed in their form, preserved, certified, and irreproducible.



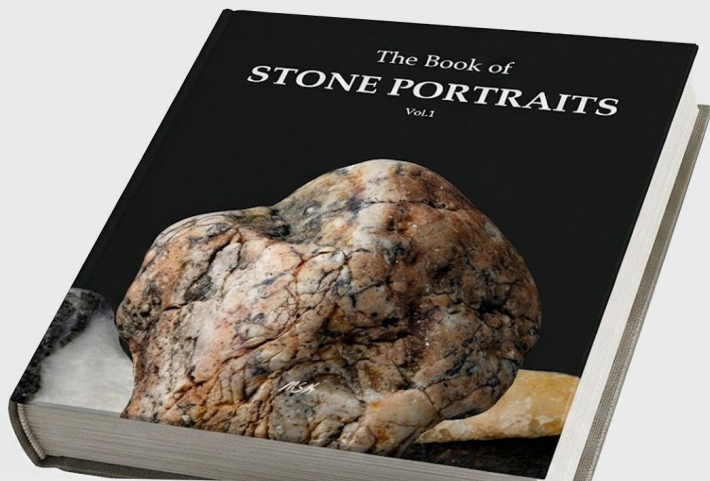
LITHIC PAREIDOLISM

MSK defines Lithic Pareidolism, revealing hidden faces and shapes within sea stones shaped by millions of years of natural forces.

These interpretations can be explored in *the Book of Stone Portraits* and through the accompanying interpretation videos on his social media.

The Book of Stone Portraits

A bridge between deep time
and the present



THE BOOK OF STONE PORTRAITS

The Book of Stone Portraits brings together the series of stone works alongside the events that give them their names, and the interpretations that emerge from their surfaces. Rather than fixing meaning, the book presents a field of interpretations, where each stone is encountered through the act of seeing.



INVENTED ARTISTIC SYSTEMS

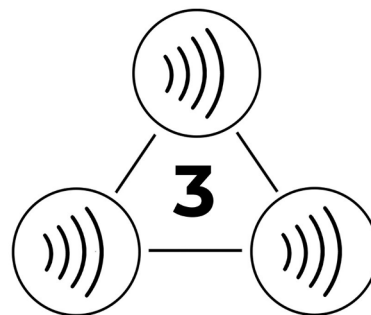
A collection of artistic and technological systems invented by MSK.



Stonograph

Not a tool of capture,
but a system of seeing.

A self-developed imaging and perception system designed to reveal hidden visual forms within small sea stones through controlled light, scale, angle, and shadow.



Three-Layer NFC Authentication System

Beyond certification,
into presence.

A three-point authentication structure connecting the artwork, the original stone, and the certificate through embedded NFC layers, transforming authentication into part of the artwork itself.



Stonalyzer

Questioning the memory
of stones

An experimental art-machine imagined as a device capable of reading the memory of stones, questioning whether matter carries traces of time, violence, transformation, and beauty.



EXHIBITIONS

MSK's works may be encountered independent of place, appearing unexpectedly at a street corner (*MSK Stones*) or at times in global exhibitions (*Stone Portraits, Stonalyzer*).

RÖPORTAJ

Mehmet Salih Kanber

ZAMANIN İÇİNDEKİ YÜZLER VE TAŞA FİSİLDAYAN BİR ZİHİN...

BAZEN EN BÜYÜK KEŞİFLER, EN KÜÇÜK SEYLERİN İÇİNDE SAKLIDIR. MEHMET SALİH KANBER DE BİZE BUNU YALNIZCA ANLATMIYOR, GÖSTERİYOR... MÜHENDİSLİK DİŞİPLİNİNİN KESKİN ÇİZGİLERİ İLE SANATIN SEZGİSEL DERİNLİĞİNİ İÇİNE GEÇİREREK VE GELİŞTİRDİĞİ "STONOGRAPH" SİSTEMİYLE BİR TAŞIN YÜZEİNDE ZAMANIN SABRINI, BİR DÖKÜMÜN İÇİNDE DÜNYANIN HAFTASINI HATIRLAYOR, BİR CAMIL TAŞININ İÇİNE BAKIP ORADA MİLYONLARCA YILIN SABRINI SAKLAMIS YÜZLERİ, HİKAYELERİ, KİMLİKLERİ GÖRÜYÖR.

BU SAYIMIZDA, MÜHENDİSLİĞİN RASYONEL DÜNYASINDAN SANATSAL SEZGİNİN UÇSIZ BUCAKSIZ EVRENİNE UZANAN BİR BENZERSİZ YOLCULUĞUNU, MEHMET SALİH KANBER'İN KENDİ ANLATIMIYLA DİNLIYORUZ...

RÖPORTAJ: BEGÜM TANERİ

PRESS

Selected interviews, publications, and curatorial features exploring the practice of MSK.



Stone Portraits by Mehmet Salih Kanber

Making the Unnoticed Beauty Visible: MSK's "Stone Portraits" Set

Mehmet Salih Kanber (MSK), who strives to embody both engineering and art, creates his work within the tension between an engineer's mind that seeks to solve a problem and an artist's mind that seeks to reveal the hidden beauty of the world.

Living in Antalya and deeply connected to the city, the engineer-artist creates a series of personal experiences that allowed art to take a step back and define his creative path with a simple yet profound question: "As time flows by, which beauties in life are we unable to see?"

Through his work, the artist aims to reveal overlooked aesthetic values found in nature, living structural everyday life. His static and kinetic series seek to establish a universal visual language that invites viewers to see the world differently.

The Stone Portraits series—considered the artist's "first love"—uncovers the hidden aesthetic world embedded in tiny sea stones found along the Konyaaltı coast, often unnoticed and stepped on. His technique, these stones are magnified to reveal nature's ancient traces and transform them into complex, multi-layered compositions. Each stone portrait is a unique work of art, capturing the intricate patterns and textures of the natural world. The artist's process involves careful selection, cleaning, and magnification of the stones, followed by a delicate process of creating a thin, transparent layer that reveals the hidden beauty within. The resulting portraits are presented together with the preserved original stone, allowing viewers to see the transformation from a simple object to a work of art.

MSK regularly collects the stones used in his work from the shores of Antalya, aiming to share the city's hidden beauty through his creations. The Stone Portraits series invites viewers to slow down, observe carefully, and appreciate the hidden beauties within the ordinary.

The engineer-artist leaves readers with the same question: "As time flows by, which beauties in life are we unable to see?"

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