

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Işık Güner

City and country of birth:

Ankara, TURKEY

Citizenship:

Turkish

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Education:

2002 – Attend a botanical illustration workshop with Christabel King for a week

2006 – Undergraduate – Environmental Engineering, Marmara University, Istanbul/TURKEY

2006 – Working as a full time botanical artist

Career:

2007 – 2015 Project - ‘Plants from the Woods and Forests of Chile’, Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh, Scotland

Plants from the Woods and Forests of Chile

2015 – 2017 Project – ‘The Beauty of Orchids’ a series of exhibition under conservation program of Orchids, Xishuangbanna Tropic Botanic Garden, Menglun, China

Orchids of China

2015 – 2016 Project – ‘Plants of Nepal’ Botanical Art Workshops and plant research in the field in Nepal which to create contemporary Botanical Art Works.

Nepal Project

2015 -2016 – Project – ‘Transylvania Florilegium’ - This project is presently being created under the umbrella of the Prince’s School of Traditional Arts, a charitable organization of the Prince of Wales, to record in a permanent way the flora of Transylvania.

Transylvania Florilegium

2013 – Currently working as an Art Editor for the ‘Illustrated Flora of Turkey’, Nezahat Gökyiğit Botanic Garden, NGBB, İstanbul, Turkey

Illustrated Flora of Turkey

2013 – Currently working as a tutor in ‘Distance Diploma in Botanical Illustration, RBGE’, Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh, Scotland

Distance Diploma in Botanical Illustration

2008 – Currently organizing many workshop in different destination, Scotland, Spain, Morocco, Romania

Artwork medium:
Watercolor

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- 2014 ITU RSG, Istanbul – First solo exhibition
- 2016 XTBG, Menglun, China – ‘Beauty of Orchids’
- 2016 Wuhan Botanical Garden, China – ‘Beauty of Orchids’
- 2016 Guangzhou Botanical Garden, China – ‘Beauty of Orchids’
- 2016 Xiamen Botanical Garden, China – ‘Beauty of Orchids’
- 2016 Beijing Botanical Garden, China – ‘Beauty of Orchids’

Group Exhibition(s):

- 2017 SZBG, Shenzhen, China – 19th International Botanical Congress
- 2017 SHBG, Shanghai, China – International Flower Exhibition
- 2017 Blok Art Space, Istanbul – On Botany
- 2017 Benmore Botanic Garden – Flora of Nepal Exhibition
- 2016 Kathmandu – Flora of Nepal Exhibition
- 2016 RBGE, Edinburgh – Flora of Nepal Exhibition
- 2015 RBGE, Edinburgh – Plants of The World Exhibition
- 2014 RHS, London – Awarded with a “Gold Medal” and “Best Painting of the Show” for *Gunnera tinctorial*
- 2013 BISCOT, Edinburgh – Awarded with a “Gold Medal” and “Mary Mendum Medal” (may not be awarded every year)
- 2011 BISCOT, Edinburgh – Awarded with a “Gold Medal” and “Mary Mendum Medal” (may not be awarded every year), also “Best Painting of the Show” for *Araucaria araucana*
- 2010 RHS, London – Awarded with a “Gold Medal” and “Best Painting of the Show” for *Araucaria araucana*
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Honors/Awards:

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Collections:

Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh Collection - All the illustrations for the ‘Plants from the Woods and Forest of Chile’

Shirley Sherwood Collection – Life size *Amorphophallus titanum* illustration

Work reproduced in (*publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist*):

- 2016, *L'Orchidophile*, Artiste voyageuse engage
- 2015, Curtis's Botanical Magazine, Volume 32, Part 2, June *Discocalyx dissecta*
- 2013, Curtis's Botanical Magazine, Volume 30, Part 2, July *Gundelia tournefortii*
- 2012, Thai Forest Bulletin, No.40, November, *Sombrania albiflora*
- 2010, Royal Horticultural Society, Rhododendrons, Camellias and Magnolias, Current Taxonomy- A new species: *Rhododendron trancongii* (Ericaceae)
- 2007, Willdenowia, new species of *Ferulago* (Apiaceae)
- 2007, February The Magazine, Bagbahce
- 2006, February The Magazine, Bagbahce
- 2005, October The Magazine, Bagbahce
- Line drawings for the revision of *Vaccinium* (Ericaceae), Philippines
- Line drawings for the revision of *Seseli* L. (Umbellifereae), Turkey
- Her first book, for children was published jointly with other three authors in 2006 and titled '*Bitkileri Tanıyalım*'; to learn about plants. It is published by the NGBB.