

Berfin Ataman Artist Statement

I create artificial systems to examine the reciprocal relationships between systems, their interaction with each other, us (the humans), nature, and the non-humans. Every day we unknowingly interact with societal, cultural, technological, architectural, environmental, and other systems. Even though we may be indifferent to it, almost everything we come across during the day is designed to guide us. Sometimes, even our decisions are consequences of these systems because we rely on our instincts we have unconsciously inherited naturally or culturally. Although at times we are empowered by these systems, especially with the use of technology, I am interested in investigating and challenging our relationship with them. The pieces utilize electronics, mechanical systems, and visual elements in the design of the sculpture to demystify, question, and bring awareness to our relationships with these systems.