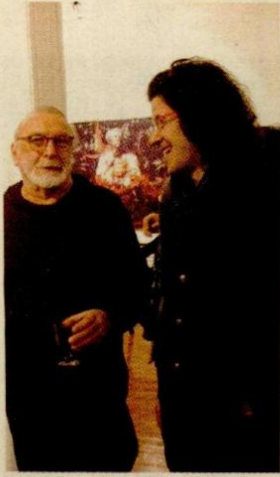




## The Empire Project Gallery opens with Dutch artist's works



**OPENNING:** Atilla Ansen (L) and Mehmet Gülyüz (R) attended the opening of The Empire Project art gallery and museum (above left). Murat Germen, photographer, (above middle) also participated in the opening exhibition. Mehmet Ali Bakanay, artist (L bottom) and Tony Ventura, (R) were among the names who attended the opening.



Istanbul's art scene is preparing for a new gallery at Siraselviler.

The Empire Project's inaugural exhibition features the works of Dutch artist phenom Jasper de Beijer.

On the cusp of nearly 400 years of strong diplomatic ties between two former empires, it is fitting that the selection of works from this singular talent be the inaugural event that sets the pace of Istanbul's newest institution, "Empire," a project space of the Society for the Support of Contem-

porary Art, or SSCA, directed by Kerimcan Gülyüz.

The selection of works featured in the show covers nine unique series and documents the last seven years of the work of an artist who is destined to leave a powerful imprint on the international arts scene. Each series of works is a journey in time and space, where the real is dissected, weighed and measured against the ambitions or dreams of "man" via its reconstruction in a virtual environment.



**ARTISTS:** Acclaimed Turkish and foreign artists attendad to the opening to view at the works of Dutch artist phenom Jasper de Beijer