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MayFest 2005 presents *40 Stations / New York: A Photography Exhibition by Muammer Yanmaz!*

MayFest 2005, the annual arts and culture festival aimed at highlighting the changing face of Turkish arts, will host emerging photographer Muammer Yanmaz's exhibition titled *40 Stations / New York*.

New York-based Turkish nonprofit organization **Moon and Stars Project** will hold its seventh annual arts and culture festival from April 1 to May 31, 2005. As in earlier years, various artists from Turkey and the United States will perform this year. The festival, which features a wide scope of disciplines from theater and dance to photography and literature, will host ***40 Stations / New York: A Photography Exhibition by Muammer Yanmaz***. The exhibition will be on view from **May 5 to May 31, 2005** at The Gallery at The Marmara-Manhattan.

This exhibition consists of the photographs of forty distinguished Turkish-Americans at a New York City subway station of their choice. The common denominator of the subjects is not only being of Turkish origin but also having an artistic, scientific, or scholarly background. Their stories are similar: After somehow ending up in New York City, each had to face numerous struggles to survive. Today, some of them are world-famous, and some are hardly recognized in their homeland, Turkey.

The exhibition is a product of the cooperation between photographer Muammer Yanmaz and his assistant Selen Akçali. Previously the duo portrayed forty Paris residents of Turkish origin at a subway station of their choice. The promising reviews from the Paris exhibition encouraged them to hit the road for New York City, and a project of a similar kind is already underway for London. This compellingly unique series can also be evaluated as a sociological document because every urban-dwelling model bears the characteristics of the city in question.

This exhibition has been made possible by the Moon and Stars Project and is co-sponsored by the Turkish Culture and Tourism Office, Mavi Jeans, and The Marmara-Manhattan.

Date: May 5 - 31, 2005
Reception: May 5, 2005
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Place: The Gallery at The Marmara-Manhattan
301 East 94th Street (at Second Avenue)
New York, NY 10128
Gallery Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

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