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**Contemporary Dutch artist Richard Smeets’s exhibition**

**Confrontations: Individual and Life**

**premieres in Istanbul**

**Rezan Has museum will host “Confrontations: Individual and Life”, an exhibition by Dutch artist Richard Smeets, on March 7, 2013.**

*“A table. People, food. Drinks and laughs. Tears here and there. Trapped around the table, just like atoms inside a molecule…”*

Coming from a family of different ethnicities (a Dutch father and an Indonesian mother), and unconditionally open to cultural exchange, Richard Smeets uses the words above to describe one of his paintings in the exhibition entitled “Confrontations: Individual and Life.”

The exhibition will open at Rezan Has Museum on Thursday, March 7, presenting the works of the artist from his periods “Table Talk” (2007-2010) and “The Music Project” (2011-2012).

According to Smeets, who says “Istanbul has always fascinated me like a twilight country between the lands where the sun rises and the place I grew up,” the duality in the very nature of this city, which has been a corridor of culture and trade since the day it was founded, enables individuals of different roots and ties to collectively and simultaneously experience joy and sorrow while exchanging ideas and expectations. Istanbul continues to remind the people of the world that it is a catalyst that can bring together material and spiritual values, offering these in ways that create serious responsibilities and are unpredictable.

With 120 paintings, 5 statues and music composed with the inspiration of the creative process that led to these works, “Confrontations: Individual and Life” is Richard Smeets’s invitation to discover the defects of perfection, or even better, the perfection of defects.

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**Exhibition:** Richard Smeets- Confrontations: Individual and Life

**Opening Cocktail:** Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.

**Exhibition Period:** March 7 – May 10, 2013

Venue: Rezan Has Museum, Kadir has University, 34083 Cibali

Visiting hours: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (except the first day of religious and public holidays)

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