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FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN AMERICA AND TURKEY

**Turkish and American Art House Project in New York Area to Show
Solidarity with Turkish Citizens**

A collection of Turkish and American Artists in the New York/New Jersey came together this weekend, June 15 in the making a larger-than-life creative statement of solidarity with the Occupy Gezi Park movement in Turkey. To illustrate concerns over the undemocratic actions of the Turkish Government, the artists used grass roots mediums of Street Art and Graffiti, applied to the three story exterior and interior of an unoccupied, decrepit, 2,500 square foot house in Edgewater, NJ, across the Hudson River from Manhattan.

The themes of the work are positive and peaceful: Support for secular Turkey; Protection of basic democratic principles such as free speech and media; and support for those in Turkey standing up to the undemocratic behaviors of the current Turkish Government.

After the work was complete and documented, the images are being shared with concerned people around the world via social media.

In a final statement of how fragile these principles are, and the gravity of the threat against them, the entire house and all the images on it will literally be torn down and destroyed. The house was already planned to be torn down before the Occupy Gezi Park movement started.

For more information on this project and access to images and video, please contact Stuart Schorr.

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