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Education

2012-2013	Istanbul Teknik University	Thesis-based exchange programme
2009-2013	Edinburgh College of Art	Bachelor of Arts, Interior Architecture

Exhibitions

Solo

December 2022, 'Urban Desires' - Vitruta Space (Istanbul, Turkey)
April 2019, 'Ocean Drive', Isola District (Milan, Italy)

Group

Oct 2026, 'Soft Light' - Sunny Bank Mills (Leeds, UK)
Sept 2023, 'Weils @ 7A' - Live performance (Wakefield, UK)
Oct 2022, ARTweeks @ Akaretler (Istanbul, Turkey)
Sept 2022, Contemporary Istanbul (Istanbul, Turkey)
Feb 2022, Aura Art Hub (Istanbul, Turkey)
Nov 2021, Ambidexter Gallery (Istanbul, Turkey)
Sept 2021, Yi Gallery 'Embraces' (New York, US)
Septr 2021, Contemporary Istanbul (Istanbul, Turkey)
Sept 2021, Yes. Baby gallery (Essen, Germany)
Feb 2020, Kolonix gallery (Istanbul, Turkey)
Nov 2019, CabanaMad gallery (Lisbon, Portugal)

Selected Commissions & Projects

2025 (ongoing) - Holmfirth, Kirkles (UK) https://april-key.xyz/holmfirth/
A 12-month programme using neon glass as sculpture in Holmfirth's oldest unit on Victoria Street, transforming a former butcher's and cobbler's shop into a rotating, 24-hour public window gallery inspired by local landscape, heritage and community stories.

2025 (ongoing) – Maltings, Berwick-upon-Tweed (UK)
Community engagement with Berwick Youth Group culminating in a large-scale neon installation responding to the theme Freedom: Then and Now for the 80th anniversary of Victory in Japan Day.

2024 – Sun Sky Cloud, Leeds Corn Exchange (UK) www.april-key.xyz/sky-sun-clouds/
Commissioned site-specific illuminated glass installation exploring the interplay of neon, light, and architecture, aligned with themes of sustainability and climate.

2023 – The Gin Gang, Northumberland (UK) www.april-key.xyz/the-gin-gang/
Large-scale outdoor neon installation in response to the historic gin gang structures, combining architectural heritage with contemporary neon sculpture.

Awards

April 2026 Research and Development Grant - Arts Council England
August 2023 Developing Your Creative Practice (DYCP) - Arts Council England

Publications

Collected Light Vol 2: Women light artists 2025