

SİLLE SANAT SARAYI

AHMET ÇALIK

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AHMET YILMAZ ÇALIK



AHMET YILMAZ ÇALIK (1994 – 2022)

He was born on February 26, 1994, in Ankara. His mother was a homemaker from Isparta, and his father was a businessman from Gümüşhane. He had one older brother and one younger brother.

Ahmet Çalık began his football career in 2004 in the youth academy of **Gençlerbirliği**. He turned professional in the summer of 2011 and was promoted to the senior team. Although he participated in pre-season training camps and official matches with the senior squad, he spent his first season playing for Gençlerbirliği's A2 (reserve) team. He made his Süper Lig debut on April 21, 2013, in a match against Fenerbahçe. Due to injuries to Ante Kulušić and Debatik Curri, he found a place in the starting eleven as a center-back. Following his impressive performance in that 2-0 victory, he started the next four league matches, totaling five appearances in his debut season despite his young age.

During the mid-season break of 2013-2014, Çalık earned his club 150,000 Turkish Liras through the "**Young Footballer Incentive System**," introduced by the Turkish Football Federation, after completing 1,170 minutes on the pitch. He took on the role of **team captain** during the 2015-2016 season. In the 2016-17 winter transfer window, he moved to **Galatasaray**. During his tenure there, he contributed to the team winning two Süper Lig titles, one Turkish Cup, and one Turkish Super Cup. In October 2020, he terminated his contract with Galatasaray—personally paying the club to do so—and signed with **Konyaspor** on October 4, 2020.

Starting from the U-17 level, Ahmet Çalık was frequently called up to the national teams. He earned a total of **45 caps** for youth national teams, including:

- 3 for Turkey U-16
- 14 for Turkey U-17
- 6 for Turkey U-18
- 16 for Turkey U-19
- 6 for Turkey U-20

He participated in the 2010 UEFA European Under-17 Championship and the 2013 FIFA U-20 World Cup, where the team reached the Round of 16. He debuted for the Turkey U-21 team in a match against Malta during the Euro U-21 qualifiers. On November 17, 2015, he earned his **first senior international cap** in a friendly match against Greece.

On **January 11, 2022**, he tragically passed away at the age of 27 in a traffic accident in the Gölbaşı district while traveling from Konya to Ankara. Known for his exemplary character and philosophy of life, Ahmet Yılmaz Çalık held a special place in everyone's hearts. His untimely death left millions of people in mourning, not only in Turkey but across the globe.

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- 1. ORGANIZATION:** The Sille Sanat Sarayı AHMET ÇALIK International Photography Contest is organized by Sille Sanat Sarayı under the auspices of FIAP and with the contributions of Selçuk Ecza Deposu. The execution and management of the contest will be carried out by Sille Sanat Sarayı.
- 2. SUBJECT:** The contest will be held digitally in a single category.

SUBJECT: "SPORT"

- 3. SIZE OF IMAGES:** Photographs submitted to the contest must be uploaded to the website in JPG/JPEG format, at the highest compression quality and 300 dpi resolution, suitable for large-format printing. The long edge must be at least 1920 pixels, and the file size must not exceed 4 MB. Regardless of the original file name, each uploaded photograph is automatically assigned a code number by the system for the jury evaluation. The jury will not be able to see the name of the work or the participant under any circumstances.

4. ENTRY RULES:

- **The competition is open to everyone internationally.**
- Participants may enter the contest with a maximum of **4 (four) works**. Each work will be evaluated individually. Color and/or black-and-white versions of the same photograph cannot be submitted. Entries may be in color, black and white, or a mix of both.
- Photographs that have received awards or were selected for exhibition in the previous four editions of the contest are not eligible for submission.
- There are no restrictive conditions regarding the editing or manipulation of submitted photographs through any software (e.g., Photoshop).
- Jury members and their first-degree relatives are not eligible to participate in the contest.
- Only entries submitted through <https://varismasistemi.com> will be accepted. Submissions via prints, CD/DVD, or email will not be considered.
- The participant represents, warrants, and undertakes that the work submitted is entirely their own and that all necessary permissions and consents have been obtained.
- Any participant who submits a photograph that does not belong to them, presents it as their own, or makes any intervention or modification intended to mislead the evaluation committee, shall be considered in breach of the rules.
- The copyright responsibility for architectural structures, works of art, human faces, or any other objects used in the photograph rests entirely with the participant. By submitting their work, participants represent and warrant that all necessary permissions have been obtained and that they assume full responsibility for any disputes that may arise. Sille Sanat Sarayı accepts no liability in this regard.

- The Jury may convene with a simple majority (one more than half of its total members).
- Should any technical errors occur—whether system-based or user-driven—during the upload process, participants must report the issue to **yarisma@sillesanat.com** for a swift resolution. This email address is strictly for technical support regarding upload issues; sending photographs to this address does **not** constitute an entry, and such submissions will not be accepted.
- Sille Sanat Sarayı shall not be held responsible for any potential issues arising from the uploading process of the works.
- For any matters not specified in these terms or in the event of potential disputes, the decisions of Sille Sanat Sarayı shall be final and binding.
- A digital album/slideshow featuring the award-winning and exhibited works will be available for download at <https://sillesanat.com/> for a period of 6 months following the announcement of the results.

5. PUBLICATION AND COPYRIGHTS:

Award-winning and exhibited photographs will be archived by Sille Sanat Sarayı. These photographs may be used by Sille Sanat Sarayı for news, advertising purposes, and social responsibility projects, provided that the owners' names are credited. No additional royalty or copyright fee will be paid for such use.

Sille Sanat Sarayı shall have the right to freely use award-winning and exhibited photographs for promotional purposes in exhibitions, publications, printed materials, and documents (such as calendars, diaries, postcards, catalogs, websites, electronic communication, and recording media, etc.) and other platforms. For works used in this manner, the owner irrevocably accepts, declares, and undertakes that they will not withdraw their consent, will not prohibit the use of their works as described above, and will not claim any copyright, financial, or moral compensation for this permission/consent.

Under no circumstances will Sille Sanat Sarayı allow the photographs to be used for any other purposes.

All submitted photographs must be taken by the participant. In the event of copyright violations arising from the full or partial use of images belonging to others, all legal responsibility rests solely with the participant.

Photographs that do not receive an award or exhibition selection will be deleted from the system 90 (ninety) days after the announcement of the results.

By uploading their photographs, participants are deemed to have accepted the contest terms. These specifications enter into force once the participant submits their contest photographs. By participating, contestants are considered to have read and agreed to the provisions of these specifications. Participants shall have no right to object to these provisions thereafter.

6. PARTICIPATION FEE: Participation in the competition is free.

7. AWARDS:

Sille Sanat Sarayı Special Award

To be presented to the photographer with the highest number of acceptances/exhibitions + awards in the contest. In the event of a tie, the decision will be made by the Salon Chairman based on the total points received by the photographs.

- Sille Sanat Sarayı Gold Medal
- PIPC Gold Medal
- Sille Sanat Sarayı Silver Medal
- Sille Sanat Sarayı Bronze Medal
- AHMET ÇALIK SPECIAL AWARD - Trophy
- Selçuk Ecza Deposu Special Award – Trophy
- Ahmet Keleşoğlu Special Award – Trophy
- Sille Sanat Sarayı Mention Award (6 unit)

8. CALENDER:

Closing Date : 13th December 2026

Jury Meeting : 20th December 2026

Results : 28th December 2026

Exhibition & Award Ceremony : 16th January 2027 at Sille Sanat Sarayı FIAP
Exhibiton Center - Konya

Results will be announced on December 28th, 2026 at <https://sillesanat.com>

9. JURY MEMBERS:

AHMED MOHAMED HASSAN - Hon.SSS, EFIAP/g - PIPC Horus - MPSA

BÜLENT TEYMUR - Fotoğraf Sanatçısı

EROL DOĞANER – Hon.SSS, EFIAP

ERKAN TARHAN – Kültür ve Turizm Bakanlığı Güzel Sanatlar Müdür Yardımcısı

REHA BİLİR – Hon.SSS, Hon.EFIAP, PIPC Nefertiti

10. SALON SECRETARY:

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