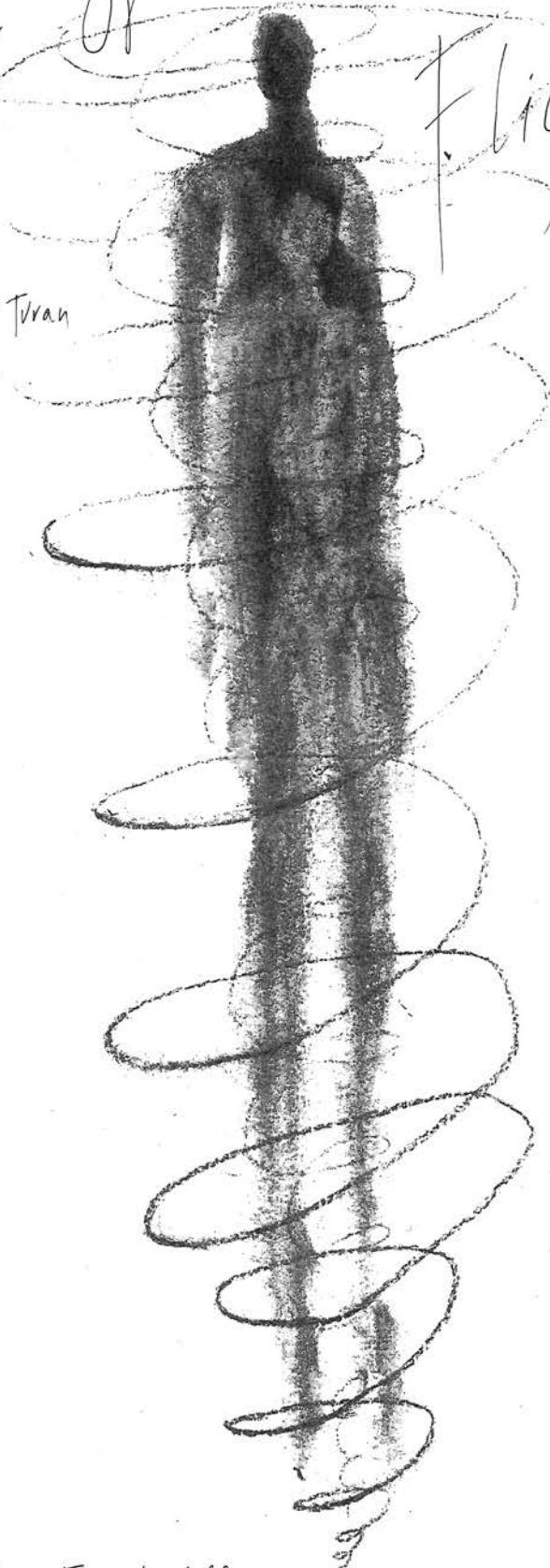


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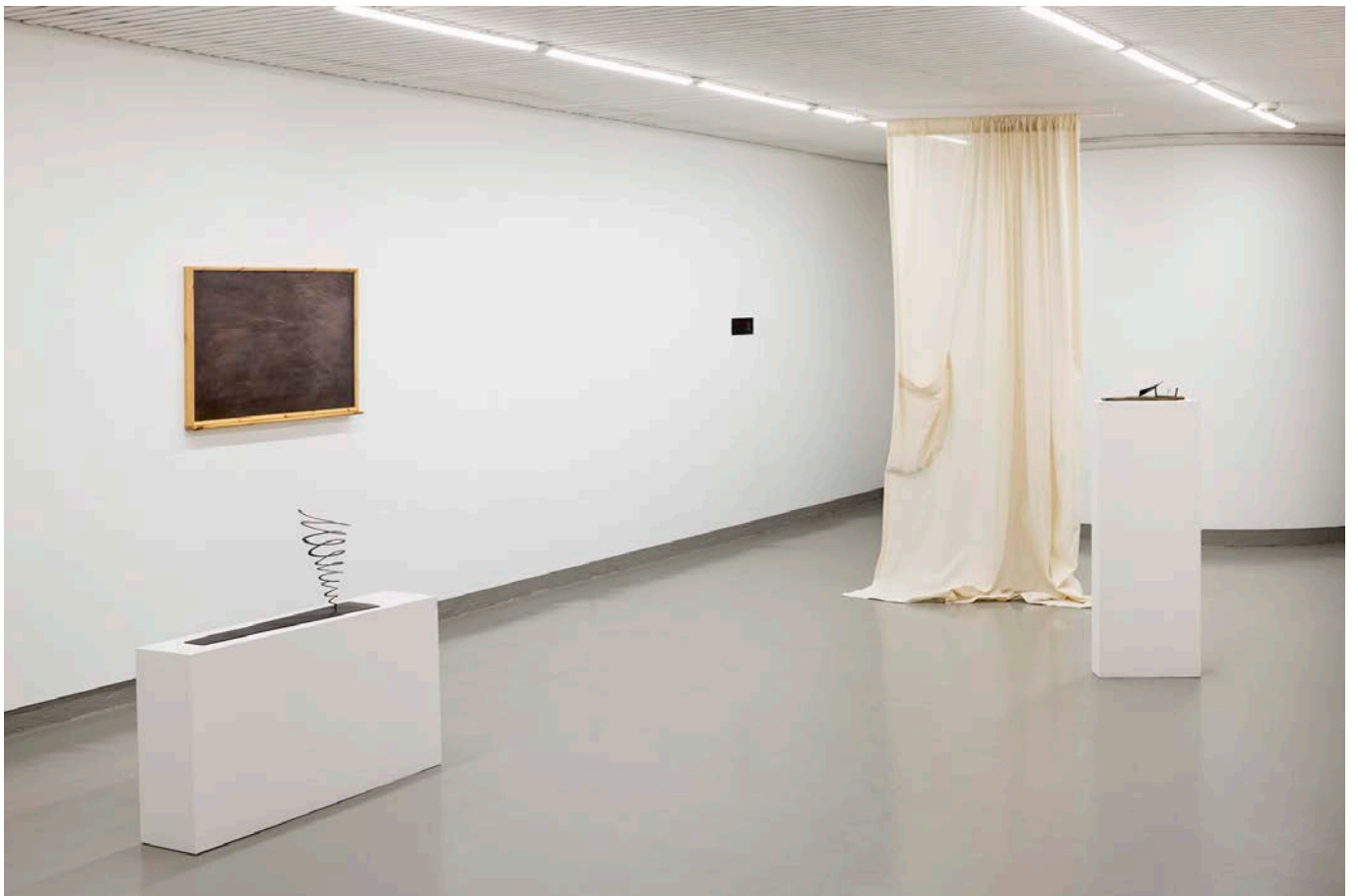
For her first solo exhibition at Galleri Tom Christoffersen, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan presents sculptures and drawings that all circle the complicated and vague emotions connected with origins, memory, and trauma – individual as well as collective. Several of the works such as the sculptures *Leyla* and *Abla* picture the ambivalent position of simultaneously being in a state of windy movement and at a standstill. The works are consistently created in displacements of scales that point towards their background of blurred memories and incomplete stories.

Aia Sofia Coverley Turan is interested in how cultural lore, language, and narratives shape a person. She works continuously with the relations between the alienated and the intimate. The work series *Learning Language* consists of three blackboards created with patinated bronze plates and drawings in pastel and chalk. They are based on conversations with elder generations who experienced no longer being allowed to speak Kurdish in school. On one blackboard, a Kurdish poem of unknown origin is written, now translated into Danish like a communication across language. Memories, mentalities, and experiences can wander through generations. You can fight or you can fly. The exhibition expresses the incomprehensible and lets new stories appear. The works are formed by fragmented glimpses of memories from childhood games and sensorial remembrances that follow the artist like the water is affected by the wind; ripples on the surface spreading out, alternately enhancing, and fading away.

- Kathrine Børlit Nielsen



*Learning Language*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, patinated bronze, pigment and wood frame, 98 x 64 x 7 cm.  
Solo show *Fight or Flight*, Galleri Tom Christoffersen, Copenhagen, DK. Photo: Jan Søndergaard



Installation view, solo show *Fight or Flight*, Galleri Tom Christoffersen, Copenhagen, DK. Photo: Jan Søndergaard



*Pelin (little leaf)*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, bronze, copper and paper, 33 x 6,5 x 8 cm.  
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*Five stone game*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, textile and 5 stones, 277 x 110 cm.  
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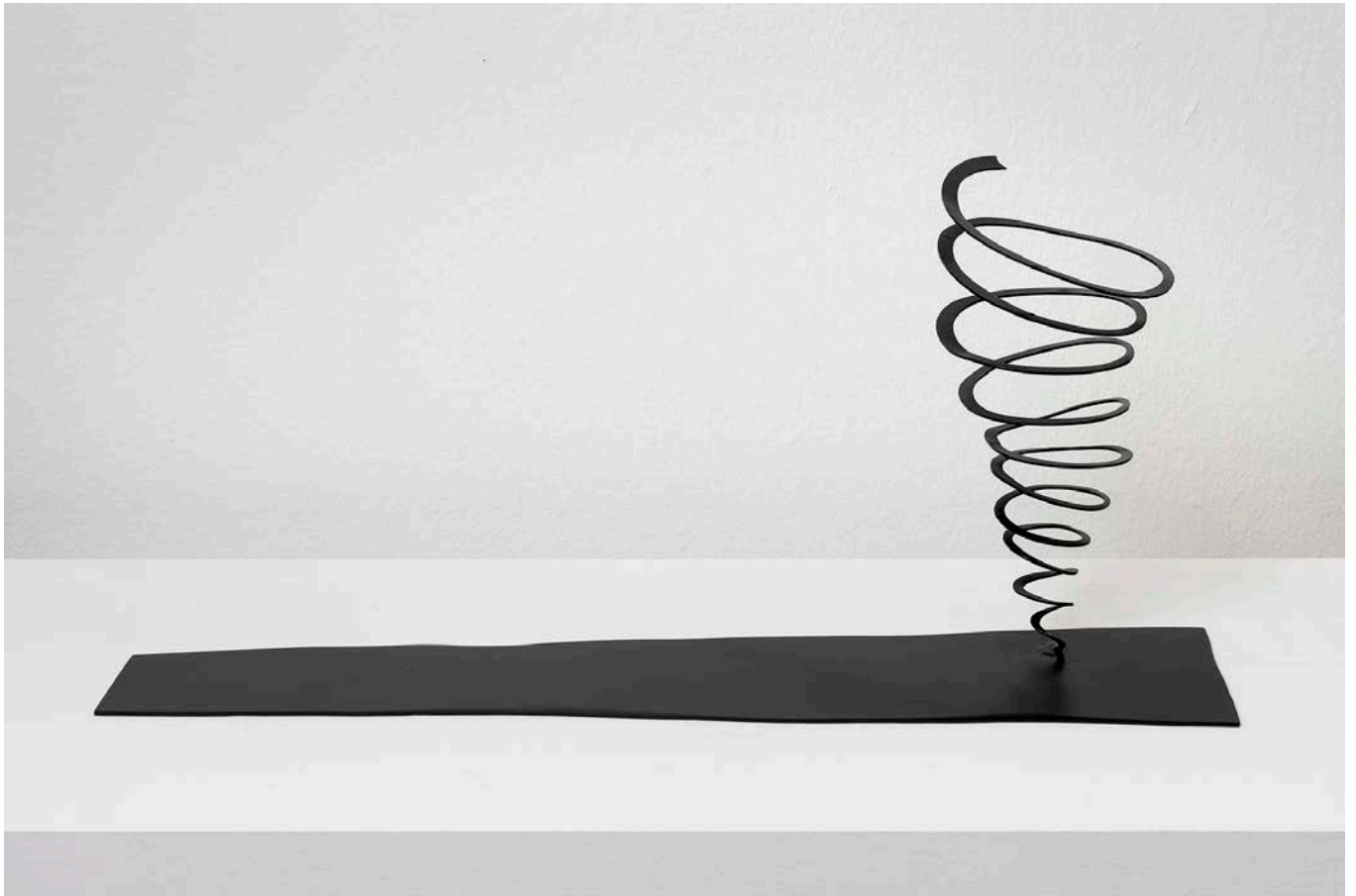




*Fight or Flight*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, Mixed media on cardboard, 29,5 x 10,5 cm.  
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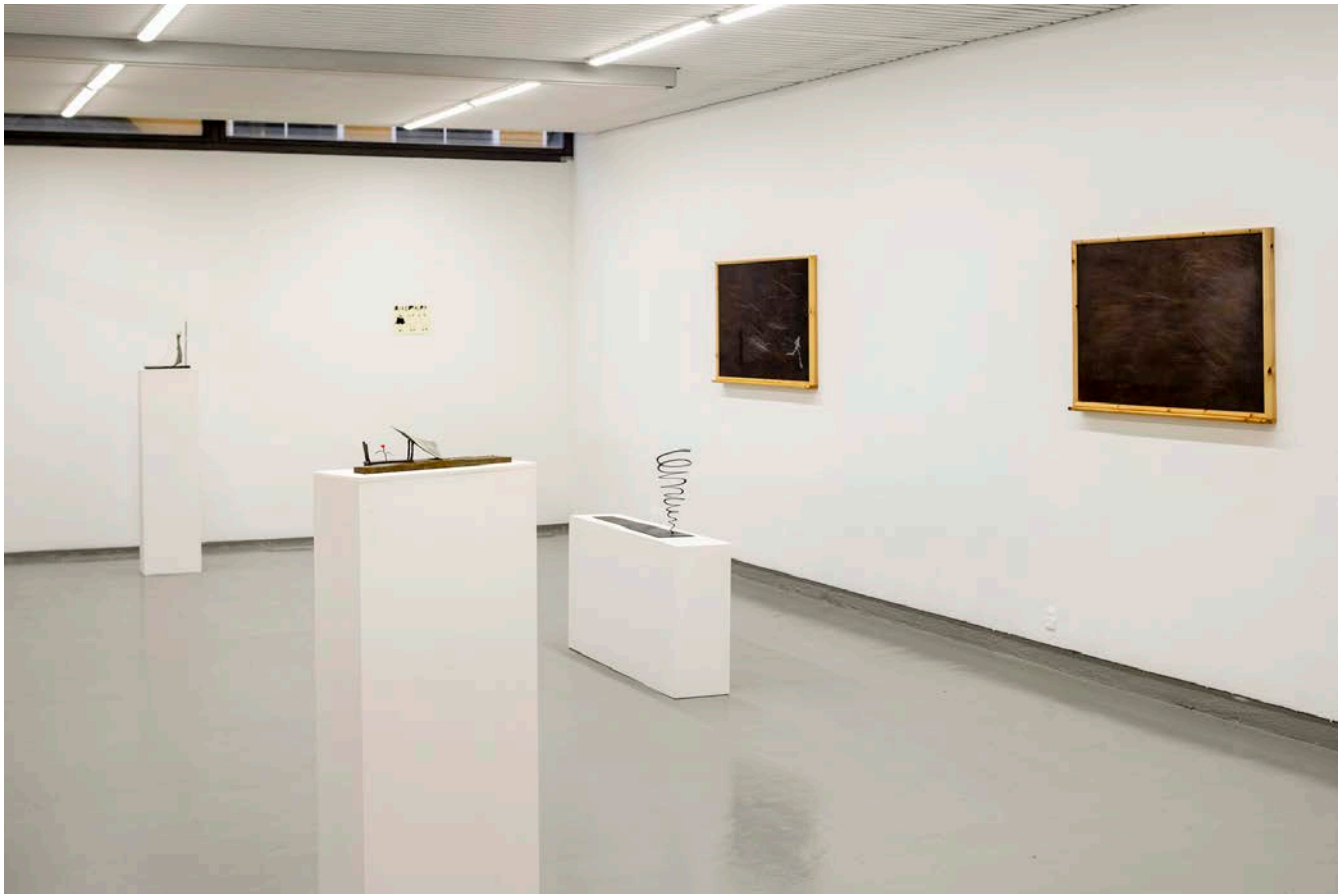
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*Leyla (night)*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, painted bronze, 72 x 14,5 x 31,5 cm.  
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*Learning Language*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, patinated bronze, pigment and wood frame, 98 x 64 x 7 cm.  
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*Fighter*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, pastel and pencil on paper, 29,5 x 10,5 cm.  
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*Body Language*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2021, ink on paper, 17,5 x 24,5 cm.  
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*Abla (sister)*, Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, bronze and painted copper, 9,5 x 23,5 x 26 cm.  
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*Learning Language* (*ziman zahmete, welat dure, birîn di giyan de kûr dibe*), Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, patinated bronze and wood frame, 98 x 64 x 7 cm.  
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*Royar* (*where the sun rises*), Aia Sofia Coverley Turan, 2023, bronze and mdf, 37,5 x 10,5 x 15 cm.  
Solo show *Fight or Flight*, Galleri Tom Christoffersen, Copenhagen, DK. Photo: Jan Søndergaard.



