

# Exhibition brings to life İstanbul of 200 years ago



The exhibition "Pitoresk İstanbul," on display until May 22 at the Naval Museum, features digital projections of 19th-century paintings depicting İstanbul.

▶ The Naval Museum in İstanbul's Beşiktaş district is currently home to a digital exhibition that brings together large-scale animated projections of well-known landscape depictions of İstanbul by famous painters of the 19th century.

Titled "Pitoresk İstanbul" (Picturesque İstanbul) and on display until May 22, the exhibition takes visitors to the İstanbul of two centuries ago through paintings by six artists who were also known for their extensive travels -- John Frederick Lewis, Joseph Schranz, Antoine Ignace Mel-

ling, Thomas Allom, William Henry Bartlett and Ivan Aivazovsky.

The exhibition breathes life into "paintings through animation technology," artistic director İbrahim Yilgaz told the Cihan news agency during the time of the exhibition's opening on March 12.

"By projecting these [animated] renditions onto huge screens we ... aimed to create a more effective [viewing experience]," Yilgaz said.

A team of digital restoration experts and animators worked for more than a year to put together the exhibi-

tion, Yilgaz added.

The exhibition highlights the transformation İstanbul has undergone throughout the past two centuries. In its interactive opening section, the exhibition also offers detailed information about the life and work of the painters featured in the show.

The show is accompanied by music composed by pianist **Anjelika Akbar**, who also performs live at the museum on Friday and Saturday evenings. **İstanbul Today's Zaman with wires**