

Özlem Tuna received her BA degree in Ceramics from Marmara University-Fine Arts Faculty in 1993. Continuing her art studies at the same university, she studied in the Department of Graphic Design- Authentic Printing Workshop. She started HER working life at a jewellery company called Urart. Then she worked as a jewellery designer at several companies which are located around the Grand Bazaar and in the area of Han's in the Historical Peninsula. She established ÖZLEM TUNA DESIGN COMPANY in 2003. Under the same brand name, she designed and manufactured jewellery and home accessories. She also provided consultancy services in modelling and design for several companies in the jewellery sector. ÖZLEM TUNA brand is sold in various famous big hotels and boutique shops within Turkey and abroad. She was the founder and creative director of DESIGN ZONE gallery in the Historical Peninsula during 2007-2010. In addition to Özlem Tuna jewellery and home accessories, the works of other Turkish designers are also shown at the gallery. When different industrial designers joined ÖZLEM TUNA DESIGN organization, she established ZERRE Design Company in 2009. ZERRE Design Company designs collections and corporate gifts and ideas.

Özlem Tuna has won prizes in the jewellery field. She has been involved in design contests as a juror recently. She continues her works in the Historical Peninsula. She worked on several projects about sustainability of manufacturing tradition based upon workmanship lasting for centuries in the Grand Bazaar and the area of Han's in the Historical Peninsula. The group that she worked with on this project won a prize in the competition. She continues generating projects in order to promote the manufacturing traditions and to support workmanship and the selling network of the Grand Bazaar area. She works on preserving the intangible cultural values of this historic area.