

**Visiting Hours**

Opening Time: 08:00	Open everyday.
Closing Time: 17:00	* Visiting Hours may vary due to pandemic.
Ticket Office Closing Time: 16:30	

**Address:** Yesemek Köyü, İslahiye/Gaziantep

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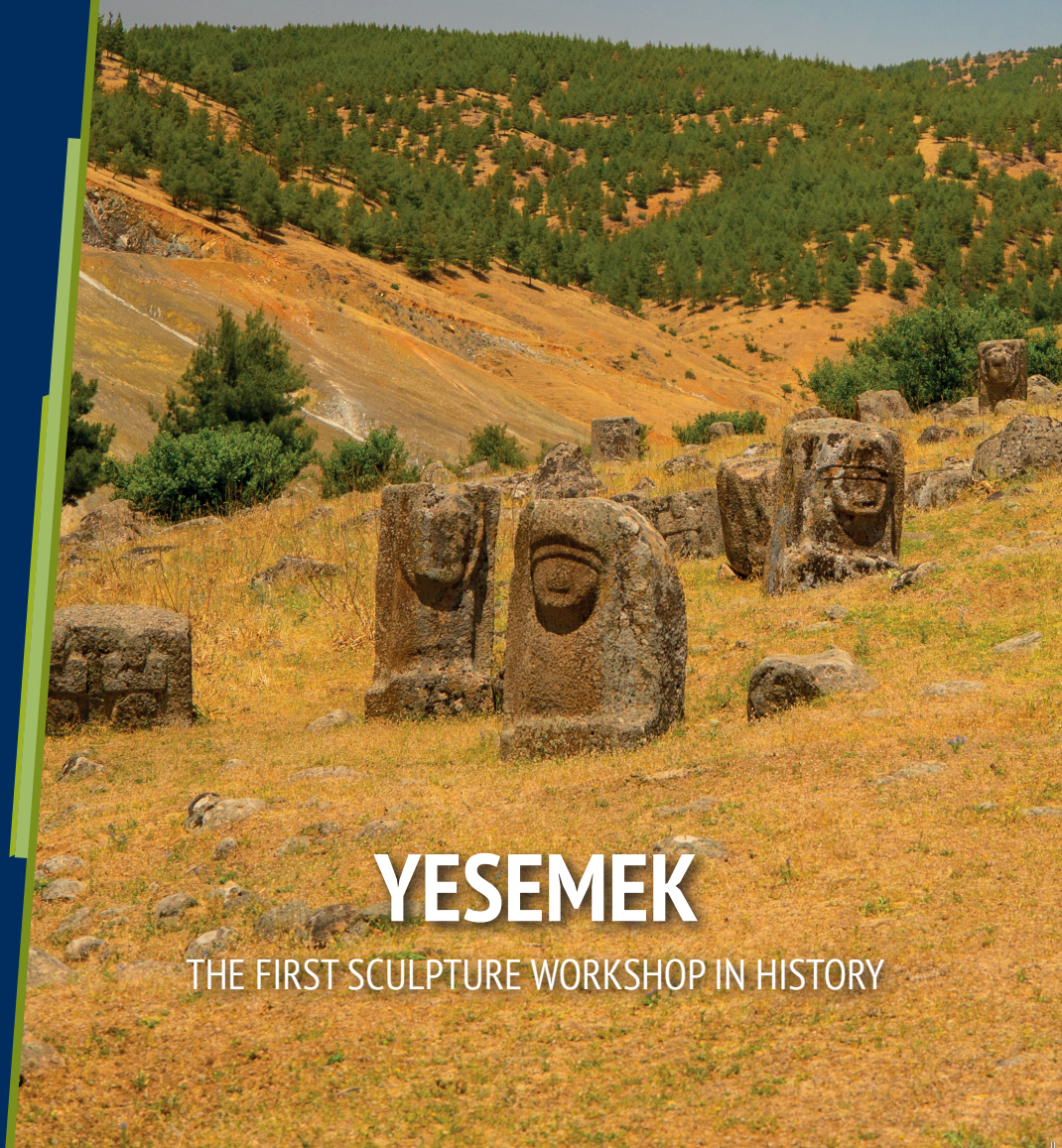
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# YESEMEK

THE FIRST SCULPTURE WORKSHOP IN HISTORY



A Workshop  
Where the History  
Is Embodied



Yesemek is the largest quarry and sculpture workshop in the Near East between the 14th and 7th centuries BCE. In this sculpture workshop, rich in history, the statues of a lion, a chariot, a bear-man, a winged lion with a woman's head and a miner await their visitors.

Chariot



The group of statues, consisting of three blocks, shows engravings of wheels representing the chariot, a prostrate man, a young deer, and a bird.

Quarry and Sculpture  
Workshop



The sculptures produced at Yesemek, the oldest quarry in the region, were also used in other important cities nearby.

Mystery of Yesemek



The reason why the work on the quarried stones was stopped and the sculptures left in a semi-finished state is still a mystery.