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Musical Training

1996 – 1999 Master's degree
Marmara University Religious Musicology Department

1991 – 1995 Bachelor of Arts
Istanbul Technical University Turkish Music State Conservatory
Composition Department

1985 – 1991 Secondary School and High School
Istanbul Technical University Turkish Music State Conservatory
Instrument (Kanun) Training Department

Important Musical Experiences / Projects

- 2021 – Present** Continuum (Kanun and String Ensemble)
2018 – Present Levantine Rhapsody (Didem Bařar Quintet)
2019 – Present Kanun & Turkish Music Instructor at Rhythmitica Online Music Academy
2017 – Present Kanun & Turkish Music Instructor at Centre des Musiciens du Monde
2016 – Present Ensemble Zaman and Lamia Yared
2014 – 2017 Niyaz (Los Angeles)
2010 – 2012 Minor Empire (Toronto)
2010 – Present OktoEcho (Montreal)
2010 – 2016 DuoTurco (Montreal)
2007 – 2016 Fenci's Ensemble (Montreal)
2007 – Present Constantinople Ensemble (Montreal)
2002 – 2010 Bezmara Ensemble (Istanbul)
2000 – 2005 Tango Turco (Istanbul)
2001 – 2007 Research Assistant at Istanbul University State Conservatory
2001 – 2002 Kanun Instructor at Haliç University Conservatory
2001 – 2004 Kanun performer at T.R.T Radio of Istanbul
1999 – 2001 Radio Program Producer at Açık Radyo (Istanbul)
1996 – 1997 Classical Harmony Instructor at I.T.U Turkish Music State Conservatory Composition Department (Istanbul)
1992 – 2010 Kanun Performer with Timur Selçuk (Istanbul)
1990 – 2006 Ayangil Turkish Music Orchestra and Choir (Istanbul)

Notable Recordings

- 2022** – Transcestral, OktoEcho
- 2021** – Continuum, 3 compositions & arrangements with Kanun and String Ensemble
- 2020** – Dounia, soundtrack
- 2020** – Levantine Rhapsody, Didem Başar, Analekta
- 2020** – La Porta d’Orient, Constantinople Ensemble
- 2019** – ...Cette ville étrangé, Constantinople Ensemble & Guests - Sandeep Bhagwati
- 2019** – Chants des Trois Cours, Lamia Yared & Invités
- 2019** – The Wild Swans, Yolanda Bruno & Isabelle David
- 2018** – Juan Sebastian Elkano, The first voyage round the world, Euskal Barrokensemble
- 2018** – Waterlines, Christopher Trapani
- 2018** – Ioason Milan Ghikadis, King Leonidas
- 2018** – Saimaniq, Chants de gorge Inuit, OktoEcho
- 2017** – Briga, Femme
- 2017** - Horizon Lointaines, Constantinople Ensemble & Belem
- 2016** – Passages, Constantinople Ensemble
- 2014** – Niyaz, The Fourth Light
- 2014** – Sergiu Popa, Tous en Accord
- 2014** – Benoit Charest, The Wanted 18, Canadian-Palestinian animated documentary
- 2011** – Duo Turco, Yavuz
- 2011** – Minor Empire, Second Nature
- 2010** – The Music in the 17th century's Istanbul, Bezmârâ Ensemble
- 2010** – Cirque du Soleil, Totem
- 2008** – Eski Musikinin Ruzgariyla, Fikret Karakaya
- 2007** – Faslı-i Kadim 1-2, Bezmara Ensemble, Turkish Ministry of Culture
- 2003** – Timur Selçuk, The Songs of Munir Nurettin Selcuk (My father’s Songs)
- 2003** – The Songs of Istanbul, Istanbul Authentic Turkish Music Ensemble, Balet Plak
- 2003** – Ferahnâk Mevlevî Âyini (Music for Sema ceremony) Istanbul Authentic Turkish Music Ensemble
- 2003** – Soundtrack of Abdülhamid Düşerken (While Sultan Abdulhamid is falling down)
- 2003** – Sâzende Faslı, Bezmârâ Ensemble
- 2003** – Ottaman Court Music, Bezmârâ Ensemble

Notable Concerts and Events

2021

- Clair-obscur, Constantinople Ensemble & A Filetta, Vancouver, Victoria, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City
- Continuum, Rencontres Musicales d’Automne, Montreal
- Levantine Rhapsody, Ville de Beloeil, Montréal
- Constantinople Ensemble, Autour des Cordes, Saint-Louis, Senegal
- Marco Polo, En Chordais & Constantinople Ensemble, CRR Concert Hall, Istanbul
- La Porta d’Orient, Constantinople Ensemble and Marco Beasley, Regensburg, Germany
- Marco Polo, En Chordais & Constantinople Ensemble, Nikos Kazantzakis Garden Theatre, Heraklion, Greece
- Levantine Rhapsody, 31 Femmes 31 Spectacles, Théâtre Gilles Vigneault, Montréal
- Clair-obscur, Constantinople Ensemble & A Filetta, Rencontres Musicales de Conques, France
- Breathings, Constantinople Ensemble, Rencontres Musicales de Conques, France
- Barbara Strozzi, From Tears to Laughter, Constantinople Ensemble, Montréal

- L'odysee de Krystof Harant, Constantinople Ensemble & Cappella Mariana, Prague Spring Festival
- Levantine Rhapsody, Point-Claire, Montréal
- Metamorphosis, Constantinople Ensemble, Salle Bourgie, Montréal
- Cantemir, Constantinople Ensemble, Salle Bourgie, Montréal
- Levantine Rhapsody, Salle Bourgie, Montréal

2020

- Cueilleurs de mémoire, Constantinople Ensemble, Salle Bourgie, Montréal
- Clair-obscur, Constantinople and A Filetta, Rencontres de Chants Polyphoniques de Calvi, Corsica
- Constantinople Ensemble, Jeonju Festival / Seoul, South Korea – Live stream
- Levantine Rhapsody, CD launch, Montréal, Live stream
- Ciel de la Syrie, Constantinople Ensemble, Gent, Osnabrück, Antwerpen
- Souffles, Constantinople Ensemble, Montréal, Québec City, Ottawa

2019

- Louanges à la Mer, Constantinople Ensemble, Montréal, Québec City, Ottawa
- Sur les traces de Da Vinci, Constantinople Ensemble, Montréal, Québec City, Toronto, Ottawa, San Diego, Victoria
- Sur les traces de Rumi, Constantinople Ensemble, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria
- Ponte di Leonardo, Constantinople Ensemble and Marco Beasley, Belgium
- Pres du Soleil, Constantinople and Caprice Ensemble. Montreal, Sackville, Halifax, Lunenburg
- Sur les Traces d'El Greco, Constantinople Ensemble, Rencontres Musicales de Conques, France
- Sur les Traces de Rumi, Constantinople Ensemble, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City, Amman
- Levantine Rhapsody, Festival de Centre des Musiciens du Monde, Montreal
- Horizons-Lointains, Constantinople Ensemble and Belem, Victoria, Vancouver, Longueuil, Montreal, Repentigny, Laval
- Passages, Constantinople Ensemble, Zacatecas, Mexico
- La Porta d'Oriente, Constantinople Ensemble, Canada & USA tour
- Carnet de Didem, Eglise St-Jax., Montréal

2018

- Turkish Music concert with Ahmet Erdogdular, Columbia University, New York
- Lena Chamamyan, FMA, Toronto Art Center, Cinquième Salle/Montréal
- Sur les Traces d'El Greco, Constantinople & En Chordais, Salle Bourgie, Montreal
- Constantinople Ensemble et amis, Festival Ahuntsic en Fugues, Montréal
- Ile des trois mers/Passages, Constantinople Ensemble, Conques, France
- Ciel de la Syrie, Constantinople Ensemble and Kinan Azmeh, Sylvanès-Conques
- Constantinople, D'alla porta d'Oriente, St. Galler,
- Rachid Zeroual Ensemble, Fés Musiques Sacrés du Monde, Morocco
- Levantine Rhapsody, Centre des Musiciens du Monde, Église Saint-Enfant-Jésus, Montreal
- La Porta d'Oriente, Constantinople Ensemble, Belgium & Germany
- Versailles à Isfahan, Constantinople Ensemble, British Museum, London
- Imusici, Gala event, Théâtre St-James, Montreal
- Someone will remember us... Constantinople Ensemble, Krems, Austria
- Versailles à Topkapi, Constantinople Ensemble, Aga Khan Museum
- Turkish music Workshops and concerts in Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance, Nova Scotia
- Caprice Ensemble & OctoEcho, From the Orient to the Baroque Gypsies, Salle Bourgie, Montreal

2017

- Rose aux 13 pétales, Constantinople Ensemble, Corpus Christi Church, New York
- 'Cordes à l'est' kanun soloist, Les Violons du Roy & OktoEcho, Montréal, Québec City, Rabat, Casablanca
- Les 7 cités de l'amour-Hommage à Khalil Gibran, Théâtre Maisonneuve
- Ciel de la Syrie, Constantinople Ensemble and Kinan Azmeh, , Canada tour
- Horizon Lointains, Constantinople Ensemble and Belem, Salles-la-Source, France
- La Porta d'Oriente, Constantinople Ensemble and Marco Beasley, Conques, France
- Rose aux 13 pétales, Constantinople Ensemble, Salle Bourgie, Montreal
- Niyaz Ensemble, Fourth Light project, USA & Canada tour
- La Porta d'Oriente, Constantinople Ensemble and Marco Beasley, Montréal and Québec City
- Horizon Lointains, Constantinople Ensemble and Belem, Belgium & Luxembourg
- Sounds of Montréal, CAM en tournée

2016

- 'Au-delà des Frontières' with IMusici & Oktoecho, Church of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal
- 'Yamal el Sham' with Oktoecho, Lena Chamamy, Naseer Shamma, Charbel Rouhana, Beiteddine Festival, Beirut, Lebanon
- Niyaz, Unifier Festival, Tolland, MA
- Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance, Turkish music and kanun workshops, concerts
- Belem et Constantinople, Horizons Lointains, Salle Bourgie- Montréal & Québec City
- Niyaz Canada & US tour, Jack Singer Hall- Calgary, The Club- Vancouver, Churchill Arts Council- Fallon, Lincoln Center- Youthville
- Workshop with Niyaz, Arizona State University, Tempe, USA
- Versailles à Topkapi, Constantinople Ensemble, Helene Zelalo Center, Milwaukee, USA
- Niyaz, LACMA, Los Angeles, USA
- Constantinople Ensemble, York Theatre, Vancouver
- Constantinople & Belem, Théâtre Marni, Brussels

2015

- Niyaz, Sodra Teatern- Stockholm / Gothenburg, Sweden
- Kanun Soloist with l'OSM & Kent Nagano, "Vers où l'oiseau migrera?" composed by Kiya Tabassian, World Premiere
- The Banff Centre, World Music Residency: Persian and Eastern Traditions, kanun and Turkish music workshops
- Niyaz, Babel Med Music- Marseille, France, Café de la Danse- Paris, Ankara, Istanbul
- La porte d'Or, Constantinople Ensemble, Montréal, Toronto
- Niyaz, The Fourth Light, USA Tour, New York, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego
- Niyaz, Rialto Theatre, Montréal
- Niyaz, SFU Goldcorp's Wong Experimental Theatre, Vancouver
- Niyaz & Mercan Dede, Paradiso - Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Constantinople Ensemble & Matralab, Sounds of Montréal, Salle Gesù, Montreal

2014

- Fenci's Ensemble, Maison Culturelle Montréal-Nord
- Constantinople Ensemble, Versailles à Topkapi, The Indian River Festival, Prince Edward Island, Debut Atlantic
- Chemins au Sommet, Constantinople Ensemble, The University of Oklahoma, Paul F. Sharp Concert Hall
- Music from court of the Safavides, Constantinople Ensemble, Capilano University Theatre, Vancouver
- Versailles à Topkapi, Constantinople Ensemble, Moncton Community Concert Association, Debut Atlantic
- Versailles à Topkapi, Constantinople Ensemble, Mount Allison Performing Arts Series, Debut Atlantic

- La porte d'Oriente, Constantinople Ensemble, The Harvard Uni. Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Florence, Italy
- Passages, Constantinople Ensemble, American University of Beirut Assembly Hall, Lebanon
- Niyaz, Iowa University, Old Brick, Iowa, USA
- Chemins au Sommet, Constantinople Ensemble, Lincoln Center Atrium, New York
- Niyaz, Pacific Tour, Seattle, Maple Falls, San Francisco, USA
- Passages, Constantinople Ensemble, Crocevia del Mediterraneo, 40a Stagione Concertistica, Catania, Italy
- Music from court of the Safavides, Constantinople Ensemble, Festival les nuits du monde - Cité Bleue, Genève
- Niyaz, The 4th Light, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto
- OktoEcho, Sultans & Divas, Koerner Hall, Toronto

2013

- Cahit Sitki Taranci'nin Siirleri, Dusten Guzel, IsSanat, Istanbul, Turkey
- Constantinople Ensemble & Suzie LeBlanc, Montréal Baroque, Théâtre St-James, Montreal
- Carrefour de la Méditerranée, Constantinople Ensemble, Salle Bourgie, Montréal
- Versailles a Topkapi, Constantinople Ensemble, Contact East 2013, St. John's
- Versailles a Topkapi, Constantinople Ensemble, Renaissance Festival of Rethymno, Crete, Greece
- La nuit aux 1000 oreilles, Constantinople Ensemble, Au bain Mathieu, Montréal & Québec City

Awards and Nominations

- Levantine Rhapsody, 24e Prix Opus Meilleur Album de l'année - musiques du monde et musique traditionnelle québécoise
- Levantine Rhapsody, 24e Prix Opus nominé Album de l'année - musiques du monde et musique traditionnelle québécoise
- Levantine Rhapsody, l'Adisq nominé Album de l'année - musiques du monde