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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 Başar Quintet)

2019 – Present Kanun & Turkish Music Instructor at
Rhythmitica Online Music Academy

2017 – Present Kanun & Turkish Music Instructor at Centre
des Musiciens du Monde

2014 – 2017 Niyaz (Los Angeles)

2010 – 2012 Minor Empire (Toronto)

2010 – Present OktoEcho (Montreal)

2010 – 2016 DuoTurco (Montreal)

2007 – Present Constantinople Ensemble (Montreal)

2002 – 2010 Bezmara Ensemble (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)

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 - musique

Notable Recordings

- 2022** – Ottoman Splendours, Lamia Yared, Analekta - Centre des Musiciens du Monde
2022 – In the footsteps of Rumi, Constantinople Ensemble, Glossa
2022 – Transcestral, OktoEcho
2021 – Continuum, 3 compositions & arrangements with Kanun and String Ensemble
2021 – 303 Diary, Ben Shemie, Nahal Recordings
2020 – Dounia, Animated movie, soundtrack
2020 – Levantine Rhapsody, Didem Başar, Analekta – Centre des Musiciens du Monde
2020 – La Porta d’Orient, Constantinople Ensemble, Glossa
2019 – ...cette ville étrangé, Constantinople Ensemble & Guests - Sandeep Bhagwati, Dreyer Gaido
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, New Focus Recordings
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, Buda Musique
2014 – Niyaz, The Fourth Light, Six degrees Recordings
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, Jericho Beach / World Trip Records
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

2022

- Continuum, with Quatuor Andara, Concerts Ahuntsic en fugue, Montreal
- Il Ponte di Leonardo, Constantinople Ensemble and Marco Beasley, Conques-France, Salem-Germany, Canada
- L’odysee de Krystof Harant, Constantinople Ensemble & Cappella Mariana, Conques-France
- Clair-obscur, Constantinople Ensemble & A Filetta, Limoges, Bastia-France
- Ottoman Splendours, Ensemble Oraciones, Festival des musiciens du monde de Montréal
- Mathematik&Mystik, Constantinople Ensemble, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
- L’Empire de Grenade, Maison de la Culture Ahuntsic, Montréal

- Et je reverrai cette ville étrange, Constantinople Ensemble, Cologne-Germany
- In the footsteps of Rumi, Constantinople Ensemble & Ghalia Benali, Lunalia Festival, Mechellen-Belgium
- Souffles, Constantinople Ensemble, Lunalia Festival, Mechellen-Belgium
- From Castille to Samarkand, Constantinople Ensemble @ Accademia del Piacere, Sevilla-Spain and Canada tour
- Levantine Rhapsody, Maison de la Culture NDG, Théâtre Outremont, Montréal

2021

- Clair-obscur, Constantinople Ensemble & A Filetta, Vancouver, Victoria, Toronto, Montréal, Québec City
- Continuum, Rencontres Musicales d'Automne, Montréal
- 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 Canada tour, San Diego
- Sur les traces de Rumi, Constantinople Ensemble, Canada tour, Jordan
- 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
- Levantine Rhapsody, Festival de Centre des Musiciens du Monde, Montreal
- Horizons-Lointaines, Constantinople Ensemble and Belem, Victoria, Vancouver, Longueuil, Montreal, Repentigny, Laval
- Passages, Constantinople Ensemble, Zacatecas, Mexico
- La Porta d'Orient, Constantinople Ensemble, Canada & USA tour
- Levantine Rhapsody, 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
- Horizon Lointains, Constantinople Ensemble and Belem, Belgium & Luxembourg
- Constantinople Ensemble & Matralab, 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 Chamamyan, Naseer Shamma, Charbel Rouhana, Beiteddine Festival, Beirut, Lebanon
- Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance, Turkish music and kanun workshops, concerts
- Versailles à Topkapi, Constantinople Ensemble, Helene Zelalo Center, Milwaukee, USA
- Constantinople & Belem, Théâtre Marni, Brussels

2015

- 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
- La porte d'Or, Constantinople Ensemble, Montréal, Toronto
- Constantinople Ensemble & Matralab, Sounds of Montréal, Salle Gesù, Montreal

2014

- 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
- Chemins au Sommet, Constantinople Ensemble, Lincoln Center Atrium, New York
- 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
- 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