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Started to play the piano at five years old. Played the guitar for three years and studied vocals for five years. In 2010, participated in Pera International Piano Festival in Istanbul. Attended Istanbul State University Summer School for creative writing and poetry. In 2012, completed grade 5 of the ABRSM music theory exam. In 2014, was a guest at the “Açık Radyo” radio station as a young musician. In 2015, became a student of pianist Kadir Batu Ekmekçi and studied piano with him for five years. In 2016, started to study composition and sound design with Tolga Tüzün, Tolga Zafer Özdemir, Yiğit Özatalay, Oğuz Usman, and Enis Gümüş at Istanbul Bilgi University. Additionally, participated in the classes of music production and recording with Mine Erkaya, mix & mastering with Micheal Timothy Nielsen, songwriting with Başak Yavuz, jingle writing with Ömer Ahunbay, physics of sound with Ruhan Alpaydın, and jazz composition with Selen Gülün at Bilgi University. Got accepted for the "Sesin Yolculuğu" Festival as a young composer in 2020. In 2021, completed grade 8 of the ABRSM piano performance exam and got Bachelor's degree in composition and sound engineering. In 2022, one of the compositions was performed in the “Clocks, Clouds’ and Colours” concert by the Land’s End ensemble. Currently, am studying master's in composition at the University of Calgary.

Skills

- Composition and Music Theory
- Sound Design
- Music Production and Recording
- Mix & Mastering
- Piano
- Vocal
- Guitar
- Poetry and song writing
- Teaching
- Languages: Turkish (Native language), English (Advanced), French (Intermediate), Italian (Elementary)

Experience

16/09/2019 – 02/03/2020

Teaching Assistant / Piyano Evi Music School, Istanbul

While studying composition at Bilgi University, worked as a teaching assistant for pianist Kadir Batu Ekmekçi at Piyano Evi Music School, worked with children.

30/08/2021 – 31/05/2022

Teaching Assistant / University of Calgary, Calgary

While studying master's in music composition, worked as a teaching assistant to Prof. Allan Gordon Bell.

01/02/2022 – PRESENT

Piano and Composition Teacher / Asylum for Art, Calgary

While studying master's in music composition, currently teaching piano and composition to both adults and youth.

Education

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Master's / University of Calgary, Calgary

2021

Undergraduate / Bilgi University, Istanbul

2016

International Baccalaureate (IB) / Eyüboğlu High School, Istanbul

2012

B1 in French / Le Petit Prince école primaire & intermédiaire, Istanbul

Others

Was a professional swimmer at İstek Okulları and got licensed at Galatasaray. Participated in benefit concerts for street children from 2004 to 2008. Voluntarily tutored kids in middle school in 2014-2015 and volunteered to be in Best Buddies Turkey Program in 2015-2016. As a member of Istanbul Bilgi University social responsibility club BİLUM, distributed food to homeless people at “Çorbada Tuzum Olsun” events, visited elderly with special needs at Darülaceze and celebrated the Children's Holiday – April 23th – with the kids at Nesin Vakfı. Attended to the Children's Holiday celebrations as a volunteer with the Volunteers of Bebek at Bebek/Istanbul. In 2018, was a member of the board of management in Bilgi University club Atatürkçü Düşünce Kulübü (ADK) which aims to keep the values (e.g., laicism, republicanism, reformism etc.) of the founder of Republic of Turkey – Mustafa Kemal Atatürk – alive.