



Kayra Caner

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- 2010: Participated in Pera International Piano Festival in Istanbul.
- 2014: Was a guest at the “Açık Radyo” radio station as a young musician.
- 2020: Got accepted for Sesin Yolculuğu Festival as a young composer.
- 2021: Completed grade 8 of ABRSM piano performance exam.
- 2021: Participated in Bilgi New Music Festival with her composition “Pont de la Concorde”. Oerknal Ensemble performed the piece.
- 2021-2023: Became the treasurer of University of Calgary School of Creative and Performing Arts Graduate Society (SCPAGS).
- 2021-2023: Became the president of University of Calgary Graduate Music Society (GMS).
- 2022: Composed a work for Land’s End Ensemble for their “Clocks. Clouds, and Colours” concert.
- 2022: As the president of GMS, organized an online international conference “Confounding Expectations 2022: Cultural Assimilation in Music and Its Authenticity”
- 2022-2023: Became the departmental steward at University of Calgary Graduate Students’ Association.
- 2023: As the president of GMS, organized a hybrid international conference “Confounding Expectations 2023: Creativity, Expression, and Emotion in Music”.
- 2022-2023: Completed “Emerging Teachers Development”, “SoTL Foundations”, “Learning Spaces & Digital Pedagogies”, “Theories and Practices”, “Developing Your Teaching Dossier”, “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”, “Foundations of Course Design”, “Teaching Online Program I”, and “Blended and Online Learning Pedagogy and Practice” badges offered by University of Calgary Taylor Institute of Teaching and Learning.

Skills

- Composition and Music Theory
- Sound Design
- Music Production and Recording
- Mix & Mastering
- Piano, vocal, and guitar
- Song writing
- Microsoft Office
- Website editing and uploading news/articles.
- Organizing events
- Administration

- Jingle writing
 - Teaching
 - Languages: Turkish (Native language), English (Advanced), French (Intermediate), Italian (Elementary)
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Experiences

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 of Chromatic Harmony class with Prof. Allan Gordon Bell.

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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.

01/09/2022 – 31/05/2023

Teaching Assistant / University of Calgary, Calgary

While studying master's in music composition, worked as a teaching assistant of Music Listening class with Dr. Rod Squance.

03/01/2023 – 31/05/2023

Teaching Assistant / University of Calgary, Calgary

While studying master's in music composition, worked as a teaching assistant for Sound Recording class with Prof. Abdullah Soydan.

13/12/2022 – 30/01/2023

Administrative Assistant / University of Calgary, Calgary

While studying master's in music composition, worked as the administrative assistant of Faculty of Arts School of Creative and Performing Arts and Department of Art and Art History.

01/02/2023 – 21/04/2023

Administrative Assistant / University of Calgary, Calgary

While studying master's in music composition, worked as the administrative assistant of Faculty of Arts School of Languages, Linguistics, Literature and Culture; English; and Communication, Media and Film.

Education

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Master's, MMus Music Composition/ University of Calgary, Calgary

2021
Undergraduate, BMus Music Composition and Sound Engineering / Bilgi University, Istanbul

2016
International Baccalaureate (IB) / Eyübođlu High School, Istanbul

2012
B1 in French / Le Petit Prince école primaire & intermédiaire, Istanbul

Awards

Professor Allan Gordon Bell Distinguished Faculty Achievement Graduate Scholarship in Music, University of Calgary. 2021

Richard Johnston Award in Chamber Music Composition, University of Calgary. 2022

Extra Curriculars

Was a professional swimmer at İstek Okulları and got licensed at Galatasaray. Participated in benefit concerts for street children from 2004 to 2008. Volunteered to tutor middle school students in 2014-2015 and to be in Best Buddies Turkey Program in 2015-2016. As a member of Istanbul Bilgi University volunteering club BİLUM, distributed food to people-in-need 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 Vakfi. 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.