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EDUCATION

Piano:

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Istanbul State Conservatory

Major Professor and Supervisor: Prof. Metin Ülkü

- Graduate: **2007**
- Master in Music: **2009**
- Doctorate in Music: **2019**

Conducting:

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Istanbul State Conservatory

Major Professor: Prof. Gürer Aykal

- Graduate: **2009**

Royal College of Music, Stockholm

Major Professors and Advisors: Daniel Harding, B. Tommy Andersson, Cecilia Rydinger,

Jan Risberg, Glen Mossop

- Master in Music: **2011**

MASTERCLASSES

Piano:

Dmitri Alexeev, Arnulf von Arnim, Emmanuel Ax, Idil Biret, Nikolai Demidenko,

Gery Moutier

Conducting:

Jorma Panula

TEACHING

Orchestral Conducting:

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Istanbul State Conservatory, **2016 – 2023**

Orchestra:

The Symphony Orchestra of Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, **2016 – 2023**

Selected Repertoire:

J. S. Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 3

J. Haydn: Symphonies Nos. 45 “Farewell” & 104 “London”

W. A. Mozart: Zaide / Der Schauspieldirektor / Symphony No. 38 “Prague” /

Piano Concerto No. 23 / Violin Concerto Nos. 3 & 5 / Flute Concerto No. 1 /

Clarinet Concerto

L. van Beethoven: Symphonies Nos. 2, 5, 6 “Pastoral”, 7 & 8 / Egmont Overture

F. Schubert: Mass No. 2

F. Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 “Italian” / Die Hebriden

J. Brahms: Symphony No. 2 / Tragic Overture / Piano Concerto No. 1 / Double Concerto

A. Dvořák: Serenade for Strings

P. Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings

F. Liszt: Piano Concertos

R. Wagner: Siegfried Idyll

S. Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2

J. Sibelius: Violin Concerto

M. Ravel: Pavane pour une infante defunte / Piano Concerto in G

ACADEMIC CAREER

Research Assistant: **2016 – 2021**

Associate Professor: **2021 – present**

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Piano:

Selected Repertoire

J. S. Bach: The Well Tempered Clavier (complete), English and French Suites, Partitas

Mozart: Piano Sonatas, Piano Concerto 12

Beethoven: Piano Concerto 5 „Emperor“, Piano Sonatas (complete)

Schubert: Impromptus, Last Three Piano Sonatas

Schumann: Piano Concerto, Piano Sonata 1, Kreisleriana, Fantasie

Chopin: Fantasie, Barcarolle, Ballade 4, Etudes (selection), Polonaise-fantasie

Brahms: Piano Concerto 1, Paganini Variations, Haydn Variations, Piano Pieces Op. 76, 118,

119, Intermezzi, Op. 117, Rhapsodies, Op. 79

Franck: Prelude, Chorale et Fugue & Prelude, Aria et Finale

Liszt: Années de pelerinage: Suisse & Italie, Transcriptions of Beethoven Symphonies 5, 6,

Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique, Wagner: Tannhäuser Overture & Isoldens Liebestod

Debussy: Preludes, Book 1, Etudes (selection), Images Vol. 1

Scriabin: Etudes, Op. 12 & 65, Piano Sonatas 5, 9, Vers la flamme, Preludes Op. 74

Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto 3, Paganini Rhapsody, Etudes-tableaux (complete), Piano Sonatas, Transcriptions

Bartok: Out of Doors

Schoenberg: Piano Suite, Op. 25

Webern: Variations, Op. 27

Conducting:

Selected Repertoire

Haydn: Sturm und Drang, Paris and London Symphonies

Mozart: Die Zauberflöte, Zaide, Der Schauspieldirektor / Symphonies 25, 29, 31, 33, 35-41, Requiem, Concertos

Beethoven: Complete Symphonies, Overtures and Concertos

Schubert: Symphonies 5, 8, 9

Schumann: Symphonies 3, 4, Genoveva Overture

Mendelssohn: Symphonies 3, 4, 5, Overtures

Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique

Liszt: Les Preludes, Dante Symphony

Wagner: Overtures and Preludes, Siegfried Idyll

Smetana: Die Moldau

Dvořák: Symphonies 5-9, Overtures, Slavonic Dances

Brahms: Symphonies 1-4, Overtures, Haydn Variations, Concertos, Ein deutsches Requiem

Tchaikovsky: Symphonies 2-6, Manfred Symphony, Symphonic Poems, Ballet Suites, Violin Concerto, Piano Concerto No. 1

Mussorgsky: A Night on Bald Mountain / Pictures at an Exhibition (orch. by Ravel)

Verdi: Rigoletto, Aida, Falstaff

Bruckner: Symphonies 4, 5, 7, 8, 9

Mahler: Symphonies 1, 2, 4, 6, 9

Richard Strauss: Der Bürger als Edelmann, Metamorphosen, Tone Poems

Sibelius: Symphony 2, Rakastava, In memoriam

Debussy: Prelude a l'apres midi d'un faune, La mer

Ravel: Bolero, La valse, Pavane pour une infante defunte, Rhapsodie espagnole, Ma mere l'oye

Rachmaninoff: The Isle of the Dead, Symphony No. 3

Stravinsky: The Firebird, Petrouchka, The Rite of Spring, Pulcinella Suite, The Rake's Progress

Bartok: Concerto for Orchestra, Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta, Viola Concerto

Prokofiev: Symphonies 1 & 7, Ballet Suites

Shostakovich: Symphonies 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15

Britten: The Turn of the Screw

Vaughan Williams: Symphony No. 5

Say: Symphonies 1, 5 & 6, Flute Concerto, Şahmeran, Water: Piano Concerto

World Premieres:

2022

Erberk Eryılmaz: Sınırsız (Limitless)

2023

Michael Ellison: Binboğalar Efsanesi (The Legend of Thousand Bulls), opera based on novel by Yaşar Kemal (Hezarfen Ensemble)

Fazıl Say: Symphony No. 6, Op. 107 “A Hundred Years Old Child” (Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra)

Fazıl Say: 100th Anniversary March, Op. 106 (Ahmed Adnan Saygun Symphony Orchestra & Chorus)

Arda Yurdusev: Indigo (Bilkent Symphony Orchestra)

Turkish Premieres:

2017

Igor Stravinsky: The Rake’s Progress (Istanbul State Opera and Ballet)

2021

Fazıl Say: Yürüyen Köşk, Op. 72c (Fazıl Say Festival Orchestra)

Fazıl Say: Şahmeran, Op. 85 (Fazıl Say Festival Orchestra)

2023

Fazıl Say: Anka Kuşu, concerto for piano four hands and orchestra, Op. 97 (Lucas and Arthur Jussen & Bilkent Symphony Orchestra)

Jean Sibelius: Rakastava, Op. 14 (Karşıyaka Chamber Orchestra)

2024

Fazıl Say: Symphony No. 5, Op. 102 (Presidential Symphony Orchestra)

Jean Sibelius: In memoriam, Op. 59 (Presidential Symphony Orchestra)

PERFORMANCES (A SELECTION)

2017

Stravinsky: The Rake's Progress (Turkish Premiere at Istanbul State Opera and Ballet)

Britten: The Turn of the Screw (Istanbul State Opera and Ballet)

Verdi: Rigoletto (Chor und Orchester der Opernfestspiele Schloss Amerang, Deutschland)

2018

*Marcello: Oboe Concerto / Neruda: Trumpet Concerto / Beethoven: Symphony No. 1
(Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra)*

*Tüziin: Conversation / Hoffmeister: Viola Concerto / Uçarsu: İsmail'in Öyküsü (after Nazım
Hikmet) (Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra and Chorus)*

2019

*Mozart: Overture to Don Giovanni / Actor: Saxophone Concerto / Prokofiev: Symphony No. 1
(Bursa Regional State Symphony Orchestra)*

*Mendelssohn: Die Hebriden / Danzi: Sinfonia concertante for flute and clarinet / Schumann:
Overture to Genoveva / Bruch: Kol Nidrei / David: Trombone Concerto (Istanbul State
Symphony Orchestra)*

*Ravel: Pavane pour une infante defunte / Ibert: Flute Concerto / Liszt: Les preludes &
Inferno (from A Dante Symphony) (Presidential Symphony Orchestra)*

*Rey: Türkiye, symphonic rhapsody / Alnar: Cello Concerto / Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 3
"Polish" (Jerzy Semkow Polish Sinfonia Iuventus Orchestra)*

*Mozart: Overture to Le nozze di Figaro / Piano Concerto No. 12 (soloist & conductor) / R.
Strauss: Der Bürger als Edelmann, süite (Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra)*

Verdi: Aida (Ankara State Opera and Ballet)

*Grieg: Aase's Death / Davidoff: Fantasie / Paganini: Moses Variations / Tchaikovsky:
Serenade for Strings (Antalya State Symphony Orchestra)*

*Beethoven: Violin Concerto & Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral" (Istanbul State Symphony
Orchestra)*

2020

Mozart: Sinfonia concertante for violin and viola / R. Strauss: Serenade for Winds & Metamorphosen (Digital concert with Bilkent Symphony Orchestra)

Mozart: Symphony No. 33 / Enescu: Decet for Winds / Schnittke: Concerto grosso No. 1 (Digital concert with Bilkent Symphony Orchestra)

Say: Flute Concerto / Mozart: Symphony No. 40 (Çukurova State Symphony Orchestra, Season Opening Concert)

2021

J. S. Bach: Orchestral Suites Nos. 1 & 2 and Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 (Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra)

Faure: Elegie / Glazunov: Summer from The Seasons / Tchaikovsky: Waltz from Eugene Onegin & Capriccio italien (Cemal Reşit Rey Symphony Orchestra)

Haydn: Cello Concerto No. 2 / Stravinsky: Pulcinella Suite (Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra)

Saint-Saëns: Havanise & Introduction and Rondo capriccioso / Danse macabre / Bacchanale from Samson et Dalila (Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra)

2022

Mozart: Serenade for Winds, K 375 / Dvořák: Serenade for Strings (Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra)

Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 3 & Adagio in E major / Wagner: Siegfried Idyll (Bilkent Symphony Orchestra)

Arias from Vivaldi, Handel, Beelini and Tosti / Schoenberg: Transfigured Night, Op. 4 (Başkent Academic Orchestra)

Graduation Concert with Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Symphony Orchestra

Erdener: Oboe Concertino / Eryılmaz: Sınırsız (world premiere) / R. Strauss: Metamorphosen (Gedik Philharmonic Orchestra)

Grieg: Two Elegiac Melodies / R. Strauss: Sextet from Capriccio / Wagner: Siegfried Idyll (Karşıyaka Chamber Orchestra)

Schumann: Piano Concerto / Say: Symphony No. 1 (Bilkent Symphony Orchestra)

*Say: Yürüyen Köşk, Op. 72c / Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 21 / Beethoven: Symphony No. 7
(Real Filharmonia de Galicia)*

*Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1 / Dvořák: Slavonic Dances, Op. 46 (complete) (Bilkent
Symphony Orchestra)*

*Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 “Emperor” / Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 3 (Bilkent
Symphony Orchestra)*

New Year’s Concert with Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Symphony Orchestra

2023

*Haydn: Cello Concerto No. 2 / Rachmaninoff: Vocalise (orchestrated by composer) &
Isle of the Dead (Izmir State Symphony Orchestra)*

Sibelius: Rakastava, Op. 14 / Dvořák: Serenade for Strings (Karşıyaka Chamber Orchestra)

*Barber: Adagio for Strings / Lalo: Cello Concerto / Wagner: Prelude and Liebestod from
Tristan und Isolde & Prelude to Parsifal (Presidential Symphony Orchestra)*

*100th Anniversary Concert with the Children of the Republic: Marches and National Songs
(Bilkent Symphony Orchestra & Faculty of Music and Performing Arts Soloists, Early Music
Education Choir)*

Closing of the Concert Season with Janoska Ensemble (Presidential Symphony Orchestra)

*Ellison: Binboğalar Efsanesi (The Legend of Thousand Bulls), opera (world premiere at IKS
Istanbul Music Festival)*

*Shore: Lord of the Rings, selection from the movie cycle (Bilkent Symphony Orchestra &
Saygun Philharmonic Chorus)*

*Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 21 / Say: Symphony No. 6 (world premiere) (Season Opening
Concert with Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra)*

MEMBER OF THE JURY

Istanbul Philharmonic Foundation Faruk Erengül Piano Competition, **March 2019**

PHILOSOPHY LECTURES

Kant and Fine Arts, **2021**

Music according to Kant and Schopenhauer, **2021**

Music as Kernel of the World in the Philosophy of Schopenhauer, **2022**

The Will and Suffering: The Ethics of Schopenhauer, **2023**

Schopenhauer's Ethics: Becoming Free from the Will, **2023**

MASTER IN PHILOSOPHY

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, **2020 – present (to be completed in January of 2024)**

Thesis: The Metaphysics of Schopenhauer and the Analysis of the Will Concept in the Relation of the Musics by Wagner and Richard Strauss

ACADEMIC ARTICLE

Kant and Beethoven: The Revolution Brought to Music by Pure Practical Reason (Felsefi Düşün, Academic Journal of Philosophy), **2020** (Indexed by: The Philosopher's Index and EBSCO Humanities International Index)