

ZEYNEL DEMİR is a Turkish folk musician, composer, and educator. He was born in Erzurum, Turkey, and grew up immersed in music within a family with a rich musical tradition. He started playing the bağlama at the age of 7. In 1995, he graduated from the Ege University State Turkish Music Conservatory and began his master's program as a research assistant the same year. Between 1993 and 1995, he worked as instrumentalist at TRT Izmir Radio.

He has served as a music director, instrumentalist, and soloist at various events and international folk music and dance festivals in countries such as Venezuela, Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Belgium, Hungary, Italy, England, and Switzerland.

He was the composer, music director, and arranger of the music for the dance groups "Sultanların Gecesi" and "Anadolu Güneşi."

With the group Mecaz, he released three albums titled "Yalelli," "Derun," and "Heybe." In 2008, he released the album "Anadolu Halk Oyunları," consisting of four CDs.

As the founder and choir conductor of the Ege University Turkish Folk Music Community, he won first prizes in the Inter-University Turkish Folk Music Choir competitions in 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, and 2014.

In 2013, he completed his doctorate at the Uzeyir Hajibeyov Music Academy in Azerbaijan. He worked as a lecturer at the Ege University Turkish Music Conservatory for 24 years.

Between 2016 and 2023, he worked at the Rotterdam Codarts World Music Academy (WMDC) in the Turkish Music Department. Zeynel Demir continues his music studies and projects in the Netherlands.



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