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Education Information

Doctorate, Istanbul University, Devlet Konservatuvarı, Müzik Bölümü, Turkey 2018 -
Continues

Postgraduate, Istanbul Technical University, Türk Musikisi Devlet Konservatuvarı,
Kompozisyon, Turkey 2014 - 2018

Undergraduate, Yıldız Technical University, Faculty Of Art & Design, Department Of Music And
Performing Arts, Turkey 2004 - 2008

Biography

Istanbulite bassist, composer and educator Volkan Topakoğlu made his debut with his album 'Birdenbire'.

Playing the keyboard and the guitar by ten, Volkan started his formal education in music studying cello and piano at Avni Akyol High School of Music and Arts in Istanbul. At fourteen he was influenced by his bass guitarist brother and started to listen to jazz records and play the bass guitar. He continued his education in music at Yıldız Technical University in Istanbul, studying electric bass and double bass with Kâmil Erdem. After graduation Volkan attended private lessons and workshops of bassists Jacek Meira-Niedziela, Bronislaw Suchanek, Drew Gress, Carlo DeRosa. He became a finalist at Nomme Jazz Festival's 13. Jazz Artist Jazz Bassist Competition, Tallinn, Estonia. Appeared on various national TV and radio channels, as well as many jazz, rock, pop and folk music albums. Played at several jazz and music festivals throughout the world with various bands. Played as a soloist with Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra in 2017. His composition for theatre play "Teessür" which is an adaptation of the Greek Tragedy "Medea" was nominated for the "Best Theatre Music Award" at "7th Yeni Tiyatro Magazine Awards". Volkan gained his MA in Composition at Istanbul Technical University Turkish Music State Conservatory and is currently a PhD student at Istanbul University State Conservatory. As one of the busiest bassists in Turkey, he also teaches bass at the Music and Stage Arts Department in Yıldız Technical University Faculty of Art and Design.

Foreign Languages

English, C1 Advanced

Dissertations

Postgraduate, The usage of Ottoman-Turkish makam music elements in ontemporary Turkish composers, Istanbul

Technical University, Türk Musikisi Devlet Konservatuarı, Kompozisyon, 2018

Academic Titles / Tasks

Lecturer, Yıldız Technical University, Faculty Of Art & Design, Department Of Music And Performing Arts, 2020 - Continues

Artworks

- Topakoğlu V., Dear Ediz, Other Musical Types, Original Works, January 2021
Topakoğlu V., Hi Mr. Stewart, Other Musical Types, Original Works, January 2021
Topakoğlu V., El Gibi, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Kaç Yıl Geçti Aradan, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Kaybolan Yıllar, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Seni Gidi Vurdum Duymaz, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Güllerim Soldu, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Hayat Sana Teşekkür Ederim, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Büklüm Büklüm, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Aldatıldık, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., İzmir'in Kızları, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Kaçın Kurası, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Şarkı Söylemek Lazım, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Küçüğüm, Other Musical Types, Arrangement, April 2016
Topakoğlu V., Beyoğlu, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Kardeşim L.E., Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Yollarda, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Ortabahçe, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Hekate, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Yedi mi?, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Altıdan Sonra, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Birdenbire, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Sonsuz, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015
Topakoğlu V., Girizgâh, Other Musical Types, Original Works, May 2015

Artistic Activity

- Topakoğlu V., Türkiye - İsviçre Dostluk Konseri François Lindemann & Okay Temiz CSO, Instrumental Performance, November 2023
Topakoğlu V., Türkiye - İsviçre Dostluk Konseri François Lindemann ve Okay Temiz CRR, Instrumental Performance, November 2023
Topakoğlu V., Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi SHORE Etkinliği, Instrumental Performance, September 2023
Topakoğlu V., 30. İstanbul Caz Festivali Caz Vapuru Flapper Swing Konseri, Instrumental Performance, July 2023
Topakoğlu V., Petra Nachtmanova & Engin Arslan & Volkan Topakoğlu Konseri, Instrumental Performance, November 2022
Topakoğlu V., 26. İstanbul Tiyatro Festivali Ali Poyrazoğlu Habanera Makamı, Instrumental Performance, November 2022
Topakoğlu V., Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi Akademik Açılış Töreni Caz Konseri, Instrumental Performance, October 2022
Topakoğlu V., FABULA Sergisi Barış Arslan Quartet Konseri, Instrumental Performance, March 2022

Topakođlu V., Touche Caz Kulübü Volkan Topakođlu Konseri, Instrumental Performance, November 2021
Topakođlu V., 31. Akbank Caz Festivali Kaan Çelen Konseri, Instrumental Performance, October 2021
Topakođlu V., 31. Akbank Caz Festivali Flapper Swing Konseri, Instrumental Performance, October 2021
Topakođlu V., 29. Uluslararası Akbank Caz Festivali: Mehmet Uluđ Gecesi İ.M.C. Trio Konseri, Instrumental Performance, October 2019
Topakođlu V., Bursa Nilüfer Caz Festivali Çađıl Kaya Konseri, Instrumental Performance, February 2019
Topakođlu V., İstanbul Devlet Senfoni Orkestrası "Gershwin ile Yaza Merhaba" Konseri, Instrumental Performance, May 2017
Topakođlu V., 23. Uluslararası İstanbul Caz Festivali Volkan Topakođlu Konseri, Instrumental Performance, July 2016
Topakođlu V., Bakü Caz Festivali Şenay Lambaođlu Konseri, Instrumental Performance, October 2014
Topakođlu V., 20. Uluslararası İstanbul Caz Festivali Evrim Demirel Ensemble feat. David Kweksilber İKSV Salon Konseri, Instrumental Performance, July 2013