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REVIEW: (ACT I) VIENNA

24.04.2009

10:00 Vienna Symposium Opening

10:30 Session I Chair: Ulf Birbaumer (Vienna)
1. Bertrand Michael Buchmann (Vienna)
   Austria and the Ottoman Empire, 1765-1815
2. Annemarie Bönsch (Vienna)
   From Aristocratic to Bourgeois Fashion in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century

12:15 Session II Chair: Helga Dostal (Vienna)
1. Tülay Artan (Istanbul)
   Eighteenth-Century Bosphorus as a Theatre of Life
2. Adam Mestyan (Budapest)
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15:00 Session III Chair: Michele Calella (Vienna)
1. Daniel Winkler (Vienna)
   Zaire: Colonialism, Love and Enlightenment. Voltaire’s “Popular” Theatre of the 1730s and 1740s
2. Isabelle Moindrot (Tours)
   Tamerlan (1802): A French Opera after Voltaire by Peter von Winter

17:30 Evening Program: Haydnhaus

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10:00 Session IV Chair: Gabriele C. Pfeiffer (Vienna)
1. Necla Çıkıgil (Ankara)
   Haydn’s Humour Reflected in Lo Speziale (1768) and in L’incontro improvviso (1775)
2. Matthew Head (London)
   Interpreting Haydn: Critical Frameworks for Enlightenment, Exoticism and L’incontro improvviso (1775)
3. Käthe Springer (Vienna)
   Did Mozart drive a ‘Haydn’? Cartwrights, Carriages and the Postal-System in the Austrian-Hungarian Border Area

14:00 Session V Chair: Stefan Hulfeld (Vienna)
1. Geoffrey Roper (London)
   Music, Drama and Orientalism in Print: Joseph von Kurzböck, his Predecessors and Contemporaries
2. Reinhard Buchberger (Vienna)
   The Austro-Turkish War of 1788-1791 as Reflected in the Library of the Viennese Bibliophile Collector Max von Portheim

15:45 Session VI Chair: Çetin Sarkartal (Istanbul)
1. Emre Araci (London)
   “Each villa on the Bosphorus looks a screen, New painted, or a pretty opera scene”: Mahmud II (1808-1839) Setting the Ottoman Stage for Italian Opera and Viennese Music
2. Caroline Herfert (Vienna)
   Selim III and Mahmud II in the Limelight: Imparting Knowledge on the Ottoman Empire from the Perspective of the “Viennese Turk,” Murad Efendi

19:30 Closing Program: Recital at the Bibliotheca Theresiana
Emre Araci (Concept and Presentation), Anna Pangalou (Mezzo-Soprano), Dieter Paier (Piano)
Sultans At The Opera
(ACT II) ISTANBUL

04.06.2009

10:00  Istanbul Symposium Opening

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Michael Hüttler (Don Juan Archiv Wien)
Ilber Ortaylı (President of Topkapı Palace Museum)
Cemal Öztaş (Deputy Secretary General, Grand National Assembly of Turkey)
Christian Brunmayr (Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum)

11:00  Session I

Chair: Michael Hüttler  (Vienna)

1. Mehmet Alaaddin Yalçınkaya  (Trabzon)
Recruitment of European Experts for Service in the Ottoman Empire (1732-1808)

The first European-style reform movement in Ottoman history began during the reign of Ahmed III (1703-1730). The reason for the introduction of European-style reform at this time was the belief that the Ottoman military systems and technologies were ineffective when compared to those from European countries. Therefore it was necessary to adopt European systems and technologies. During the reign of Ahmed III, De Rochfort, a French Huguenot (Protestant) military officer, had been requested to prepare a report for the modernization of the Ottoman army. Mahmud I (1730-1754) also employed the Count of Bonneval, Claude Alexander, to spearhead the modernization of the Ottoman military on the pretext that no one in Ottoman military leadership had enough expertise about the advanced and superior military methods and techniques of Europe. In the following decades, the Ottomans strove to keep in close contact with European experts. It must be said that the Ottomans had no precedent for employing a non-Muslim directly in the service of the Empire. Among these, the Count of Bonneval, Claude Alexander, who converted to Islam and took the name Ahmed, especially deserved a just reputation for establishing a modern infantry regiment equipped with European weapons and trained according to European military standards.

During the reigns of Mahmud I and Mustafa III (1757-1774), reforms continued. Mustafa III reformed artillery units of the Janissary Corps. The most remarkable figure involved in Ottoman military reforms during the reign of Mustafa III was Baron de Tott, who was born in 1733 in France as the son of a Hungarian noble. He had come to the Empire to fulfil a variety of different assignments. He worked for Mustafa III and Abdülhamid I. Responsible for the modernization of the cannon factory and the introduction of lighter cast cannons, he supervised the construction of a modern cannon factory in Hasköy and the building of new ships in the shipyard.

The short-term employment of French experts and technicians in the late eighteenth century paved the way for the long-term employment of foreign nationals in the service of the Ottoman Empire. Abdülhamid I (1774-1789) and Selim III (1789-1807) realized that the Empire needed to reform in order to save itself from decay. With this in mind numerous experts and advisers were brought to Istanbul from Europe, and among them were distinguished industrialists of English, Italian, Swedish, Austrian, Spanish, Prussian and Russian origins. These latecomers were no longer requested to convert to Islam, nor had they to dress in Ottoman uniforms.

This paper aims to demonstrate how the Ottomans recruited Europeans, where they were employed, and what the contribution was of these experts in the modernization of the Ottoman Empire.
2. **B. Babür Turna (Ankara)**

Diplomacy and the Changing Dynamics of Entertainment in the Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Empire

Modern scholars rightly argue that the introduction of Western music and performing arts in the Ottoman Empire dates back to the first half of the nineteenth century. This is particularly true of the Muslim majority of the Ottoman society, and is not to deny that the beginnings of the first serious contacts can be traced back at least as far as the early eighteenth century. As is well known, the first steps were taken by European diplomats to Turkey and their efforts were supported by the first (affirmative) impressions brought by Turkish envoys in the early eighteenth century.

After the first encounters, there occurred increasing interest in, and response to this new form of art in the second half of the century. The descriptions and observations recorded by both European and Turkish observers provide us with a very valuable source of information concerning the development of the Western impact on Ottoman perceptions of entertainment. Undoubtedly the development was a gradual one, and the credit belongs to the achievements of the Ottoman palace in the process of learning, or partly imitating, European cultural life. As a consequence, despite the established taste for traditional amusements, most of the Ottoman sultans and the members of the dynasty had a trained ear and strong personal taste for European art and enjoyed the masters of the time. The period between Mahmud I and Mahmud II particularly deserves attention.

However, this was not the case in the previous century. One of the main difficulties inherent in studying the dynamics of change in cultural values in the eighteenth century lies in the response of the Ottoman elite towards Western culture. Although we have almost a standardized and stereotyped reaction from the European observers to Turkish arts and culture, there is no consensus among those who had the experience of a Western play or concert. On the other hand, the Ottoman court was not as open to such a remarkable transition as it was during the Tanzimat period. With the onset of modern diplomatic relationship with Europe, Yirmisekiz Çelebi Mehmed Efendi had the most distinguished and interesting experience, and in time this has become recognized as the turning point and as a symbol in the history (and historiography as well) of the introduction of Western culture in the Empire. After Yirmisekiz Çelebi, many other Ottoman diplomats and visitors had the opportunity to see a theatrical or musical performance in the Western style, however it was not until the second half of the nineteenth century that these examples of a foreign culture were considered “works of art” in the European sense of the term and aroused discussions among the literati. According to the members of the Ottoman high bureaucracy, it was more an integral component of European diplomacy than an artistic form.

As a starting point, the first part of the study will deal with two contemporary sources that provide valuable information on the differing approaches to the Turkish theatrical performances that took place in 1740. During the reign of Mahmud I there was a special festivity in Sadabad, the most popular area of festivities in eighteenth-century Istanbul. The occasion was the visit by German ambassador to the Turkish sultan. We have the detailed description of the event written by Gudenus, an artist among the German ambassador’s retinue. On the other hand, Subhi was the chronicler of the Ottoman palace who was assigned to record his observations. A comparison of the reports of the two witnesses would undoubtedly give illuminating and suggestive thoughts on the opposing aesthetic values and clearly indicate the perception of performance and entertainment of the time.

Based on this “case study” in the Ottoman context, this paper will be an attempt to further examine the other side in a European context. The dynamics and changing perceptions of European art will be discussed in light of the writings on both Turkish and European artistic forms by Ottoman authors from the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

12:30 Lunch break

14.00 **Session II**

Chair: Walter Puchner (Athens)

1. **Suna Suner (Istanbul/Vienna)**

   Opera and Diplomacy, Second Act: Ambassadors and Ministers in the Italian Opera
This paper will introduce a brand new study which unites the fields of diplomacy and opera. It will illustrate a compilation of “diplomats” in Italian opera from the beginnings to 1800. The relevance of, and the relationships between opera works, diplomacy and diplomats are diverse: research shows not only that (European) ambassadors acted as impresarios, opera producers, artistic directors, and even as singers, actors and composers in history, but also that numerous opera and ballet pieces were composed and performed, dedicated to ambassadors. Therefore this new analysis suggests itself as inevitable to research on interrelations of diplomacy and opera. It is based on Claudio Sartori’s libretti compilation titled I libretti italiani a stampa dalle origini fino al 1800. Con 16 Indici, (7 voll. Cuneo: Bertola & Locatelli, 1990-1994), which is a colossal opus sine qua non in music and libretti studies. This project is the compilation and the examination of all diplomats’ operas which appear in Sartori’s libretti catalogue, and is done by a search in the digitized Sartori database of Don Juan Archiv Wien. The issue of what diplomats have to do with opera pieces, or the extent of the interrelations of opera and diplomats is illustrated and registered in detail in this newly constructed compilation. The paper will present ample evaluation of a total of 217 libretti selected from Sartori’s renowned work, with all libretti in one way or other featuring diplomats. This selection of 217 libretti is divided into four sections according to their association with diplomats. These four sections compile operas which are performed in honour of, or in the presence of the diplomat/ambassador, operas which are “produced” through the patronage of the diplomats, operas where diplomats themselves appear as actors, as well as operas where an ambassador appears as a character in the plot. The anatomy of this work also enables one to catch sight of the diplomatic relations among the states of the time period represented by the compilation, in addition to the portrayal of certain prominent ambassadors that recur in operatic contexts.

Furthermore, this elaborate register gives way to a statistical accounting of the performance and print locations of the opera pieces and their libretti, and provides the content information such as the composer, librettist, costume designer, conductor, and so on, which is crucial to identify and characterize the works in the selection.

This new analysis will hopefully serve as a reference not only for repertoire research, but also for specific field research into opera and diplomacy. This is the essence of the first academic presentation of this new work on diplomats’ operas in Italian librettological context.

2. **Netice Yıldız**

**Briton-Ottomans and Ottomans in England during Haydn’s Era**

Within the frame of the symposia, this paper aims to discuss the reflection and interpretation of the Ottoman’s image in the social and cultural environment of England during Haydn’s era. Eighteenth-century England is quite interesting for public entertainments as well as new trends in literature. The political conditions, together with the increasing trade and tourism activities to the provinces of the Ottoman Empire, yielded a rather deep interest in Ottoman culture and art. However, although this interest in Turks was manifested in an image of a powerful but barbaric Ottoman during the early centuries, it was also transformed into a world of fantasy by the British imagining themselves as Ottoman sultans, sultanas or pashas in their entertainment and literature in England parallel to other European centers in the eighteenth century. Parks and theatres became the main sites where topics concerning Middle Eastern people, particularly the Ottomans, became rather common themes in all forms of leisure. The earlier theatre plays written during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, which mainly emphasized the political power of the Ottoman Empire, were then transformed into fantastic themes in the Ottoman world. At the same time, the increasing facilities and privileges given to the Levant Company to travel to the Ottoman Empire resulted in several large volumes of illustrated history and travel books. While British markets were oversupplied with Ottoman luxury goods, high-society Britons amused themselves in Ottoman attire and richly decorated Ottoman style interiors. Some of them even preferred to accept the Islamic religion as a way of life: Edward Montagu, son of Lady Montagu, who claimed to be the son of the sultan is a noteworthy example. Alongside these Briton-Ottomans were some Turks living or trading in London. George I is known to have had two Turkish servants, Mustafa and Muhammad. The Royal Exchange Hall displayed a cosmopolitan commercial centre in London including a part for Turkey, which could be seen in eighteenth-century engravings depicting the Ottoman merchants.

The number of illustrated romances about the Ottomans also increased this interest. *The Orientalist* (1773) by Roderick Random, *History of a Fair Greek* (1741) by Abbot Provost, and Maria Cecilia, *the Life and Adventures of the daughter of Ahmet III, Emperor of the Turks* (1788) – an anonymous work translated from French but believed to have been written by Joseph Lavallée, narrating a story...
about a woman who claims to have been abducted from the Ottoman palace – are some of the interesting romances that deal with Ottoman harem stories. Theatre plays of the eighteenth century mainly emphasize the romances concerning the prophet Mohammed, the Ottoman sultans or pashas, as well as the sultanas and concubines in the Turkish harem. The plays written by Aaron Hill, who also published a book about the social history of the Ottoman Empire, *Zara, Saleiman and Rosa*, or Rev. Miller’s *Mahomet*, as well as earlier works such as Philip Massinger’s tragicomedy *The Renegado and Roxalane*, were repeatedly on show in London theatres during the eighteenth century. As evidenced by the records of Coventry Garden theatres covering Haydn’s era, the plays *Zimri, Zubeide, A Day in Turkey, Ali Pacha, Antiquary*, and *L’Odalisque* were repeatedly staged as musical operas and ballets.

Obviously, these plays would inspire people to lead fantastic entertainments in private or public places. Alongside the royal gardens that served the aristocracy to entertain their guests, owners of large estates also realized the need for public leisure spaces and occasions, which resulted in beautifully designed parks with little exotic kiosks in natural settings. With this newly founded enterprise, balls, masquerades and parades, entered with tickets purchased by those who could afford them, became part of the excitement of London’s social life. Many balls and masquerades were held and scandalous events took place in London, particularly at Renalagh Gardens, Vauxhall Gardens and Kew Garden. These gardens usually included a Turkish tent and some kiosk in eastern style. Turkish costumes were among the most preferred styles at these masquerades, and they could be rented in shops such as “Wardrobe” in Catherine Street in the Strand. An anonymous long poem called “The Turkish Paradise or Vaux-Hall Gardens,” published in 1741, is quite interesting for its description of the entertainments of the Prince and Princess of Wales, together with many persons of quality and distinction in the gardens, which reflected the Rococo entertainments of English aristocracy. Another anonymous work published in 1750 is likewise interesting for its report of the events that took place during the jubilee masquerade balls at Renalagh Gardens which are described as “A bad return for the merciful deliverance from the earth.” These entertainments are also depicted in many engravings of the eighteenth century. Moreover, many novels published (usually anonymously) during this century are full of scandalous stories about the English women or men of different classes who were involved in love affairs in their fantasy homes called Turkish harems: *Roxana or the Fortunate Mistress being History of the life and Vast Variety of Fortunes of Mademoiselle de Bleu*, published in 1750, is an interesting example, as is another memoir by a woman author, Sophia Watson, the second version of which was published in 1776, and entitled *Memory of the Seraglio of the Bashaw of Meryland (Lord Baltimore) by a Discarded Sultana.* [...]

This is during the same years that Haydn was also in London and performed *The Symphony*, which was originally labeled “Grand Overture” or *The Military*, and premiered on March 31, 1794, at Hanover Square Rooms. Haydn included in *The Symphony* a battery of Turkish percussions (triangle, cymbals and bass drum), and while in London, he met the members of Johnson’s Club at the Turk’s Head in Gerard Street (Soho). Another interesting composition somehow appeared in the same year: the Turkish Ambassador’s Grand March by W.P.R. Cope (1794), which like *The Symphony*, shows signs of having been inspired by the ceremony held for the audience of Yusuf Agah Efendi by the British court in St. James’s Palace in London. These examples will make clear that Ottoman harem fantasies occupied eighteenth-century social life in England, and as witnessed by Haydn, appeared in almost every form of art, literature and public performances.

15:30 Coffee break

16.00 Session III

Chair: Larry Wolff (New York)

1. Hans-Peter Kellner (Copenhagen)

*The Sultan of Denmark: Voltaire’s Zaire and King Christian VII (r.1766-1808) – Madness and Enlightenment*

When François-Marie Arouet de Voltaire (1694-1778) premiered his play *Zaire* at the Comédie Française on August 13, 1732 – the year Joseph Haydn was born – he could not have imagined that it would become the most successful “Turkish play” ever on this stage, and one of the most popular dramas of the century in European theatre – despite scornful parodies, sarcastic commentaries and
merciless criticism from his opponents. As early as 1734, the first translation of Zaïre was published in Amsterdam and numerous others followed all over the continent. The play inspired several opera librettis and in 1777 Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806) composed Incidental Music for Zaïre. It was performed in Salzburg in the same year and Leopold Mozart reported about it to his son in several letters. But the frequently asked question still remains whether Haydn’s Zaïre inspired Mozart’s Zaïde.

The paper will follow the development of Zaïre on the European stages and look at different adaptations in the light of the Age of Enlightenment. The main focus will be on the reception of the play in Copenhagen: first performed by a French theatre company around 1749 at a theatre in Nørregade; presented again from 1757 with great success at the Royal Theatre; and last but not least in 1767-68 at the Court Theatre, with King Christian VII (1749-1808) performing the character of Sultan Orosman. The eighteen year old Christian, who had been crowned and married the year before, grew up in a claustrophobic universe of powerful ministers and now saw himself confronted with the machinations and power struggles of the “periwigs,” as he called them. His forthright promiscuity and his wassails, the establishment of his own French theatre company and the opening of a court theatre in the royal palace did not further his kudos amongst them. But was this behaviour really just a result of his mental illness, which was regularly pointed out by his opponents? Or was this exuberance more the personal Sturm und Drang of a free spirit who would soon implement Europe’s most radical reforms in the spirit of Enlightenment? As Orosman, wearing a silver costume “à la Turque” with turban and scimitar, with his closest courtiers as the other characters in the play, and forcing the “periwigs” to attend the performance immediately after the privy council, might the king’s performance not appear like a conscious statement instead of a quirk of his majesty? This paper tries to outline the implications of Voltaire’s Zaïre against the backdrop of the political situation and of the theatre as a platform for its ideas.

2. Bent Holm (Copenhagen)
Unexpected Encounters: C.W. Gluck’s Rencontre imprévue - a Sujet also Used by Haydn - Performed in Copenhagen, 1776

Christoph Willibald Gluck’s opera buffa La Rencontre imprévue ou Les Pèlerins de la Mecque (premiere in Vienna, 1764) was based on the text by L.H. Dancourt which also served as the libretto for J. Haydn’s L’Incontro improvviso of 1775. The exotic captivity motif reappears in W.A. Mozart’s Die Entführung aus dem Serail in 1782. Gluck worked as an opera conductor in Copenhagen in 1748-1749, and he even composed an opera for the royal Danish house. His La Rencontre imprévue ou Les Pèlerins de la Mecque was produced in Copenhagen in 1776 and was kept on the repertoire for the following decades, first at the Court Theatre, then at the Royal Theatre. The main focus of the paper is on a contextualized reading of Gluck’s work in Copenhagen: the thematic displacements in P.T. Wandall’s Danish adaptation of the libretto text; the staging of the opera in the light of the era’s repertoire with specific regard to the delineation of the exotic dimension; and the depiction of the “other” world analyzed in the context of the Danish state’s vivid relationship with the Ottoman Empire of the moment.
**05.06.2009**

**10.00  Session IV**

**Chair:** Günsel Renda  
(Istanbul)

1. **Matthias J. Pernerstorfer**  
(Vienna)

“Turks” and the “Turkish” in the Viennese Repertoire at the Time of Joseph Haydn

One of the research projects of Don Juan Archiv Wien is dedicated to the Central European repertoire of the eighteenth century. This paper will be the second contribution on this project (cf. M. Hüttler’s speech during the 2008 symposia and his subsequent publication).

Many of the publications on Viennese repertoire and some of the fundamental works on theatre in the rest of the Habsburg Monarchy have already been prepared for digital research, and therefore an initial quantitative analysis can be presented. We have come across many titles indicating that “Turkish” or “oriental” plays in different genres (theatre, opera, ballet) were performed, and we know some of these plays were performed very often during the age of Joseph Haydn. From among the large number of plays, one is especially worth mentioning: the “comédie en trois actes et en vers,” *Les Trois Sultanes, ou Soliman second* (1761) by Charles Simon Favart that was performed in Vienna with the original French text in 1765, and afterwards in German translations by Karl Starke (1770) and Franz Xaver Huber (1799). I will give an overview of the reception of this play in the Habsburg Monarchy, from Graz to Krakow.

Another important source for the repertoire, especially pertaining to the smaller traveling theatre troupes, are the lists of their basic equipment (masks, costumes, etc.) which were kept from time to time. I will discuss some of those documents to demonstrate that insight into the repertoire can be gleaned by more than just the dates of performances, and also that there is still much to be achieved within the research on Central European repertoire.

2. **Çetin Sarkartal**  
(Istanbul)

Plays Written by Europeans in the Turkish Language at the Academy of Oriental Languages in Vienna during the Age of Haydn. Thomas Chabert: *Hikayet-i İbda-i Yeniceriyan Ba Bereket-i Pir-i Bektasiyan Seyh Haci Bektas Veli-i Musliman* (1810), and (Author Unknown): *Godefroi de Bouillon* (1757)

A comparative analysis of two plays, *Hikayet-i İbda-i Yeniceriyan Ba Bereket-i Pir-i Bektasiyan Seyh Haci Bektas Veli-i Musliman* and *Godefroi de Bouillon*, will be made, based on the texts themselves as well as the present literature on them. It is generally thought that these plays were written in Ottoman Turkish by authors of European origin and that at least one of them was performed at the Academy of Oriental Languages in Vienna mainly for educational purposes. Yet their subject matters and the ways they are written deserve to be studied closely in terms of content and style, as well as for their cultural implications. Findings of a detailed analysis of these plays might be useful not only for theatre research, but also for social scientific and cultural studies.

**11:30  Coffee break**

**11.45  Session V**

**Chair:** Suraiya Faroqhi  
(Munich / Istanbul)

1. **Larry Wolff**  
(New York)

Turkish Travesty in European Opera: From Haydn's *Lo Speziale* (1768) to Rossini’s *La Pietra del Paragone* (1812), *L'Italiana in Algeri* (1813) and *Il Turco in Italia* (1814)

This paper discusses the significance of Turkish disguise in Joseph Haydn’s *Lo Speziale* (1768), and proceeds to consider the significance of other such scenarios of Turkish costume and disguise in European opera, principally in works by Gioacchino Rossini. In particular the paper poses the
question of how completely the disguise “works” as in the case of the mock-Albanians in Mozart’s *Cosi fan tutte*, and what that says about European public perceptions of the general similarities between Turks and Europeans — or, to put it another way, whether Turks simply appear on stage as fellow Europeans in Oriental costume. The paper then further considers the question of what constitutes the fundamental “comedy” of Europeans in Turkish costume, especially as developed by Rossini in *La Pietra del Paragone* (1812) (where the Turkish disguise functions analogously to the disguise in *Lo Speziale*) and in both *L’Italiana in Algeri* (1813) and *Il Turco in Italia* (1814) (where Turkish costume and disguise serve different comic purposes within the drama). Of additional interest is the question of the “voice” of the disguised European in Turkish costume, and whether a distinctive Turkish language and voice constitutes a fundamental part of the comedy of travesty. The larger question behind the paper remains the nature of Orientalism on the operatic stage, whether the Turkish figure appears fundamentally “other” to the European operatic public, or whether he appears as a closely related fellow European to be distinguished above all by his Oriental costume.

2. **Walter Puchner**  
   (Athens)  
   Karagöz and the History of Ottoman Shadow Theatre in the Balkans: Diffusion, Functions, and Assimilations

As the oral traditions of the Turkish shadow theatre players claim, with the expansion of the Ottoman Empire to the North African coasts of the Mediterranean Sea shadow theatre was brought to Constantinople and was performed before the sultan in the seraglio. It is supposed that the comic dialect-speaking figures that surround the central heroes - the ithyphallic, bald and hunchback “Black-Eye” Karagöz and his more sophisticated counterpart Haçivat - as well as the traditional plots were created as early as the seventeenth century. As the surviving traditional repertoire of the Ottoman shadow play shows, there are few or no links to the Asian or Arabic shadow plays. The paper will deal with new evidence coming from different parts of southeastern Europe – starting in 1608 in Ilok (Syrmia) where the Austrian ambassador Adam Freiherr von Herberstein (1577-1626), who was on his way from Vienna to Constantinople, was invited to watch a performance. It will focus on the cultural historical aspects of the diffusion and reception of shadow theatre in southeastern Europe, including Greece. In the case of Epirus, the assimilation of an Ottoman performance into Greek folk culture was successful and irreversible, and is the first example of a successful integration of an Ottoman performance in a different cultural context. In all the other provinces of the former Ottoman Empire except Epirus the show disappeared. But the substantial step to Hellenization was made in Patras around 1890, eliminating the old dialect-speaking figures of the Turkish performance and creating new ones, reflecting the different social context and satisfying the different expectations of the audience. This was the basis for the enormous success of Greek shadow theatre until the Second World War, enhanced later by an increased interest in folklore.

13:15  
Lunch break

15.00  
**Session VI**

Chair:  
H. E. Weidinger  
(Vienna / Florence)

1. **Orlin Sabev**  
   (Sofia)  
   European Printers in Istanbul during Haydn’s Era (1732-1809): Ibrahim Müteferrika and others

The paper will deal with the introduction of Ottoman-Turkish printing in the 1720s and its gradually increasing impact on the society throughout the eighteenth century. The emphasis will be put on the initial hesitant reception of printing, the introduction of which was suggested and eagerly carried out by a Hungarian-born convert to Islam, namely, Ibrahim Müteferrika, as well as on the subsequent changes in the attitudes of different segments of Ottoman society towards its ultimate application. It seems that the Ottoman authorities welcomed the introduction of printing because of the persuasive argumentation of Ibrahim Müteferrika rather than their eventual conviction of the vital necessity of printing technology. Although the first Ottoman-Turkish printing press operated for only twenty years (1726-1746), and despite its controversial outcome, it proved to be an alternative, and if not perfect, at least faster and better mode for the multiplication of texts than manuscript copying. The Müteferrika
press set a precedent that certainly left an impact on the society, and in the late eighteenth century
Ottoman intellectuals and even the Ottoman authorities themselves were convinced that printing
should be revived for various reasons, mainly for instruction of the new Ottoman military units
created after contemporary European models. In other words, printing was an important part of
Ottoman modernization in the eighteenth century. The story of its hesitant introduction and reception
resembles the story of the idea of Ottoman modernization itself: the first steps were rather furtive and
then after a period of silence, necessary for a mental rationalization of the novelties, the idea was
decisively and eagerly carried into effect.

2. **Günsel Renda** (Istanbul)
Westernisms and Ottoman Visual Culture in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century:
Wall Paintings
The paper aims to discuss the impact of westernisms and the role of imperial patronage in Ottoman
visual culture of the second half of the eighteenth century, especially those that resulted in the birth of
new genres of painting in the empire. Wall paintings of landscapes decorating the imperial residences
in the Ottoman capital and the houses of the provincial elite in the second half of the century are
examined in terms of content and technique to define the role of western sources, and the impact of
travelling European artists and illustrated travel accounts, to discover how imported western artistic
trends were translated into local artistic practices, traditions and visual conceptions of land and space.

19:30  **Closing Program: Recital at the Austrian Cultural Forum**

Anna Pangalou (Mezzo-Soprano), Nikolas Tsalikis (Piano)
Homage to Leyla Gencer (1928-2008), ‘La Diva Turca’

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BIOGRAPHIES

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Graduated from the University of Economics in Vienna and joined the Austrian Foreign Ministry in 1993. A year later, he was Attaché at the Austrian Embassy in Bratislava. From 1995 to 1999 he worked at the Austrian Permanent Representation to the European Union (EU) in Brussels. During the first Austrian Presidency of the EU-Council in 1998, he chaired the Council Working Groups on Southeast Europe (incl. Turkey), Maghreb/Mashrik and Middle East/Gulf. From 1999 to 2003 he worked as a Principle Administrator in the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU in Brussels and was dealing with relations between the EU and Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus as well as Central Asia. Subsequently, he worked for four years as Head of Unit in the Directorate of personnel of the Austrian Foreign Ministry and was notably in charge of the Austrian Honorary Consulates abroad. Since September 2007, Christian Brunmayr is the Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum in Istanbul.

Suraiya Faroqhi

Educated at the Universities of Hamburg, Istanbul and Bloomington, Indiana, Suraiya Faroqhi has taught English (1971-72) and history at Middle East Technical University, Ankara (1972-87) and served as a professor of Ottoman Studies at the Ludwig Maximilians Universität in Munich, Germany (1988-2007). Since retirement she has been teaching at the Department of History, Bilgi University in Istanbul. Her Festschrift from her Ankara colleagues, Osmanlı’nın peşinde bir yaşam, (A lifetime in the wake of the Ottomans), ed. Onur Yıldırım (Ankara: İmge Publications, 2008), has just been published.


Collected articles: Peasants, Dervishes and Traders in the Ottoman Empire (London: Variorum Reprints, 1986); Coping with the State, Political Conflict and Crime in the Ottoman Empire (Istanbul: The Isis Press, 1995); Making a Living in the Ottoman Lands, 1480-1820 (Istanbul: The Isis Press, 1995); Stories of Ottoman Men and Women, Establishing Status, Establishing Control (Istanbul: Eren, 2002); Another Mirror for Princes: The Public Image of the Ottoman Sultan and its Reception, (Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008).

Bent Holm

Born in 1946; MA, Phil.Doc. Associate Professor, Theater Studies, Institute for Arts and Cultural Studies, University of Copenhagen. Has conducted research travels to Italy, France and India. Bent Holm is a dramaturge and translator of plays, especially those by Dario Fo, De Filippo and Goldoni. His doctoral dissertation was about Comédie Italienne in a broad cultural, religious, and iconographic context, and He has published interdisciplinary studies on historical and dramaturgical issues in English, French, Polish and Italian. For the moment, he is preparing the English version of his book about the eighteenth-century playwright Ludvig Holberg viewed from a dramaturgical-historical perspective. Special research focuses include the relationship between visual arts and theater; drama analysis and creative theater production; and theatricality and rituality. He is a lecturer at several international universities and research centres, most recently in Torino, Paris, Frankfurt, and Stockholm. Bent Holm is also a member of scientific committees and networks in Paris, Mantova, and Torino, among other cities.


Michael Hüttler

Hans-Peter Kellner

Born in 1963 in Vienna. Works as a stage director, dramaturge and literary translator. He studied Scandinavian languages and theater studies at the University of Vienna, and film studies at the University of Copenhagen, for which he received a scholarship from the Austrian government. Since 1986 he has worked extensively in theater, film, television, and circus. Starting as Assistant Director, Dramaturge and Stage Manager in Vienna, he continued as Assistant of the former Royal Shakespeare Company with director Terry Hands in Berlin. Since 1993 he has directed around thirty plays at several venues in Austria and Germany, as well as in London, where he was based between 1995 and 2000 and where he worked with Tom Stoppard, David Farr and Michael Kingsbury. In 2000 Hans-Peter Kellner moved to Copenhagen, where he directed, among other plays, the first ever site specific production of Shakespeare’s Hamlet at Kronborg Castle in Elsinore. He has translated around twenty plays into German, many of them by contemporary Scandinavian playwrights, and he is regularly adapting classic plays for the modern stage. In recent years he has resumed Theater Studies, mainly related to the Scandinavian stage of the eighteenth century.

Ilber Ortaylı

Born in 1947 in a refugee camp in Austria, as the son of a Crimean Tartar family. He finished his elementary and secondary schooling in Istanbul and Ankara. In 1965 he graduated from Ankara Ataturk High-School. In 1968 he finished his studies at Ankara University, School of Political Science, as well as the Department of History at Ankara University, School of Languages, History and Geography. He then studied Slavistics and Orientalism at the University of Vienna, Austria. Ilber Ortaylı did his Master’s work at Chicago University under Professor Halil Inalcık. He received his PhD at Ankara University, School of Political Science with his dissertation Tanzimat Sonrası Mahalli İdareler (‘Local Governments after the Reformation’, 1978). With his State doctorate, Osmanlı İmparatorluğu’nda Alman Nüfuzu (‘The German Influence on the Ottoman Empire’, 1979), he became Associate Professor. In 1989 he became full Professor. Lectured and served as visiting professor at universities in Vienna, Berlin, Princeton, Moscow, Rome, Munich, Strasbourg, Yanya, Sofia, Kiel, Cambridge, Oxford, and Tunisia. He has published in Turkish and in international scientific journals, articles on 16th-19th century Ottoman history and the history of Russia. Between 1989-2002 he served as the Chairman of the Administrative History Department at Ankara University, School of Political Science. In 2002 he joined the faculty of Galatasaray University, Istanbul. Two years later he transferred to Bilkent University, Ankara. Ilber Ortaylı is President of the Topkapı Palace Museum, Istanbul. He is a member of the Board of the International Committee on Ottoman Studies and a member of the European Association of Iranology.

Cemal Öztaş

Born 1964 in Adapazar; Dr. Cemal Öztaş graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Political Sciences. Following that, he received his M.A. degree from Istanbul University Institute of Humanities, Faculty of Political Sciences, and Department of Public Administration, having completed a thesis on The Correlations of Population and Economic Growth - the Cide Case. He pursued doctoral studies at Sivas Cumhuriyet University Institute of Humanities, Faculty of Economics, and Department of Economic Growth; and received his PhD degree with a dissertation on Local Authorities in the light of Rural Growth. After his posts at the Governorships of the provinces Kocaeli, Kastamonu, Ordu, Yozgat and Elazığ, he worked as deputy head and then head of Turkish Grand National Assembly Department of National Palaces until 2007. He is currently deputy secretary general at the Turkish Grand National Assembly. He published three volumes on a research conducted on rural growth in Turkey. He was accorded with many letters of commendation and was also awarded with the order of merit of Chivalry (Cavaliere-Class III) by the Italian Republic. Cemal Öztaş also worked as guest lecturer at the Okan University in the academic years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

Matthias J. Pernerstorfer

Born in 1976, in Eggenburg, Lower Austria. He studied theater, film and media in Vienna and Munich, having completed a dissertation on the character of the parasite in ancient Greek comedy (2001). He received a fellowship (DOC) from the Austrian Academy of Sciences for a thesis on the “Colax” of Menander from 2003 to 2005. Afterwards he worked for the Viennese Da Ponte Institute for Libretto Studies, Don Juan Research and History of Collecting from 2005 to 2006. He is currently working on a research project on different aspects of the popular theater in Vienna in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries for the Don Juan Archiv Wien.
Walter Puchner
Born in Vienna in 1947, he studied theater science at the University of Vienna. In 1972 he was nominated Doctor of Philosophy at the same university with a dissertation on Greek shadow theater, and in 1977 became Dozent in theater studies with a habilitation on the evolution of theatrical forms in Greek folk culture. In 1977-1989 he taught theater history at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Crete, then theater theory in the newly founded Department of Theater Studies at the University of Athens where he is currently dean. He has also taught theater history for thirty years at the Institut für Theaterwissenschaft at the University of Vienna. He has been an invited guest professor at many European and American universities. In 1994 he was elected a corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and in 2001 he was decorated with the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art. He has published more than sixty books and about three hundred publications in scientific periodicals. His research topics are the history of theater of the Balkan Peninsula, comparative folklore and ethnography of the Mediterranean area, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, as well as theory of drama and theater.

Günsel Renda
Received her BA degree from Barnard College, Columbia University, an MA from Washington University, and her PhD from Hacettepe University in Art History. She has worked at Hacettepe University and chaired the department of History of Art for many years. She is presently teaching at Koç University in Istanbul. She has served as advisor to the Turkish Ministry of Culture and organized several international exhibitions. She was a Fulbright visiting scholar in U.S.A. and guest professor at Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes à la Sorbonne in Paris. She has been a member of the governing board at IRCICA. She has lectured on Turkish art in the United States and several countries in Europe and Asia and has participated in many international research projects. She is the author or co-author of books published in U.S.A., Europe and Turkey, and of many articles. She specializes in Ottoman art, Ottoman painting and interactions of European and Ottoman cultures. Some of the books she edited, coedited and wrote are The transformation of Culture. The Atatürk Legacy (ed. G. Renda, M. Kortepeter), Princeton 1986; A History of Turkish Painting (Grabar, Renda, Turani, Ozsegin) Genève-Istanbul 1988; Woman in Anatolia. 900 Years of the Anatolian Woman (ed. G. Renda) Istanbul 1994; The Sultan’s Portrait. Picturing the House of Osman (Neciboglu, Raby, Majer, Meyer-zur-Capellen, Bagç, Mahir, Renda), Istanbul 2000; The Ottoman Civilization (ed. H. Inalci, G. Renda), Istanbul 2002; Minnet av Konstantinople. Den osmansk-turkiska 1700-talsamlingen pa Biby (Achlund, Adahl, Brown, Karlsson, Kaberg, Laine, Renda), Stockholm 2003; Image of the Turks in the 17th Century Europe (Neumann, Stepanek, Yerasimos, Renda, Gardina, Grothaus, Vidmar), Istanbul 2005; and Osmanlı Resim Sanatı (Ottoman Painting) (Serpil Bagç, Filiz Çağman, Günsel Renda, Zeren Tannd).

Orlin Sabev
Born in 1970 in the town Shumen, Bulgaria, and originally named Orhan Salih. In 1985 he was renamed Orlin Sabev by the then regime and this remains his official name. In 1995 he obtained an MA degree from the University of Veliko Tarnovo, and in 2000, a PhD with a study on Ottoman educational institutions at the Institute of Balkan Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Since May 2000 he has been Research Fellow at the the Institute of Balkan Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. In 2002 he was awarded the “Marin Drinov” Academic Prize of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for young research fellows. Since October 2005 he has held an Associated Professorship at the Institute of Balkan Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. His publications include: Ottoman Schools in Bulgarian Lands, 15th-18th Centuries, Sofia, 2001 (in Bulgarian); First Ottoman Journey in the World of Printed Books (1726-1746). A Reassesssment, Sofia (in Bulgarian); and İbrahim Müteferrika ya da İlk Osmanlı Matha Seriîveni (1726-1746). Yeniden Değerlendirme, Istanbul: Yeditepe Yayinevi, 2006 (in Turkish).

Çetin Sarkartal
Çetin Sarkartal, PhD, is a theatre director and dramaturge, and also Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Film and Drama (MFA) at Kadır Has University, Istanbul. He has published articles on art and performance, Turkish theatre and cinema. His current research and teaching focuses on theatricality, storytelling, dramaturgy, and the theory and practice of acting. His most recent theatre productions are III. Rıçtar Faciissi, based on Shakespeare’s King Richard III, Tartıf Bey, based on Molière’s Tartuffe, and Nasil Anlatsak Şunu (‘How to Tell It?’), all of which have been produced in collaboration with Tiyatrotem, Istanbul. His theatrical work combines the methods and techniques of contemporary Western theatre with those of traditional Turkish performing arts such as shadow play, storytelling and puppetry.

Suna Suner
Born in Ankara, Suna Suner (MA) is a performing arts researcher and a performer. She received her BA in Conference Translation and Interpretation (Turkish and English) from Hacettepe University. Having worked as an instructor of English for six years, and as a research assistant at the Management of Performing Arts department for two years at the Faculty of Fine Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University. She has also worked as a drama teacher at the Ankara Art School for 3 years. Her research and performance projects focus on the traditional shadow theatre forms and the contemporary shadow theatre. She has also participated in several national and international conferences on shadow theatre and has also organized many workshops and shadow theatre performance projects. She is a member of the Ottoman Shadow Theatre Association and has performed with the Mardin Turkish Shadow Theatre Ensemble and the Turkish Shadow Theatre Ensemble. She is currently a PhD student in the Department of Theatre Studies at the University of Athens where she is currently dean. She has also taught theater history for thirty years at the Institut für Theaterwissenschaft at the University of Vienna. She has been an invited guest professor at many European and American universities. In 1994 he was elected a corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and in 2001 he was decorated with the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art. He has published more than sixty books and about three hundred publications in scientific periodicals. His research topics are the history of theater of the Balkan Peninsula, comparative folklore and ethnography of the Mediterranean area, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, as well as theory of drama and theater.

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Istanbul Bilgi University, she received in 2004 her MA degree in Performing Arts from the Middlesex University in London. She worked as a stage performer for seven years at the Istanbul-based Kumpanya Theater Co., having also devised her own performances. She sang in polyphonic choirs, and also with miscellaneous bands including Istanbul Blues Company, and performed in numerous Turkish festivals and venues. In 2006 she was invited as performance artist to the first International Sinop Biennal, Sinopale. Between 2004-2007 Suner worked as archive associate at the Viennese Da Ponte Institute and in January 2007 she joined the team of Don Juan Archiv Wien as performing arts researcher. Suner currently continues her doctoral studies at the Institute of Theater, Film and Media Studies at the University of Vienna, and continues her performance work both in Vienna and Istanbul.

B. Babür Turna

Obtained his BA (1992) and his first master’s degree (1995) in theater (history and theory of theater) at Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey. Courses he has taken include History of Turkish Theater, History of Western Theater, Modern Art and Literature, Literary Theories and Criticism, and Dramaturgy. In 2000, he obtained a second MA in history (Ottoman history) at Bilkent University. Currently he is working on a PhD dissertation under Prof. Halil İnalck. His most recent publication, “Paths to God within the Poet: Necip Fazıl Kıskırek and his mystical poetry”, in: Religious Perspectives in Modern Muslim and Jewish Literatures (Routledge, 2006, edited by Glenda Abramson, Hilary Kilpatrick), deals with the mystical dimensions of Turkish poetry during the early Republican era.

Hans Ernst Weidinger

Gewerke, Dr. phil., born in 1949 in Vienna. Studied law, classical languages, theater studies and art history at Vienna University, and dance, voice and piano in Vienna and Prague; has conducted study trips to Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Palermo, London and Prague; taught at Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa; Mozarteum University Salzburg; ISSEI, Pamplona. Founder of Don Juan Archiv Wien in 1987. Projects include: Wiener Brutt (film, Vienna 1982); Constitutionis Theresianae Revocatio (performance, Vienna 1982); La Prétendante Chante (performance, Berlin 1984); Il Giudizio di Don Giovanni (opera – librettist and director, Ratisbon 1986); HIC SAXA LOQIVNTVR (architectural competition, Pfaffenberg – Berlin – Vienna – Venice, 1993-96); Eine Oper für Büropa (opera – librettist and director, Linz 1998); Fermata Greve Piazza (opera – librettist and director, Greve in Chianti, 2002). His PhD was on IL DISSOLUTO PUNITO. Untersuchungen zur äußeren und inneren Enstehungsgeschichte von Lorenzo da Pontes & W. A. Mozarts DON GIOVANNI.

Larry Wolff

Larry Wolff is professor of history at New York University and director of the NYU Center for European and Mediterranean Studies. He received his AB from Harvard in 1979 and his PhD from Stanford in 1984. His research concerns issues of East and West in Europe, especially in the culture of the Enlightenment. Wolff has received Fulbright and Guggenheim fellowships, and in 2003 was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2007 he presented the keynote lecture in Vienna at the conference “Wie europäisch ist die Oper?” The lecture was titled “Turkey and Europe: The Operatic Perspective.”


Mehmet Alaaddin Yağcınkaya

Professor of Education at Ankara University Faculty of Letters, History Department, Turkey (BA), Birmingham University, Faculty of Arts, Ottoman Studies, UK (BA and PhD). Alaaddin Yağcınkaya’s thesis was titled The First Permanent Ottoman-Turkish Embassy in Europe: The Embassy of Yusuf Agah Efendi to London (1793-1797), Birmingham, 1993. From 1997 to 2001 he was Head of the History Department, in 2001-2004 he was Director of Social Sciences Institute, and since 2005 he has been Head of the History Department at Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon.

Netice Yıldız

Associate professor Dr. Netice Yıldız is a graduate of Istanbul University, Faculty of Letters where she gained degrees in English Literature and Language (BA) in 1980 and Archaeology and History of Art (PhD) in 1987, with a thesis on British-Ottoman Artistic Exchanges, 1583-1914. She has been working as art historian at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) (North Cyprus) since October 1987 as assistant professor and as associate professor since 1992. Her research interests are every aspect of British - Ottoman artistic exchanges; Cyprus Medieval and Ottoman culture, art and architecture; western artists and the Turkish image in England; women in Cyprus through the ages; and medieval iconography in Cypriot Art. Her honours and awards include having been awarded the research grant of the Barakat Foundation, Oriental Research Centre, Oxford University (2000) and the Ministry of Education and Culture Funding Award for the project “Catalogue of Illuminated Islamic Manuscripts in North Cyprus”.

CONCERT PROGRAM / ARTISTS

Aydın Karlbel

Born 1957 in Istanbul, Dr. Karlbel began his piano lessons at the age of four; at the age of nine he became the private student of Cemal Resid Rey (1904-1985), with whom he worked until Rey’s death. Along with his piano studies Karlbel graduated from the Lycée du Saint-Michel (Prix d’Excellences) and the Robert College (1976) and finally received his bachelor’s degree from the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literature at the Boğaziçi University. Aydın Karlbel also received the “L.R.S.M. Diploma” from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools. Additionally, he participated in the Wiener Meisterkurse (1991-93) and the Summer Courses of the Accademia Chigiana. He was also awarded with the “2000 Outstanding Musician of 20th Century Prize” by the Cambridge Biographical Center. Karlbel’s compositions are printed and published as CDs by the Keturi Publishers in Germany. Karlbel has been active in the Istanbul State Opera and Ballet since 1986, and his works and performances have been recorded on over eight CDs for Kalan Label, TRT and Iton Records. Over the years, he has won several prizes and mentions of the Municipal Conservatory and the Nejat Eczacıbaşı Contest. His works have been performed in England, Italy, Georgia and Germany. A concert pianist with an extensive repertoire, Karlbel has composed two operas, an oratorio, two piano concertos, numerous original works and transcriptions for piano solo, choral, vocal, chamber works, and marches. He recorded, restored, orchestrated and computer printed many works of his master Cemal Resid Rey. Having also translated Ian Kemp’s book on Berlioz’s Les Troyens into Turkish (Pan Editions, 2009), he received his doctoral degree from Istanbul Technical University/MIAM in February 2009. His art aspires to fuse universal culture with Turkish aesthetics and colours.

Anna Pangalou

Anna Pangalou is a mezzo-soprano and studied singing with Christa Ludwig and Antonietta Stella. In June 2002 she finished her studies in the Athenaeum Konservatorium in Athens (Singing Class of Marina Grilovitci) with the highest merit. She has participated in several Master Classes with Aris Christofellis, Jeanette Pilou, Helga Wagner and Gena Sommerhalder, among others). He has collaborated with distinguished greek and european artists such as Sonia Reiner Weber; he was already working as korrepetitor in the opera studio of the academy and accompanying various chamber music postgraduate course in and Germany. A concert pianist with an extensive repertoire, Karlbel has composed two operas, an oratorio, two piano concertos, numerous original works and transcriptions for piano solo, choral, vocal, chamber works, and marches. He recorded, restored, orchestrated and computer printed many works of his master Cemal Resid Rey. Having also translated Ian Kemp’s book on Berlioz’s Les Troyens into Turkish (Pan Editions, 2009), he received his doctoral degree from Istanbul Technical University/MIAM in February 2009. His art aspires to fuse universal culture with Turkish aesthetics and colours.

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Nikolas Tsalikis

Born in 1968 in Piraeus, he studied piano, harmony and contrapunkt in the 'Orfeus conservatory' of Athens with Nelli Semitekolo and Konstantinos Nonis. He continued his piano studies with Catherine Vickers at the Folkwang Hochschule in Essen, Germany, from where he graduated (Künstlerische Reifeprüfung) in 1999. Later he attended a postgraduate course in chamber music and lied accompanying at the 'Hochschule für Musik Detmold' studying with Reiner Weber; he was already working as korrepetitor in the opera studio of the academy and accompanying various singing and instrumental classes (including those of Thomas Quastoff, Wolfgang Thiemann, Lichter-Maxande, Max Sommerhalder, among others). He has collaborated with distinguished greek and european artists such as Sonia Theodoridou, Kyros Patsalidis, Thedora Baka, Vera Semieniuk and many others. Since 2005 he has lived in Athens.

Alin Aylin Yağcıoğlu

Born in Istanbul, soprano Alin Aylin Yağcıoğlu studied vocal music with Gül Sabar and flute with Nazım Açıkar at Istanbul University State Conservatory during her undergraduate education at Boğaziçi University. She attended the TRT Istanbul Youth Chorus as well. She played the flute and sang in the Sera Chamber Music Ensemble in 1998-1999 and performed in concerts at Aksanat, Borusan Kültür Sanat, Italian Cultural Center, and Yeditepe University. She continued her vocal studies with Suat Arıkan and Sevan Şençan in Istanbul and Savaşıer Kolat in Ankara. After joining the CRR Concert Hall Choir as a chorist, she sang the works of leading Turkish composers, including the “Yunus Emre Oratorio” of Adnan Saygun. She has been the soloist of Surp Takavor Church Chorus since 1999. She sang solo with the chorus in the 31st Istanbul Music Festival in 2003. She also performed in CRR Concert Hall at the chorus in “Living Together” concert series from 2002 to 2006. She received her master degree in music in 2007 from ITU MIAM (Center for Advanced Studies in Music). Alin Aylin Yağcıoğlu, working as an instructor of English at ITU School of Foreign Languages, continues her doctoral studies with Lynn Trepel Çağlar who is a soloist at Istanbul State Opera and Ballet.