

This event is a part of THE BOSTON JAZZ WEEK





directed by Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol, piano, voice, zurna trumpet Tiger Okoshi, tenor and soprano sax. Aaron Henry, acoustic bass Jose Pienasola, drums, voice Cem Mutlu, percussion Bertram Lehmann, and percussion Engin Günaydın

Suffolk University, C. Walsh Theatre, Tuesday, April 24, 8:00pm

Free, direct, honest, clear...

The concert program will take the audiences on a unique musical journey which will feature the jazz compositions of Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol with influences from John Coltrane to the music of the Ottoman Janissary Bands.

An Eastern Ritual of Love

The story of this concert begins with the European marching band, formed more than three centuries ago in direct imitation of the military music of the Ottoman Turks *(mehterhane)*. The thrilling and original combination of wind instruments, drums and cymbals associated with Turkish armies became the commonplace sound of the American marching band, which then combined with the music of former African slaves to create the unique sound we now call jazz. The second part of the story is when jazz found its way overseas and put down the roots of an independent tradition in the former Ottoman lands, tracing a path from Mehterhane to Duke Ellington, from John Coltrane to tonight's concert.

During the 1960s when jazz musicians started traveling to the East more the influences from these areas became more direct. For instance, during this so-called "modal" period musicians like John Coltrane started incorporating elements from the 'davul-zurna' (bass drum and shawm) combination they had heard in North Africa and the Middle East into their ensembles. The piece that gives its name to tonight's concert (*An Eastern Ritual of Love*) is based on this "musical meeting".

Towards the end of the1960s in Turkey, some musicians started to incorporate Turkish melodies and rhythms in their performances. A new trend in popular music came into being which combined American Rock and Pop with Turkish village music. Rock musicians in Turkey took their own rich folk repertoire as basis for their songs and not many of them reached or even wanted to reach any international acclaim. Within that approach much good music was recorded. This style was called "Anadolu Rock". Tonight we will be performing a recent composition, *Hasret*, which I hope mirrors this musical movement in Jazz.

During the past 30 years the idea of incorporating Turkish melodies and rhythms in Jazz performances had established a tradition of its own. Now almost all jazz musicians in Turkey have their own ways of playing Turkish folk songs with jazz bands and composing jazz tunes with a Turkish flavour. This concert is a continuation of this tradition within original compositions that are looking into creating a genuine and honest way of bridging the *makam* (Turkish modal concepts) and Jazz.

Dr. Mehmet Ali SANLIKOL

PROGRAM

Dillirga	Cypriot folk song arr. by Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol (b. 1974)
The Seventh Day	Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol
An Eastern Ritual of Love	Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol
Hasret (Anadolu Jazz)	Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol
Lost Inside	Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol
'LOVE' theme from Ergeneko	Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol
Serap's Buselik	Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol
Tableux	Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol/Cem Mutlu (b. 1969)

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