

AYNUR

“To hear Aynur’s voice is to hear the transformation of all the layers of human joy and suffering into one sound. It reaches so deep into our soul, tears into our hearts, and then we are for one moment, joined as one. It is unforgettable.”

Yo-Yo Ma

Kurdish Folk Music with one of the richest voices of our times!

Aynur is one of the most prominent Kurdish singers of our times. Her impressive voice and extraordinary musical narration represent the Kurdish music heritage of her cultural roots as a global genre. Her unique voice infuses traditional Kurdish folk music with the contemporary sensibility of Western music. She is one of the best sellers with her albums among Kurdish folk albums. Her albums are praised not just in Turkish media but also in international media. She appeared as cover issue of numerous important world music magazines such as **Songlines Magazine (2020)**, Folk Roots (fRoots), **The London Times** and Sons, and featured in important newspapers such as **The Guardian**, **El Pais** and FAZ.

On March 16, 2017, Aynur received a Master of Mediterranean Music Award by **Berklee College of Music MMI** in the category of Mediterranean Women in Action for her contribution to preserving the Kurdish folk oral traditions, interpreting the traditional repertoire, and blending it with other modern western styles.

Aynur’s success allowed her to collaborate in fellowship with a wide range of acclaimed artists including world-renowned cellist **Yo-Yo Ma** and the **Silk Road Ensemble**, **Maestro Riccardo Muti**, **Kayhan Kalhor**, **Javier Limón**, **Kinan Azmeh**, the Nederland Blazers Ensemble, the **NDR Big Band** and many more. She appears in one of the most remarkable scenes of **Fatih Akin’s** documentary “Crossing the Bridge / The Sound of Istanbul” and is part of **Morgan Neville’s** documentary “**The Music of Strangers**” about **Yo-Yo Ma** and the Silk Road Ensemble. She was the cover issue of numerous important world music magazines such as **Songlines Magazine**, Folk Roots (fRoots), **The London Times** and Sons, and featured in important newspapers such as **The Guardian**, **El Pais** and FAZ.

on October 30, 2021 Kurdish artist Aynur Doğan received the ‘WOMEX 2021 Artist Award’ at the award ceremony held in Porto.

The world music expo WOMEX announced in August that Doğan was the winner of the ‘2021 Artist Award,’ stating that “it is for her long-term dedication to the preservation and innovation of Kurdish and Alevi culture, for maintaining the highest artistic integrity in the face of political pressure and, in doing so, for being a model for all that sing against the silencers.”

Like only exceptional artists do, Aynur is reaching listeners in all generations, she is connecting the young generation with the roots of Kurdish music, combining treasures of the past with a musical language of today.

“She is a reason to love live music for centuries” Javier Limón

DISCOGRAPHY

***HEDÛR / Solace Of Time - The Orchard 2021**

Produced by Aynur

[Ancient sounds and melodies, seemingly from a time long past, soon melt together effortlessly, with modern touches provided by piano, violins, and percussion.](#)

Hedur made it to the top of the Transglobal World Music charts. And deservedly so; the album shows how much Dogan has matured musically: in this album, she features not only on vocals, but also as producer and composer.

***HAWNIYAZ / Harmonia Mundi 2016** (Aynur, Kayhan Kalhor, Salman Gambarov) preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik

"This is an album of impressive musicianship dominated by Aynur's emotional, versatile vocals. She demonstrated her range at Womad last month, and here switches from delicate to powerful and intense passages."

The Guardian

***HEVRA / Sony Music Classical - Network 2013**

Produced by Javier Limon

„Whenever Aynur takes a melody, she makes it her own, transforming it into something beautiful, and every note, every microtone, every word reaches depth and unparalleled beauty. She is a reason to love live music for centuries““

Javier Limón

***REWEND / Sony Music - Network 2010**

The beautiful peacefulness of the harp with Aynur's voice is showcased

Inside World Music

***NÛPEL / Kalan Music 2005**

The wonderful and penetrating voice of Aynur with songs that go straight to the heart. A look into young Kurdistan.

***KEÇE KURDAN / Kalan Music 2004**

This is a stunning singer with a haunting voice that effortlessly brings tears to your eyes.

„Her excellent voice carries the feelings from smoky mountains, wild rivers, the sun and it carries the beautiful smell of earth and her voice is so impressive, much like nature itself...“

Tülay German

- **YO-YO MA & the Silk Road Ensemble** Special guest AYNUR Toronto Film Festival **TIFF** 2015
- **AYNUR & NDR Bigband** 2014



INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

*Womex 21 Artist Award

"It is for her long-term dedication to the preservation and innovation of Kurdish and Alevi culture, for maintaining the highest artistic integrity in the face of political pressure and, in doing so, for being a model for all that sing against the silencers, that Aynur Doğan is a very worthy recipient of the WOMEX 21 Artist Award." WOMEX 2021



*** Mediterranean Maestros / Master of Mediterranean Music Awards 2017 by Berklee Mediterranean Music Institute, "Berklee College of Music"**



Singer and composer Aynur, a renowned folk artist and a cultural icon of the Kurdish people, received the award in the category Mediterranean Women in Action in recognition of her faithfulness to traditional Kurdish music and her perseverance in overcoming big challenges to follow her artistic path. These things make her an important example for other women artists seeking a creative voice in the Mediterranean music scene.