Muhtelif

A MUSICAL EAST-MEDITERRANEAN JOURNEY

BIO

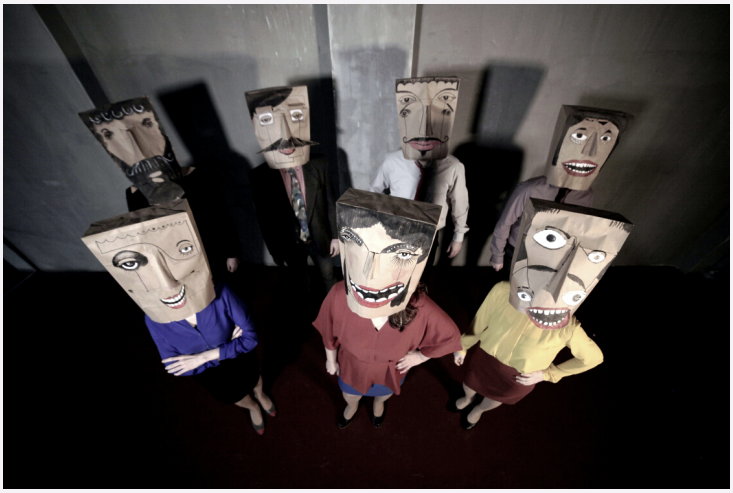
Founded in 2015 in Istanbul, now based in Berlin, the band performs a wide range of music in Turkish, Greek, Arabic and Armenian from traditional to popular, 70s to present. "muhtelif" which is an Arabic word originally used to mean "discordant, fluxional" in Turkish, then turned out to be used as "various" in time. True to this name, the band builds its repertoire out of the songs seemingly "discordant and fluxional" so to emphasize the musical concord of different languages and cultures of Anatolia and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Muhtelif is formed by six versatile musicians each of whom has multiple projects of different genres which becomes a fine contribution to the cultural blend and the musical narrative the band attempts to pursue.

Nurcin Ileri (TR / voice)
Sevda Hamzacebi (TR / clarinet)
Penelope Gkika (GR / violin)
Ufuk Elik (TR / saz)
Cem Dinler (TR / piano)
Wataru Saito (JP / double bass)
Can Tufekcioglu (TR / drums)

MUSIC

Muhtelif released their first original song in 2017 with a unique music video featuring the band members wearing paper masks designed by visual artist Seda Mit. The song is directly referring to Kafka's famous character Gregor Samsa from Metamorphosis and the video depicts an allegory of today's modern life of white-collar worker.



[Watch "Muhtelif - Samsa" (YouTube link)]

[Listen to "Muhtelif - Samsa" (Spotify link)]

Having released a genre-bending piece, the band strives to bring the same mindset of fusing Eastern and Western melodies through traditional and contemporary forms to their live performances. Each concert is a unique experience for the audience, where musicians become storytellers, telling the stories of past performers as well as the social and historical context of songs and their meaning.

Watch "Muhtelif - Tophane Rıhtımında" (YouTube link)

Watch "Muhtelif - Bint Al Shalabiyya" (YouTube link)

Watch other "Muhtelif" videos (YouTube link)

PAST PERFORMANCES

Bavul Cafe - Berlin (DE), 2023
Kulturhaus Schwartzsche Villa - Berlin (DE), 2023
Oyoun - Berlin (DE), 2022
Cafe Buch-Oase - Kassel (DE), 2022
Lazy Sunday - Steinhöfel (DE), 2022
Bavul Cafe - Berlin (DE), 2022
Rotbart - Berlin (DE), 2020
Göttin der Weisheit - Berlin (DE), 2020
International Happiness Festival - Sinop (TR), 2017
Bogazici Uni. Student Festival - Istanbul (TR), 2017
Arnavutköy Street Festival - Istanbul (TR), 2016
Koç Uni. RCAC Special Event - Istanbul (TR), 2015
Nazim Hikmet Cultural Center - Istanbul (TR), 2015

CONTACT

muhtelifmuzik.com
facebook.com/muhtelif.muzik
instagram.com/muhtelif.muzik
youtube.com/muhtelif.muzik
booking@muhtelifmuzik.com
+49 179 416 8979

Muhtelif

A MUSICAL EAST-MEDITERRANEAN JOURNEY