Güneş Hızlılar | Harpist

Güneş Hızlılar is a harpist who performs as a soloist, chamber musician, as well as an orchestra musician. She was born in Istanbul, Turkey and started her musical studies at the harp department of Istanbul University State Conservatory; she continued and completed her bachelor studies with the highest grade under the class of Prof. Stephen Fitzpatrick at the Mozarteum University of Salzburg.

She has won several prizes at international competitions, including the 1st Prize at the Marcel Tournier International Harp Competition in Italy, 3rd Prize at the Martin Geliot Young Talents Contest in Paris and at the Josef Reinl-Stiftung Harp Contest in Vienna. Gunes has performed worldwide and worked with ensembles and orchestras such as the Pacific Philharmonic in Vancouver, and the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie. As a contemporary music enthusiast, she premiered several works with the Österreichische Ensemble für Neue Musik (OENM) in Salzburg.

She was chosen as a Rising Young Woman Star by Istanbul Music Festival, supported by the Istanbul Culture and Art Foundation. As a scholar of the Yehudi Menuhin Foundation, she has performed at non conventional sites, such as hospitals and senior houses, bringing music to those who are not able to attend concerts.

Güneş is currently playing under the baton of Daniel Barenboim at the Staatskapelle Berlin as member of the Orchestra Academy, while continuing her master studies at the Mozarteum University of Salzburg with Prof. Stephen Fitzpatrick and teaching harp at several private music schools in Berlin.

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