DÜNYA in collaboration with the Suffolk University Centennial Partnership Series presents

AN EASTERN RITUAL OF LOVE

This event is a part of THE BOSTON JAZZ WEEK

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.

directed by Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol, piano, voice, zurna
cornet Tiger Okoshi, tenor and soprano sax. Aaron Henry,
cornet Jose Pienasola, drums, voice Cem Mutlu,
percussion Bertram Lehmann, and percussion Engin Günaydın
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 the 1960s 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 *Ergenekon*
Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol

Serap’s Buselik
Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol

Tableux
Mehmet Ali Sanlıkol/Cem Mutlu (b. 1969)

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