

Hakan A. Toker *MUSIC for LOVE*



"Music for Love" is a concert series constituting 9 concerts which may be spread throughout a season. Multi-faceted pianist, composer Hakan A. Toker has been inspired by love, more than anything else! In this series, he plays the music he has written for all the women he has loved for over 30 years in 3 continents, and talks about the story behind each piece, while displaying pictures and mementos that belong to the story.

Many of the pieces being for solo piano, are played by the composer himself. For others, he is joined by classical, jazz and Traditional Turkish musicians. These musicians may be chosen from local artists, wherever the series is to take place.

The series may be scheduled monthly. Alternately, a short version of "Music for Love" may be presented as a single concert covering one of the titles below, or a selection of them.

- 1st Concert "Obsessive Love"
- 2nd Concert "Hopeless Love"
- 3rd Concert "First Lover"
- 4th Concert "Love in USA"
- 5th Concert "Love, Violin and Cello"
- 6th Concert "Jazz Love"
- 7th Concert "Turkish Love"
- 8th Concert "to the Woman of My Live"
- 9th Concert "How I Made Money from Love"

1st Program
"Obsessive Love"

piano, Hakan A. Toker

to Deniz...

Fantasia no.1	(1989)
Nokturne	(1993)
Müzik Box Melodies	(1993)
I	
II	
III	
Mermaide Waltz	(1993)
Mermaidess at Play	(1993)
The Letter	(1994)
Elegie	(1994)
Fantasia no.2	(1995)

2nd Program
"Hopeless Love"

piano and accordion, Hakan A. Toker

- to Gizem...
Bagatella for harp (1994)
- to İlke...
Desperation (1995)
- to Evrim...
Birthday Waltz (1995)
Suite no. 2
 "Unfinished Promenades of Desperate Love" (1996)
- to Janelle...
Waltz no. 12 *"Sweet Tension"* (2001)
- to "Nadezhda"...
Waltz for Accordion no.1 (2005)
 "Nadezhda (or Russian Mafia)"
- to Emanuela...
Waltz for Accordion no.2 (2006)
 "Flower Girl of Rome"
- to Aslı...
Three Pieces for Aslı (2007)
 I. Waltz
 II. Serenade
 III. Song without words

3rd Program
"First Lover"

Piano, Hakan A. Toker
Flute
Reciter

to Yeliz...

Serenades (unfinished... with flute and reciter) (1997)

to Pernille...

Waltz no. 4, op. 70 (1997)

Private and Shameless Waltzes for a Pichju, op.72 (1998)

I

II

III

Pichjo!

V

VI

VII

Notebook for Pernille Elisabeth Bertelsen, op.82 (1999)

I

II

III

IV

V

VI

At the end of the program, the composer will improvise a piece based on the anniversary numerals of a couple to be selected that night, as a gift to them.

4th Program
"Love in USA"

piano, Hakan A. Toker

- to Jana...*
Bagatella no.21, op. 85 "*The Story*" (1999)
- to Kari...*
Waltz no. 13 "*A Relief...*" (2002)
Bagatella no. 22 (2002)
- to Melek...*
Waltz no. 14 "*Melek*" (2006)
- to Lisa-Marie...*
Waltz no. 15 (2006)
"*Love in Springtime*"
Suite no. 3 "*Butterfly*" (2006)
I. Prelude
II. Waltz
III. Gavotte
IV. Mandıra
V. Sarabande

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5th Program
"Love, Violin and Cello"

tenor
2 violins
viola
cello
piano, Hakan Ali Toker

<i>to Megan...</i>	Honey-Butter Waltz	(2000)
	Nadezhda (or Russian Mafia) Waltz	(2005)
<i>to Canan...</i>	Canan's Waltz	(2007)
<i>to Burcu...</i>	1st Burcurella Waltz	(2010)
<i>from Baofen to Mattie and David...</i>	Mattie & David	(2020)
<i>from Karen to David...</i>	My Darling David	(2020)
<i>from Ozan to Ebru...</i>	Ozan & Ebru	(2020)
<i>from Danny to In Sun...</i>	In Sun Serenade	(2021)

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6th Program
"Jazz Love"

voice
saxophone
bass guitar
drums
piano, Hakan A. Toker

<i>to Kari...</i>	Song: "The Humminbird"	(2002)
<i>to Lisa Marie...</i>	Reclining in the Love Lounge	(2006)
<i>to Esra...</i>	Song: "Sen" (You)	(2007)
<i>to Burcu...</i>	2nd Burcurella Waltz	(2011)
<i>to Alice...</i>	Song: "Alice"	(2014)
<i>to Naz...</i>	Sevgilim (Beloved)	(2021)
<i>from Doug to Monica...</i>	Song: "Monica"	(2020)
<i>from Dick to Jane...</i>	Serenade for Jane	(2021)
<i>from Emily to Lee...</i>	Lee's Waltz	(2023)
<i>from Hakan to Sara and Phillip...</i>	Sara & Phillip	(2023)

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7th Program
"Turkish Love"

voice
kanun
tambur
ud
klasik kemençe
percussion
piano, Hakan A. Toker

- to Megan...*
Saz Semaisi (2000)
- to Janelle...*
Song: "Ey Aşk, nasıl da kanılmazsın"
(Oh love, how unquenchable you are) (2001)
- to a secret lover...*
Song: "Yasak Aşk" (Forbidden Love) (2007)
- to Burcu...*
Bed Buzz (2010)
Bircurella's Kanto (2010)
- from Işıl to her beloved...*
Macahel Türküsü (2020)
- from Söğüt to Ferruh...*
Ferruh Dance (2023)

Vocal improvisation on the messages of a couple to be chosen among the audience

Arrangements from the album *Alla Turca Alla Toker*:

"Ayrılık Valsi" (Song of Separation) - Zeki Müren

"Kalbe dolan o ilk bakış" (That First Glance That Fills The Heart) - Erol Sayan

8th Program
"To The Love of My Life"

cello
mouth harmonica
piano, Hakan A. Toker

to Naz...

Waltz of The Anchovy and Almond	
Song Without Words	
Song: " <i>Gizlenen</i> " (The Hidden One)	
I love you, hear me!	(2016)
Waltz: " <i>Waiting for Yarın</i> "	(2019)
Song: " <i>Hadi Gel</i> " (Come now)	(2020)
5-6-1980	(2020)
Boogie Woogie Naz	(2022)
Intermezzo	(2023)
Scherzetto	(2023)
Szardella Czardas	(2024)

9th Program
"How I Made Money from Love"

voice
saxophone
bass guitar
drums
latin percussion
piano, Hakan A. Toker
2 dancers (tango)

- from Öngün to Ekin and Umut...*
Ekin & Umut (2020)
- from Mehmet to Güliz...*
Güliz & Mehmet (2020)
- from Tarık to Didem...*
Didem'le Dans (2020)
- from Furkan to Görkem...*
Görkem (2024)
- from Nadir to Handan...*
Handan (2021)
- from Oya to Anna and Ozan...*
Anna & Ozan (2021)
- from Jay to Jennifer...*
Jennifer (2021)
- from Molly to Julian...*
Jou & Moo (2021)
- from Sabri to Nilsen...*
Sabri ve Nilsen (2021)
- from Fırat to Pınar...*
Pınar's Boogie (2022)
- from Fırat to Zuhâl...*
Samba de Zuhâl (2023)
- from Gerald to his beloved...*
Swingin' in Marseille (2023)

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