AYNUR

Aynur was born in Dersim / East of Turkey. She released her debut album “Keça Kurdan (2004) and Nûpel (2005) She then came up with collaborations with famous musicians and bands like YO-YO MA and Silk Road Ensemble, Kayhan Kalhor, Javier Limon, Kinan Azmeh, Mercan Dede, Cemil Qocgiri, Morgenland All Star Band, Quatour Voce, Nerdeland Blazers Ensemble, Sertab Erener and many more.. Meanwhile she recorded some songs for soundtracks of famous television series and movies. Her vocal style and her albums are being praised not just in Turkish media but also in international media. She is one of the best sellers with her albums among Kurdish folk albums.

She also appeared as the cover issue of the famous music magazine Folk Roots (fRoots) in UK in 2004. She appeared as the cover star of the special issue of one of the best selling papers of UK, The London Times’ supplement on March 21st in 2005 with the special articles focusing on Turkey’s culture and diversities”. She not only appeared in several papers and magazines but also appeared on several television and radio shows as a guest star throughout Europe. Aynur, also appeared in Fatih Akin’s documentary movie “İstanbul Hatırası / Köprüyü Geçmek-Crossing the bridges” as a singer. After her part in famous movies, she took more attention from international media and she performed in so many international festivals. After joining worldwide famous “world music exposition” WOMEX in 2006 in the city of Seville in Spain, she started touring all around the world visiting so many countries like Ireland, Singapore, Brasil, U.S, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Canary islands, Germany, Italy, France, Tunusia, Slovenia, Serbia, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, Finand, Sweden and Greece…

She also performed at Küstendorf Film and Music Festival in Serbia which was organized by famous director Emir Kusturica in January 2010 for worldwide famous actors and directors.

After two years of production her album “Rewend” was released by Sony Music in 2010 and famous director Fatih Akin shot her first video for this album for the title song “Rewend” in Hasankeyf. In 2013, Aynur release “HEVRA/ Together” under Sony Music Classical which comes up with her great collaboration with the famous Spanish producer, songwriter and guitarist JAVIER LIMON who’s also known for his work with world music superstars like Buika, Yasmin Levy and Mariza 5 times Latin Grammy winner acclaimed Spanish producer in world music scene, JAVIER LIMON and Aynur are so smooth with the synthesis of flamenco and Kurdish music crossing the limits. “HEVRA” combines all the colors of East and West in a common musical expression.

In 2012, when Aynur played at the Morgenland Festival in Osnabrück, she met legendary kamancheh virtuoso Kayhan Kalhor and extraordinary jazz pianist Salman Gambarov for the first time and with magnificent tenbur player Cemil Qocgiri they played a song together. A year later they started to touring in Europe and recorded the present disc Hawniyaz reviving the magic that must surely have transpired during that fateful meeting. Together they create a land of their own into which all are welcome to
press their feet. To that metaphorical end, the album's Kurdish title means “everybody needs everybody else, each of us is there for the other,” and this sentiment is felt in each of the program's five expansive territories. This album was released by Harmonia Mundi Latitute in 2016 and has awarded with German Record Critics Award.

“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