

Voyage (2001)

Timur Selcuk

“This piece was composed at the request of the Verdehr Trio. It speaks that everything here is to end, but this does not mean non-existence. Basic reality does not change. What changes are the secondary important realities and thus receive the courage to survive. This transformation we call ‘voyage.’ This is not being pessimistic; on the contrary, it is being face-to-face, at peace with one's self, with nature and our surroundings. Bringing forth the values of the human being, our helplessness transforms to a productive usefulness.”

—Timur Selcuk

The world premiere of *Voyage* was on June, 28, 2001 in the Verdehr Trio Summer Chamber Music Concert Series at the Wharton Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Timur Selcuk (born 1945, Istanbul, Turkey) is a singer, pianist, conductor, and composer. He graduated from Galatasaray Lycece and the Municipal Conservatory in Istanbul and continued study at the Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris. During his student years in Turkey, to help finance his education, he composed various "pop music" pieces which brought him great fame. He is well-known as a performer of the traditional Turkish music of M. N. Selcuk.

Selcuk's compositions include chamber music, ballet, and symphonic music. He has written extensively for films and theater and has been recognized with Best Music Awards by the Ankara International Film Festival, the Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival, and the SIYAD Turkish Film Critics Association. He participated in the Eurovision Song Contest in 1975 and again in 1989. In 1998, he received the title of State Artist from the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

Selcuk is the founder and the conductor of the Istanbul Chamber Orchestra, and he established the Modern Music Center to teach music to his students. He also worked at Ankara Sanat Theatre for ten years. He presently teaches at the Music Center and is active as a conductor. As a vocalist, he sings in numerous concerts throughout Turkey, the United States, Russia, England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria, and Spain.

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