

Turgay Erdener (b.1957)

Turgay Erdener is a Turkish composer whose work consists primarily of stage, orchestral, and chamber works, which have been performed in both Asia and Europe.

As a child, Erdener studied mandolin with Rifat Akaltan, and eventually piano with Kâmuran Gündemir at the Hacettepe University Ankara State Conservatory (1968-1972). He then decided to stay at the same school, but shifted his studies over to composition under Nevit Kodallı and Erçivan Saydam.

Since 1979, soon after his graduation, he has been teaching analysis, composition, and harmony at Hacettepe University Ankara State Conservatory.

As a contemporary Turkish composer, his oeuvre includes a considerable amount of incidental scores for stage presentations, operetta and ballet, a number of works for orchestra, as well as chamber and vocal music, and instrumental pieces.

—Program note by Gözde Çakır

Reference:

BBC. "Turgay Erdener Biography." Accessed on May 23, 2020.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/music/artists/b1756682-1bc3-4907-88b2-9be71b352105>.