

# Anıl Bilgen

## Biography

He was born in Ankara / Turkey in 1989. His early musical education began with private piano lessons at the age of 9. In 2000, he was accepted to the classical piano department of Hacettepe University Ankara State Conservatory and became piano student of İrem Bozkurt. Between the years 2004 – 2009 he took private lessons on classical and jazz harmonic analysis, form analysis and contemporary music from the highly respected Turkish composer Prof. İlhan Baran. Between the years 2009 – 2010, he studied in Konservatorium Wien in Austria within the Erasmus Exchange Programme and became piano student of Roland Batik. In 2010, he graduated from the classical piano department of Hacettepe University Ankara State Conservatory. In 2010 – 2011 he performed as a member of George “Skip” Gales Quartet. In 2011 he won the "Best Performance" award in JamzZ Competition in Istanbul. The same year, he was accepted to the jazz piano department of Kunst Universität Graz and became piano student of Olaf Polziehn. In 2015, he completed his Bachelor studies and in 2018 his master studies at the Kunst Universität Graz with honors. In 2018 he was awarded the second prize in Freiburg International Jazz Piano Competition.

Among the musicians he performed with are Joe Lovano, Jim Rotondi, Ed Neumeister, Heinrich von Kalnein, Karlheinz Miklin, Morten Ramsbøl, Mike Richmond. He currently lives and performs in Istanbul.