

**Aysegül Koca** was born on June 12th, 1989 in Ankara (Turkey). She started to play guitar at the age of 8. At just 12, she was admitted to Bilkent University Music Preparatory School Department of Classical Guitar -the most prestigious conservatory in Turkey- with scholarship, and became a student of Kürsad Terci. In a short period of time, she accomplished a huge progress in her technique and performance, and gave many concerts. After she graduated from Bilkent Music Preparatory School in 2006 under supervision of Kagan Korad, she was admitted to the Maastricht Conservatory in the Netherlands. She has successfully finished her Bachelor from the class of Carlo Marchione.

As one of the most promising Turkish guitarists of modern generation, she received the first prize in the 8th International Guitar Competition José Tomas in 2007 Almería-Spain.

Other prizes:

- X. Eduard Pamfil Young Guitarists Competition in 2005 in Romania (First Prize and Special Jury Award),
- I. Mavi Marti Guitar Competition in Istanbul in 2006 (First Prize),
- I. National Inonu University Guitar Competition in 2008 in Malatya- Turkey (Second Prize).
- VI. Enrico Mercatali International Guitar Competition in 2009 in Italy (Second Prize and Special Public Award).

She performed concerts in :

- V. International Antonio Lauro Guitar Biennial (2004, October),
- III. International Ordu Guitar Festival (2005, July)
- IV. International ASEG Guitar Meeting in Kastoria – Greece (2005, September),
- I. Turkey Guitar Meeting (2006, February),
- VII. International Yıldız Teknik Guitar Days (2006, May),
- I. International ITU Savaş Çekirge Classical Guitar Days (2006, October),
- IX. International Julian Arcas Guitar Festival (2008, June),
- IV. International Bilkent Guitar Meeting - Turkey (2010, July).
- IV. International Klasik Keyifler Ensemble Festival - Kapadokya (2011, August).
- V. International Karatekin University FesTekin Spring Fest– Cankiri (2012, May),
- IV. International Ibrahim Cecen University Spring Fest – Agri (2012, June).
- V. International Bilkent Guitar Meeting – Turkey (2012, July)
- XI. International ODTU Guitar Festival – Turkey (2013, March).

Aysegül Koca has been invited to many radio and TV programs. In 2010 May, She has performed Concierto de Aranjuez by Joaquin Rodrigo with "Staatsorchester Rheinische Philharmonie" conducted by Francesco Angelo in Koblenz, and has graduated from Master Degree of International Koblenz Guitar Academy from the class of Aniello Desiderio. She continues her studies at Kunstuniversität Graz with Prof. Paolo Pegoraro in Austria.

*"Aysegul Koca is a dedicated young guitarist. The combination of her solid technique and musical sensitivity ensures that she will have a promising future as a fine performer."* Thérèse Wassily Saba, Classical Guitar Magazine, London.