

MUAMMER SUN

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He was born on October 15, 1932 in the Yenice village of Ankara Çubuk district. His father is Şevket Bey and his mother is Ümmiye Hanım. The family immigrated to Ankara when Sun was still a child. Muammer Sun lost his father, who was engaged in agriculture in the village and was a watchman in Ankara, at the age of five.



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In 1953 he entered Ankara State Conservatory where he became a student of Adnan Saygun. He took folk music lessons from Muzaffer Sarısözen, classical Turkish music from Ruşen Kam, piano from Mithat Fenmen, and choir and orchestra management lessons from Hasan Ferit Alnar. He composed his work entitled Yurt Colorleri The First Notebook, which was awarded in the following years, the year he entered the conservatory. In 1956, he wrote the Second Book of Yurt Colors and later the "Yurt Colors Third Book"



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While studying at the conservatory in 1955, he married his first wife, Meliha Arslanboğan, and had four children from this marriage He graduated from Ankara State Conservatory's composition department in 1960 with a good degree.



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After his graduation, he taught at Ankara, Izmir, Istanbul State Conservatories, Gazi Education Institute's music department, Ankara University Press and Broadcasting School, and Ankara Radio. In 1969, he was elected as a member of the TRT Board of Directors as the representative of art institutions. He founded the TRT Ankara Radio Polyphonic Choir and the TRT Music Department. He prepared the TRT Culture and Art Awards System (together with Murat Katoğlu) in 1971 and enabled TRT to realize it.



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In 1980, he was appointed as a composition teacher at the Istanbul State Conservatory; He retired from this institution in 1982 of his own accord. He married his second wife Sinemis Adige Sun in 1986 and continued to teach composition at Ankara Hacettepe University State Conservatory in 1987. He became associate professor in 1988 and professor in 1999. He retired from Hacettepe University State Conservatory faculty in October 1999. He founded Sun Publishing House in September 2004 and published music related publications.



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Muammer Sun died on January 16, 2021, at the age of 88, in the hospital where he was treated for multiple organ failure.



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