

Group Biography – Rattle Özsuca Duo

Zeynep and Sacha first met in 2005 in Oberlin Conservatory, studying the Mozart Kegelstatt Trio with Professor Roger Chase. Since then, they have been performing together regularly, both as a duo and in larger ensemble formations.

They both moved to Berlin Germany to study respectively, and here they founded their chamber ensemble 'Berlin Counterpoint', with whom they have had numerous performances and in 2014, released their debut album.

As a duo, they have performed on a wide range of stages, including prominent venues such as Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, Würzburg Festival, Queen Elizabeth Hall London, Teatro Villamarta Jerez, Fundación Juan March Madrid and the Berlin Philharmonie.

They have also worked in some smaller, more intimate situations, such as the Vortex jazz club in London, and Klasik Keyifler festival in Cappadocia, Turkey, doing education work with young musicians, as well as recitals. Regarding education, the duo has also been involved with the El Sistema organisation in Venezuela, as well as an off shoot in Istanbul called Music for Peace, and some education work around Germany.

The duo have worked closely with a few living composers, most notably having works dedicated to them respectively by Kamran Ince and Mark Mellits.

In 2014, Sacha and Zeynep got married in Potsdam, Germany, and are now happily living together in London.