

## Selcuk Suna



Born in Istanbul, **Selcuk Suna** comes from a family of musicians. He was eight years old when he joined the children's opera in Ataturk Cultural Centre and his parents decided to get him started on the clarinet when he was 11 in order to strengthen his lungs, which eventually led him to the saxophone at age 17. By the time Suna was 18, he was performing on various television programs and for many famous pop singers throughout Turkey.

While in high school, Suna studied clarinet at the conservatory in Istanbul and won numerous vocal competitions. He was granted a full scholarship to study jazz at Bilgi University in Istanbul, which earned him a degree in jazz music.

While living in Turkey, Suna played on a weekly Friday late-night show for 13 years. He also played with numerous pop stars, including Shakira, as well as on countless albums, television shows, and musicals, and he also participates in vocal recordings. As a composer, has scored music for the theatre.

Suna currently resides in Toronto and is a freelance musician with such groups as the New Canadian Global Music Orchestra, DIA, Sultans of String, and more, and can be seen at various venues throughout the Greater Toronto Area.