

# ÖZLEM BULUT BANDPRESSKIT

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## Music

Özlem Bulut stands for oriental-jazz at its best. A completely new kind of music as Özlem Bulut Band brings together jazz and pop/soul elements with the specific Özlem Bulut oriental touch.

Founded in 2008 in a very small line-up the Band immediately won several music prizes as well as the Development and Audience prize at the Austrian World Music Contest

2008 - which marked the beginning of a international carrier.

The first Album „Bulut“ appeared in 2011 and Özlem Bulut Band is currently working on the second album which will be released on Dec.27, 2013.

Catchy chorus lines and vital oriental rhythms are enriched by profound jazzy improvisations and Özlems powerful and outstanding

voice. One of the main goals of this project os to reframe the conventional picture of oriental music - to bring together elements from the orient and occident and to show the beauty and to provide a new understanding of the turkish language.

Therefore Özlem Bulut has been rewarded with the MIA-Award in 2013.

## Band (lead)

**Özlem Bulut** was born in 1982 in a small village in eastern Turkey. She grew up with traditional Anatolian music which untill now has a strong impact on ther interpretation of jazz music. At the age of 15 she began studying Operatic singing in Mersin, later in Istanbul. In 2006 she received a scholarship for Vienna. During her stay in Vienna she had engagements at the Vienna State Opera, the Opera Bastille in Paris and the Vienna Volksoper, where she has been steadily engaged since then. In 2008 Özlem Bulut founded the ensemble “Özlem Bulut Band” .The ensemble has now attained its completed form with **Marco Annau** as composer and keyboarder.

## Line up (Gdansk)

**ÖZLEM BULUT** - leadsinger/percussion  
**MARCO ANNAU** - Piano/Keyboard  
**JUAN CARLOS SUNGURLIAN** - Ud  
**JÖRG MIKULA** - Drums  
**HABIB SAMANDI** - Darbuka  
**MARTIN BERAUER** - Bass  
**ANDREJ PROZOROV** - Saxophone