

Tuğra ismail was born in June 1983 in Melbourne/Australia.His interest in music started at the tender age of 9. Without having taken any lessons, by watching other guitarists, Tuğra learned the fundamentals of guitar playing in one week.He composed his first song called 'Eller bizi Ayirmasin' while he was in primary school.



Since his primary school years Tugra was involved in every serious musical activity.He was the only student throughout Sehit Ertugrul Primary who played the Turkish National Anthem on the snare drum without any mistakes school's history.



Again, during his primary school years, he was a Folk music dancer, singer and keyboard player in in primary school choir. Beside music and dancing Tuğra ismail was good at his classed, he received a High Honor's certificate in the second grade.

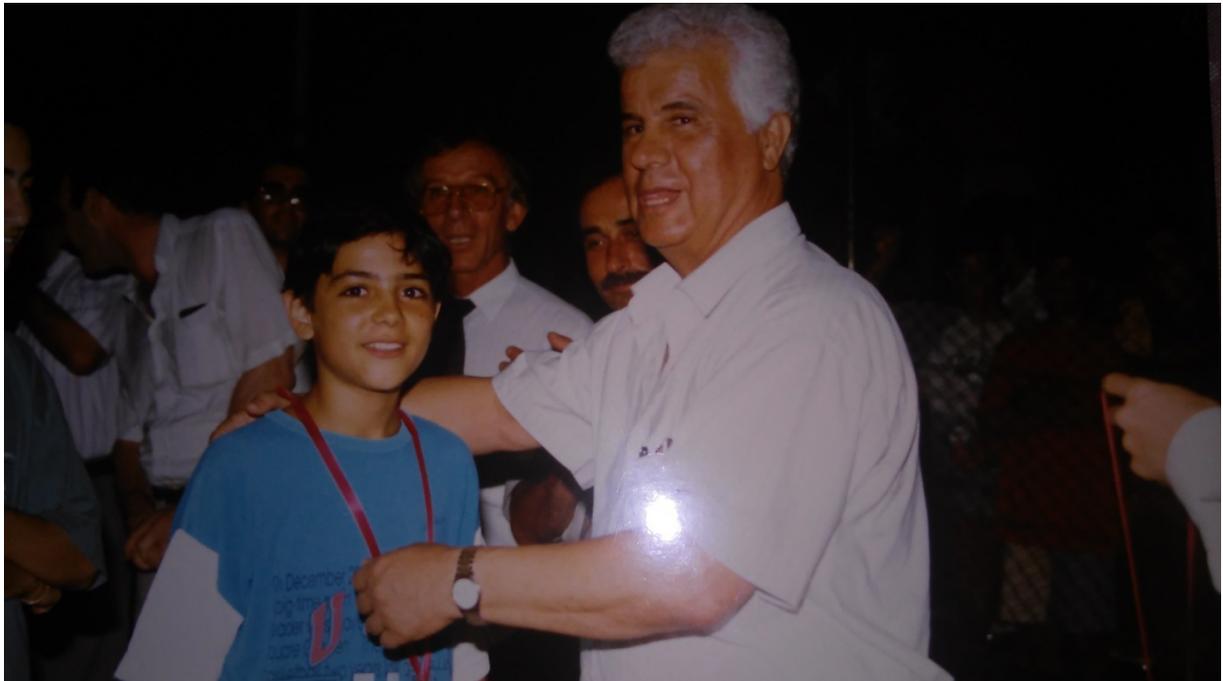


He continued Folk dancing and participated in shows after his graduation from primary school.



After graduating from primary school with outstanding success, Tuğra ismail passed the Bayraktar Türk Maarif Collage's exam with success (127 right answer out of 140 questions). He was in the top 14 throughout North Cyprus. Those years Tuğra ismail was chosen to play at BTMK college's football team and played at official football matches and was the flag bearer for his school.

Tugra Ismail collecting his gold medal from the Turkish Cypriot Prime Minister after a soccer tournament.



Besides Music, Folk Dance, Football, Arts (Cartoon drawer) he was chosen to play table tennis at North national B table tennis team where he won 2 silver medals.

In Turkey, Antalya Marcopolo Hotel, Tugra collecting his certificate after being the 2nd best player during table tennis competition.



During his college years, Tugra attempted many Bicycle competitions. Here is Tugra collecting his Gold Medal from one of those competitions.



Because of his passion and desire for glory, Tuğra ismail created an unbelievable gap to the other riders.



After graduating successfully from college, during his high school years (Türk Maarif Koleji), he sat on the drums, played them without any lessons and for this reason he was offered to play drums in TMK high school band.

With all the band members and Tuğra ismail's input Türk Maarif Koleji has won their first Gold



Medal.



The categories he and his team won; The best cover song of the year (1. Prize), 2. Prize for the best composition (Yalan - Lyrics and Music by Tuğra ismail) and again 3. Prize for the best song of the year (Hayalin – Lyrics and Music by Tugra Ismail, singer Buray Hossoz). Throughout his high school years, in every concert or musical competition, Tugra was singing backing vocals and main vocals while he was playing drums which impressed his teachers and every other student.

Tugra ismail has participated in every musical act either with his guitar, voice or drums. Tugra and his successful 'Popstar' friend, Buray Hossoz, hoding a concert during their High school years.



Last day of his high school years, Tugra is performing his own composition with the high school band and singing it as a farewell to highschool.



Tuğra ismail and TMK band playing their gold medal winning song, Yolun Basi by Sertap Erener.



After successfully graduating from high school Tugra was accepted to university to study for a Bachelor's degree in Music. He also studied the Flute so as to be more versatile in music. Cyprus' famous piano virtuoso Aslı Giray's recital with Tugra in 2004. Tugra completed his university assesments and graduated with Honour's degree from Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus.

Without hesitation Tugra completed his Master's degree in Near East University (Pedagogy) and graduated from NEU with success in 2007. Now Tugra is an official Music Teacher. Tuğra ismail has got the attention of other musician during his university years. And in 2003 Tugra got an invitation from Turkish Cypriot guitar virtuoso Okan Ersan to fill the vocalist position in Okan Ersan's band. While playing with Okan Ersan Tuğra ismail played with many musicians all over the world.

Some of those musicians are;

Asım Can Gündüz : Aka Awesome John. A great Turkish/American guitar virtuoso who invited Tugra Ismail to be his singer for one of his shows for charity in 2004, AKM.



International Bass guitar virtuoso Tony Johnes played 'Ain't no Sunshine' with Tugra Ismail during his concert tour in North Cyprus.



The other musicians that Tugra Ismail has worked with;
Okan Ersan (Grammy Candidate, Fusion Artist, Guitar Virtuoso) ,
Gür Akad (Guitarist for the Legendary Turkish singer Banş Manço
ve Kurtalan Ekspres, Guitar Virtuoso) ,
Alpay Şalt (Drummer for famous Turkish Band Yüksek Sadakat,Gitarizma and Whisky),
Cem Köksal (Guitar Virtuoso, guitarist for the legendary Joe Lynn Turner)
Mert Topel (Yamaha Music Türkiye keyboards Artist),
Çağatay Ateş (Whisky's and Cem Köksal's bass player) ,
Gitarizma (G3 of Turkey).

Tuğra ismail has performed in every small & big international festival in Australia. Also Tuğra has worked with very talented virtuosos along his journey like ; Marcus Starrock, Evripides Evripidou, Harry Christodoulou, Hush Rocker and many more!

Some concert shots with Avustralia's famous bass guitar player Hush Rocker & Tuğra ismail



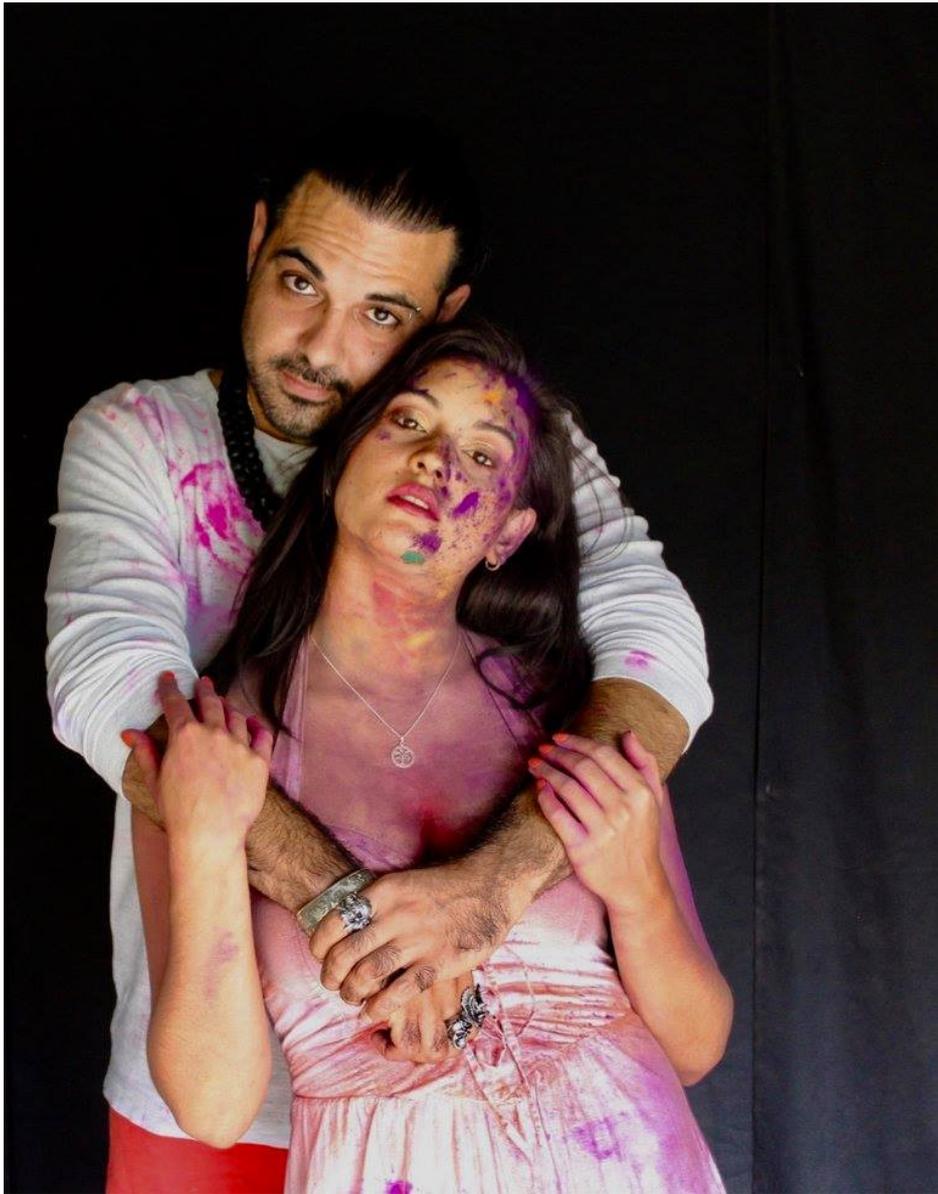






A single album made by Tuğra ismail & successful Anglo Indian movie producer Nigel Foote, Colour,in my world. Here is some still shots from the music video they made in Australia.





Hush Rocker & Tuğra ismail has performed many gigs in Australia. Some shots during these concerts.







Jamming Night @Brunswick, Melbourne, Australia with talented musicians & Tuğra ismail.



Tuğra ismail also performed as a supporting band for some famous Turkish Rock bands in Australia.



The banner is divided into several sections. On the left, there are four vertical panels showing close-up portraits of the band members of Gripin. Below these panels is a white oval with the word "gripin" in lowercase. To the right of the portraits, there are two event listings. The first listing is for Melbourne on Friday, 13 April 2018, at Trak Live Lounge Bar, 445 Toorak Rd. Toorak. The second listing is for Sydney on Saturday, 14 April 2018, at Max Watts, 122 Lang Rd. Moore Park. Both listings include a "SUPPORTED BY" section with a small photo of Tuğra İsmail and the name of the supporting band, EKOL. At the bottom right, there is a pink bar with the text "TICKETS & INFO 0477 124 535" and the website "www.turkuaz.com.au".

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Tuğra ismail has produced another music video for one of his Turkish originals called "Dile Kolay" with a Turkish Record Label called Ev yapımı Müzik Türkiye. (Still shots from the music video)



Currently, Tuğra ismail is living in Turkey and he has signed with a Major Record Label called "ARPEJ MÜZİK YAPIM TÜRKİYE". He is preparing his upcoming album consist of 9 songs.