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#26 Sinem Saniye, 37 - Musician

Sinem Saniye is an award-winning singer and songwriter from New York City. Born in Germany with Turkish family roots, her music channels a sound that skirts pop with hints of jazz. Sinem worked with Grammy-Award-winning producers Mark Plati, Philip A. Jimenez, Henri Scars Struck, and Greg Calbi on her debut album "When I Don't Sleep..", which was released to much critical acclaim. Delta Airlines featured a song from the album, "A Certain Kind Of Lovely" on their inflight music program and magazine, and in 2011, the same song was chosen for a compilation CD entitled "Songs of Love for Japan," to raise funds for Japan earthquake relief, alongside notable female artists such as Tori Amos, Sarah Barreilles, Regina Spektor, Lady Gaga, and Ani DiFranco, to name a few. Sinem went on a nationwide U.S. tour in support of her debut album (an ambitious 30-city solo feat spanning the

entire US and parts of Canada for 3 months.) Sinem Saniye officially ended her tour with a spectacular homecoming show, opening for Grammy-nominated artist Lisa Loeb at City Winery on June 2, 2010 in New York City. Other notable concerts include her sold-out headlining show at Joe's Pub in New York City, raising funds for those who suffered from the 2011 earthquake in Van, Turkey. Songs from the first album are still playing across 2,500 chain stores across America, including large retailers The Gap, Cache, Williams Sonoma, and large hotels and restaurant chains across America.

Sinem Saniye has won several songwriting awards, including the prestigious Grand Prize in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition, chosen out of nearly 20,000 other songwriters by celebrity judges that included Tom Waits, Jesse Harris, and Fergie from the Black-Eyed Peas. (For a list of all of her awards, see below.). When Sinem is not performing, she's writing songs for other artists, commercials, and for film. One of her songs, sung by YouTube sensation Alex G, was a hit on Disney Radio and ABC Family TV, followed by Alex's album charting in the top 20 on iTunes America.

Sinem is frequently featured in magazines and papers including Time OUT NY, Global Rhythm Magazine, The Village Voice, The Los Angeles Times, the LA Examiner, The Idaho Tribune, DC IST, and television programs across the US such as Fuse TV, Indi Music TV, Music Mix USA, Swept Away TV, The Rhythms of NY, The Director's Chair, and Metro Unplugged (a program that aired to over 100,000 commuters on the Los Angeles city bus systems' TV screens) and she has also appeared in nearly every major news outlet in Turkey, on national overseas television including CNN Turk, Fox TV Turkiye, TRT-INT (which airs to all of Europe,) Flash TV, ATV, NTV, and MTV Turkey.

In 2015 and most recently in January of 2016, Sinem appeared twice on American Fox TV, singing original songs from her highly anticipated forthcoming new album, "Let's Play" and won the *Star of the Day* Award. News of the award reached the U.S. Embassy in Turkey as well as several outlets via Voice of America. Now rebranded in the United States as "Saniyé," her new album "Let's Play" will be released in 2016 on 6/8 Records. To follow her journey, please visit <http://www.letsplaysaniye.com>