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### BAND STORY

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### STATS

VISITS	PLAY
2,187	40
STREAMS	DOW
34	6

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Fahir's 2005 release "If", with legendary Bass Player Anthony Jackson (Paul Simon, Eye Witness, Michel Camilo,) and acclaimed Drummer Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez (McCoy Tyner, Michel Camilo, Carlos Santana), demonstrated Fahir's virtuosity with the music that he composed for the Istanbul National Ballet's performance of East Side Story.

2008 saw the release of Fahir's highly anticipated 15th album, "Istanbul in Blue", in which he takes the listener through a deep exploration of his unique rhythmic melodies and harmonies.

Fahir continues to showcase his talent for blending music from different cultures in sold out live performances and on recordings. Fahir's compositions speak with striking originality, and always remain connected to the culture of his motherland.

Fahir is currently preparing for a worldwide tour in support of "Istanbul in Blue."

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