

# MY SCHOOL

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# OTTOMAN MILITARY BAND (Mehter)





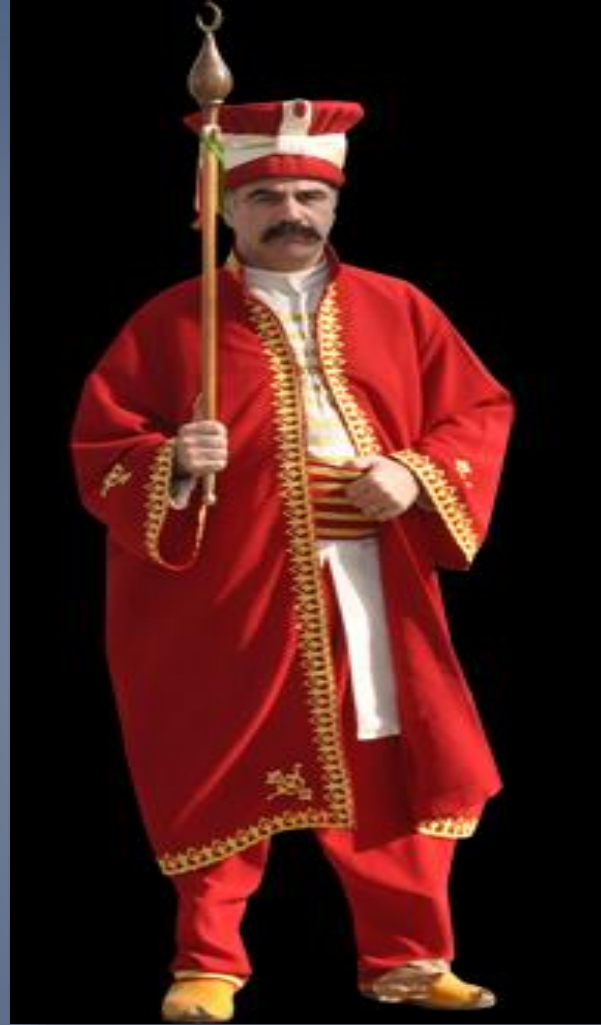
*Ottoman military bands are thought to be the oldest variety of military marching band in the world.*



*Today, the music of the mehter is largely ceremonial and considered by many Turks as a important example of heroism and a reminder of Turkey's historical past.*

# MEMBERS





The mehterbaşı,  
Leader of the mehter team, with  
horsetail as a sign of rank.



The çevgâni



The zurna-zen





The boru-zen



The nakkare-zen



The zil-zen



The davul-zen



The kös-zen

# CEDDİN DEDEDEN

Though Mehter band played a variety of frontier marches, Ceddin Deden is one of the best known.



# Ceddin Deden's Lyrics

*Your ancestors, your grandfathers, your generation, your father*

*The Turkish nation has always been valiant.*

*Your armies, many times, have been renowned throughout the world.*

*Turkish nation!, Turkish nation!; love (your) nationality passionately,*

*Overwhelm the enemies of your motherland,  
and thus shall those cursed ones suffer abjection.*

