

**MY FAVORITE
SINGER**
Presentation

MY FAVORITE SINGER ZHANAR DUGALOVA



Zhanar Dugalova, was born in [Kyzylorda](#), in southern [Kazakhstan](#) before moving with her family to [Almaty](#). Years before her debut in the music industry she took part in the Zhas Kanat contest, a national music festival which aimed to launch the career of amateur and new singers. After her performance in that festival, the well-known producer Bayan Esentayeva started being interested in her voice. She was hailed because of her powerful voice and her beauty. Thanks to that, in late 2012, she released her first single entitled "Süyemin deşı", which was used as a song in the soundtrack of the movie "Ğaşıq jürek" (A cocktail with stars) where she also had a role. The popularity of the film and the success of the song turned the young singer into a celebrity, but her definitive leap to stardom took place some months later when she was included in the new lineup of Kesh-You, a well-known band in Kazakhstan, which is also known by its almost constant lineup changes. Her first single with Kesh-You was the song "Asıqpa", that was a smash hit in [Kazakhstan](#), topping for months the airplay charts.



Zhanar started being more popular than Aidana Medenova and Kamshat Joldibayeva, the other two vocals of Kesh-You. Thanks to the enormous promotional effort by Bayan Esentayeva, the popularity of the band kept on growing, producing many more hit singles such as the song "Qazaq qızdarı" (Kazakh girls). The band also took part in the first Kazakh national final for the [Turkvision Song Contest](#) with the song "Rızamın", which achieved second place, turning into another great hit for the group. During this part of her music career, Zhanar Dugalova combined her KeshYou trajectory with solo songs.

With KeshYou[[edit](#)]

Асықпа (Асықпа) (2013)

Qazaq qızdarı (Қазақ қыздары) (2013)

Tuwǵan jer (Туған жер) (2013)

Rıyzamın (Рыйзамын) (2013)

Махabbat (Махаббат) (2014)

After many years of popularity with KeshYou, Zhanar left the band and started her solo career definitively. She started releasing more solo songs, also with the collaboration of her producer Bayan Esentayeva. Her popularity started increasing even more with those songs but her total recognition in Kazakhstan and the rest of the Turkic-speaking countries became widespread with her victory in the second national final for the [Turkvision Song Contest](#) with the song "Izin Körem." In the festival, which took place in [Kazan](#), [Russia](#) she managed to qualify, which she then won.

Turned into a national heroine, Zhanar released more songs and took part in many national events. In 2015, the singer met [Nursultan Nazarbayev](#), the president [Kazakhstan](#), who invited her to a convention of Kazakhstani women in which other successful Kazakhstani personalities such as the female volleyball player [Sabina Altynbekova](#) took part.

She indicated interest in representing [Kazakhstan in the Eurovision Song Contest](#), the debut of which is yet to come. Currently [Kazakhstan](#) is not on the participation list released by the EBU. However, their broadcaster [Khabar](#) would be eligible to participate in the competition as an associated member.



Solo

Tañdanba (Таңданба) (2011)
Süyemin deşi (Сүйемін деші)
(2012)

Sen yemes (Сен емес) (2012)

Kim үшін (Кім үшін) (2013)

Bir suraq (Бір сурақ) (2013)

Uwayımdama (Уайымдама)
(2013)

İzin körem (Ізін көрем) (2014)

Sen meni түsinbedin (Сен мені
түсінбедін), With [Kairat
Nurtas](#) (2014)

Ayta Bersin (Айта берсін),
with [Ninety One](#) on Gakku
Äuenderi 2016 ([Kazakh](#): Gakku
Әуендері)^[3]

Ala ketpedin (Ала кетпедін)
(2017)