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G R E E K C O M P O S E R S ' U N I O N

The Greek Composers' Union was founded on June 8th 1931. Its main aims are the protection and promotion of the Greek musical creations, the development of solidarity between the Greek composers and the protection of their professional and artistic rights. Since 1931, the Union has not relented in pursuing these goals, even during the Second World War. Its members include the most distinguished Greek composers such as Dimitris Mitropoulos, Nikos Skalkottas, Manolis Kalomiris, Antiochos Evagelatos, Iannis Xenakis, Gianni Christou, and Georgos Sissilianos.

Since 1989, the president of the G.C.U. has been Theodore Antoniou, composer, director, and professor at the Boston University. During his presidency, the G.C.U. has expanded its activities considerably. Besides the organization of many concert series, the Union organizes two Pan-Hellenic composition competitions: the "Yiannis A. Papaioannou" competition and the "Dimitris Dragatakis" competition. Moreover it organizes young composers' workshops, lectures and congresses, and promotes the publication and release of different scores and CDs featuring contemporary music.

Since 2003, the G.C.U. has its own magazine "music POLYTONOn", a bimonthly publication whose main aim is to promote and disseminate Greek and international contemporary music to the wider public. The magazine also serves as an information and communication channel between the Greek musical community.

H E L L E N I C E N S E M B L E O F C O N T E M P O R A R Y M U S I C

The Hellenic Ensemble of Contemporary Music (H.E.C.M.) was created by Theodore Antoniou on February 1967 and gave its first performance in March, at the Hellenic American Union Auditorium during the "Contemporary Music Days" festival of 1967. Among its first members were the most talented musicians, with a specialization in contemporary music.

Since then, the H.E.C.M. has presented hundreds of contemporary works of the most representative trends in the Greek and international repertory. A strong emphasis has always been placed on new composers; thus the H.E.C.M.'s programmes have included many premieres and specially commissioned works.

Theodore Antoniou and the Hellenic Ensemble of Contemporary Music



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**ATHENS'
CONCERT HALL**



Dimitris Mitropoulos Auditorium

Wednesday 23 - 1 - 2013, 20.30
Voices

● George Crumb: *Vox Balaenae* ● Gérard Grisey: *Quatre chants pour franchir le seuil (berceuse)* ● Manos Hatzidakis: *Blood Wedding* ● Dimitris Dragatakis: *Monologue for a voice* ● Arnold Shoenberg: *Ode to Napoleon Buonaparte*.

Soloists: Margarita Sygeniotou - mezzo soprano, Andreas Zafiroopoulos - piano, Spyros Sakkas - narrator.

Young Greek Composers' Workshops

Tuesday 16 - 4 - 2013, 20.30

Works by: ● Theodore Gougoussoudis ● Nathalie Mavraki ● Kalli Papagregoriou ● Antonis Rouvelas ● Michalis Andritsopoulos ● Danae Bletsas ● Christos Samaras (supervising composer): *Light V for piano and string quartet*.

All the concerts in the Athens' Concert Hall will be performed by the Hellenic Ensemble of Contemporary Music. Direction: Theodore Antoniou.

GOETHE INSTITUTE

**Contemporary
Soundscapes**



Thursday 17 - 1 - 2013, 20.30
Voices leading...

Works by: ● Stathis Gyftakis ● Giorgos Hatzimichelakis ● Theodore Antoniou ● Joseph Papadatos ● Paul Hindemith ● Babis Kanas ● Argyris Kounadis ● Nickos Vassiliou ● Giorgos Couroupas.

Soloists: Margarita Sygeniotou - mezzo soprano, An-

dreas Zafiroopoulos - piano.
Featuring also the students of Margarita Sygeniotou: Antonis Dimou, Fotini Athanassaki, Margarita Papadimitriou, Antonia Despouli.

Thursday 21 - 2 - 2013, 20.30
Solo con fuoco

● Hans Werner Henze: *Serenade* ● Thomas Sliomis: *Ideales* ● Franco Donatoni: *Lem* ● Luciano Berio: *Sequenza XIVb* ● Teppo Hauta - Aho: *Simon's scramble* ● Christos Chatzis: *Birth of Venus* ● Stefanos Vassiliades : *En pyri*.

Soloist: Vassilis Papavassiliou - double bass.

Thursday 14 - 3 - 2013, 20.30
The Magic Flutes

● Luciano Berio: *Sequenza I* ● Salvatore Sciarrino: *Immagine fenicia* ● Thomas Reiner: *Dusk* ● Peter Maxwell Davies: *The Kestrel Paced Round the Sun* ● Rolf Thomas Lorenz: *Capriccio* ● Doina Rotaru: *Tempio du fumo* ● Toru Takemitsu: *Voice* ● Manos Panagiotakis: *Metamorphosis of Alcyon* ● Theodore Antoniou: *Lament* ● Giorgos Hatzimichelakis: *A Game between One and Many Flutes* ● Dimitris Sykias: *L' Ouvre au Noir* ● Davide Ianni: *trasparenze d' Accenti...*

Flutes: The soloist Ivona Glinka and her students: Irini Vouzi, Giorgos Skrivanos, Kira Saplaidou, Rosa Giannoulou, Manos Panagiotakis, Ersi Kassarzi, Maria Messari, Daphne Biniari - Panteleon, Rania Kavadi, Dina Vagelatu, Stephania Georgakakou - Koutsonikou, Konstandina Tsekoura, Anastassia Velissariou.

Irini Delezou - piano, Margarita Sygeniotou - mezzo soprano, Costas Alexandris - bass trombone and Gerasimos Tsagarakis - percussion. Music direction: Iakovos Konitopoulos.

Thursday 18 - 4 - 2013, 20.30
Panorama

● Athanassios Zervas: *Trio for clarinet, violin and*

ano ● Anastassios Moustakas: *La Pluie* ● Theodore Antoniou: *Epigrams II / Romantic duo* ● Paul Hindemith: *Harp Sonata* ● Doina Rotaru: *New work*.
Soloists: Maria Bildea - harp, Sergiou Nastaza - violin, Stella Tsani - violin.

HELLENIC AMERICAN UNION



Monday 5 - 11 - 2012, 20.20
Music is...

● Anna Mouzaki: *Noblesse oblige* ● Anastassis Philippakopoulos: *Syrna* ● Antonios Antonopoulos: *Devouement* ● Fani Kossona: *Strange planet of my soul* ● Richard Lambert: *Sonata for alto saxophone and piano, Op. 36a* ● Nikitas Kissonas: *Dilemma* ● Giorgos Malefakis: *1+1+1=1* ● Nikos Panagiotakis: *Woodwind quintet* ● Theodore Antoniou: *Decem Inventiones* ● John Howard: *Moving from Darkness to Light*.
With the "Too...Bass" tuba quintet, the "Aeolos" woodwind quintet and the soloists: Theofilos Sotiriadis - alto saxophone, Agelika Papanikolaou - piano, Maro Papadopoulou - actress.

Tuesday 13 - 12 - 2012, 20.30
One Fairytale: The mean mother in law

● Giorgos Hatzimichelakis: composer / voice / oud / percussion / recorder, Angelina Tkatcheva - tsymbaly
Aemilia Fountouki - actress.

Tuesday 31 - 1 - 2013, 20.30
The Names of the Roses

● Francesco Antonioni: *Six small portraits* ● Lowell Liebermann: *Gargoyles* ● Theodore Antoniou:

Aquarelles ● Joseph Papadatos: *The Last of Saturdays* ● Witold Lutoslawski: *Chantefleurs et Chantefables*.

Soloists: Maira Milolidaki - soprano, Titos Gouvelis - piano, Yiannis Christopoulos - tenor.

Monday 18 - 2 - 2013, 20.30

Deconstructing the Song

● A music ensemble will perform songs by William Antoniou. After the concert, there will be a discussion about songwriting, with the musicians and the audience.

Tuesday 23 - 5 - 2013, 20.30

Contemporary Harpsichord Music

● Hans Werner Henze: *Euridice* ● Gyorgi Ligeti: *Pas-sacaglia Ungherese* ● Michael Nyman: *I tango for Tim* ● Kuznik Norbert Mateusz: *Miniaturen* ● Maurizio Kagel: *Recitativarie fur singende cembalistin* ● Jacques François Iber: *Deux interludes* ● Alexander Markeas: *Square dance* ● Konstandinos Lignos: *Dancing in the sand* ● Pavlos Ventouras: *Invocation of the Moon*, ● Spyros Mazis: *Three preludes and three poems* ● Babis Kanas: *Toccata*.

Soloists: Julie Ventoura - harpsichord, Maira Milolidaki - soprano, Antonis Giamvrias - flute, Anastassia Miliori - violin. Director: Ilias Koundis.

PHILIPPOS NAKAS CONSERVATORY



Tuesday 18 - 12 - 2012, 20.30

Concert dedicated to Giorgos Couroupos

Artemis Bogri - soprano and Tina Orfanou - pianist will perform songs by the composer, upon poems of Psapha, D. Solomos, G. Sarandaris, P. Pamboudi, L. Kakaroglou, G. Varveri, N. Egonopoulos, K. Kariotakis, A. Embirikos, Y. Ritsos, F. G. Lorca, Od. Elitis, R. Aposolopoulou and Il. Iliopoulou.

Tuesday 5 - 2 - 2013, 20.30

Saxophone recital: Contemporary Works

● Athanassios Zervas: *Saxologies II* ● Gustavo Leone: *Soliloquy* ● Nickitas Demos: *Cathedrals of Air* ● Michaelis Lapidakis: *Comments upon a Theme* ● Christos Samaras: *Ultimum I* ● Patricia Morehead: *Prairie Portraits* ● Theodore Antoniou: *For Saxophone and Piano*.

Soloists: Athanassios Zervas - saxophone, Monica Andrianopoulou - piano.

Thursday 21 - 3 - 2013, 20.30

Broadway Highlights

Songs of famous musicals by Margarita Sygeniotou - mezzo soprano and Andreas Zafiroopoulos - piano: *Cats*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *West Side Story*, *Cabaret*, *Lion King*, *Kiss me Kate*, *Les Miserables*, *Chorus Line*.

Thursday 25 - 4 - 2013, 20.30

The Viola in my Life

● Dmitri Shostakovich: *Sonata op. 147* ● Morton Feldman: *The viola in my life III* ● Philip Glass: *Duo* ● Theodore Antoniou: *Lament for Walter* ● Arvo Pärt: *Fratres*.

Soloist: Crystalia Gaitanou - viola, Titos Gouvelis - piano and Marinos Tranoudakis - percussion.

Thursday 16 - 5 - 2013, 20.30

Marimba - Flute Vibrations

● Edison Denisov: *Avant le coucher du soleil* ● Toru Takemitsu: *Towards the Sea* ● Theodore Antoniou: *Lament for Michelle / Friendly Encounters* ● Claude Debussy: *Syrinx* ● J.S. Bach: *Suite* ● Manos Panagiotakis: *Tu Solus* ● Apostolos Darlas: *Metaplasmos op 91*.

Soloist: Theodore Milkov - percussion, Zacharias Tarpagos - flute.

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