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## FOREWORD

### Why Skalkottas and why Today

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that this conference is taking place in the context of “2019 - Skalkottas Year”. The conference is dedicated to the life and works of Nikos Skalkottas (1904-1949), one of the most important Greek composers of the twentieth century, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of his death and the deposition of his Archive at the Music Library of Greece “Lilian Voudouri” of The Friends of Music Society.

Nikos Skalkottas is a representative composer of European music creation of the first half of the 20th century. His life and his work show the critical elements of contemporary music. He is a pioneer, innovative, inspired, and participant in the development of European music of his time as well as the development of the history of Greek music composition, while being secluded in his own art. He believed in himself, no matter the response of the audiences, he considered himself a European, but he also wanted to write many large scale works so that his country would have an important composer. One can wonder what kind of music would Skalkottas be writing if he lived today.

The conference is organized Today because, 70 years after his sudden death, we still have not revealed all the magnitude of his genius. Even though he is one of the most researched and played Greek composers of the past century, there is much more to accomplish in order to discover his works and

compositional technique. This conference will give a chance to musicologists and musicians to present their research on Skalkottas and his environment. It is also happening Today, one year after the Aimilios Chourmouziou-Marika Papaioannou Foundation deposited the composer's archive at the Music Library of Greece “Lilian Voudouri” of The Friends of Music Society to keep safe, document and make it available for research under ideal circumstances.

We are thankful to the co-organizers of “2019- Skalkottas Year”, the Athens Concert Hall, the Athens State Orchestra, the Greek Composers' Union, the Foundation of Aimilios Chourmouziou-Marika Papaioannou, and the European University of Cyprus for their support and for sharing the same vision about the great composer. We also express our gratitude towards the most important musicological organization, the International Musicological Society, which immediately embraced our idea for a Skalkottas conference and offered their auspices. Similar gratitude is extended to its branch here in Greece, the Hellenic Musicological Society and to all the members of the Organizing and Program Committees. Last but certainly not least we would like to thank the Ministry of Culture and Sports, General Directorate of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage, Directorate of Modern Culture Heritage for appreciating our efforts to highlight the work of such a universal composer and for offering their generous support.



**SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER**

*MULTIPURPOSE ROOM*

**09.30-11.30**      **Themed Session: Nikos Skalkottas and the Athens Conservatoire**  
**Chair: Panos Vlagopoulos**

**09:30-10:00**    **Stella Kourmpana**  
 Nikos Skalkottas' archival collections and series at the Athens Conservatoire

**10:00-10:30**    **Panagiotis Daskalopoulos**  
 Skalkottas and the Athens Conservatoire Orchestra

**10:30-11:00**    **Katerina Tsioukra**  
 Skalkottas' Friends Society chronicle according to its extant documents

**11:00-11:30**    **Haris Xanthoudakis**  
 Dating Skalkottas' composition studies in Berlin

**11:30-12:00**      **COFFEE BREAK**

*MULTIPURPOSE ROOM*

**12.00-14.00**      **Paper Session: The Works of Skalkottas (IV)**  
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**12:00-12:30**    **Eva Mantzourani**  
 A new critical edition of Skalkottas's *Violin Concerto*

**12:30-13:00**    **Costas Tsougras**  
 An analytical approach to Nikos Skalkottas's *Eight Variations on a Greek Folk Theme* for piano trio

**13:00-13:30**    **George Zervos**  
 Twelve-tone technique, modality and bitonality in the second movement of Skalkottas's *Petite Suite No. 1* for solo violin and piano (1946)

**13:30-14:00**    **Konstantinos Demertzis**  
 The main stages of the evolution of Skalkottian orchestration and a "placement" of the orchestrations of late tonal ballets for small orchestra

**14:00-17:00**      **LUNCH BREAK**

*LECTURE ROOM*

**Paper Session: The Life of Skalkottas**  
**Chair: Assaf Shelleg**

**Nancy Bargerstock**  
 Nikos Skalkottas: a genius born - wrong place - wrong time

**Nina-Maria Wanek**  
 Nikos Skalkottas: the early years (1914-1920)

**Vana Papaioannou**  
*A Different kind of Bridge and the Water Dragon* - A music fairy tale for narrator and string orchestra as an alternative way for introducing to the young audience Skalkottas's music works

*MULTIPURPOSE ROOM*

**17.00-18.00**      **Themed Session: References in the Piano Works of Nikos Skalkottas: from the Baroque Era up to the 20th century**  
**Chair: Costas Tsougras**

**17:00-17:30**    **Lorenda Ramou**  
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**18:30-19:30**      **Round Table discussion: Performing Skalkottas**  
**Danae Kara, Nicos Christodoulou, Angelica Cathariou**  
**Coordination: Kostas Chardas**

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

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MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

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**14.30** **Closing Remarks**

**THEMED SESSION: THE NIKOS SKALKOTTAS ARCHIVE AT THE MUSIC LIBRARY OF GREECE "LILIAN VOUDOURI"**

Manuscripts and other documents that comprise the Archive of Nikos Skalkottas find a place where they can be kept safely, documented properly and made available for research, 70 years after the death of the composer.

The material of the Archive was collected and stored by the Skalkottas Committee (latter The Society of Skalkottas' Friends) while the dedication of Giannis G. Papaioannou was the main power that saved the manuscripts, enriched the collection with other material concerning Skalkottas, and promoted his music by editions and concerts.

The Archive contains the music manuscripts of Skalkottas, photographs, correspondence, concert programs and other printed material from his lifetime as well as documents that were produced after his death.

In July of 2018 the Foundation of Emiliios Chourmouzios—Marika Papaioannou trusted this material with the Music Library "Lilian Voudouri". In this session we will present the timeline of the life of the archive, the challenges of documentation, as well as the procedures that the Music Library "Lilian Voudouri" will follow in order to keep the several types of documents safe and promote the research of the music of Nikos Skalkottas in the Library's premises and online.

**Valia Vraka**

**Behind the documents: past, present and future of Nikos Skalkottas Archive**

The recognition of Nikos Skalkottas music genius, is due to the reconstruction of his archive, which took place after his death in 1949 by his close friends. Thanks to this movement carried out research works, performances and recordings, enabling us to understand the width and value of his compositions. However, after all these years we realize that, despite the impressive efforts made to manage and display the material, the expectations of the music and the research community in the digital era, need further support.

In this paper we will present the history of the archive's creation, with particular reference to the persons and institutions involved in this process, the archival documentation and the findings revealed at every stage, and finally, the background which was created for the diffusion and re-use of the material in the future.

**Penelope Papagiannopoulou**

**Music section of the Nikos Skalkottas Archive:  
sorting and filing of archive material**

As a fellow of the Friends of Music Society, I worked for two months at the Music Library of Greece "Lilian Voudouri" on the music section of the Skalkottas Archive. In this presentation I will highlight key aspects of processing and compiling the material list, such as the main issues and difficulties that arose and the decision-making process for resolving them. I will also present the way that the archive has been organized based on Papaioannou's catalogue of works, and I will finally give some examples of works that are not included in this catalogue.

**George Boumpous**

**Digitizing the Nikos Skalkottas Archive**

Digitizing an archive to make its content available online sounds easy, but the reality of finding, transporting, scanning, refining, and organizing large collections of rare documents is anything but. The Music Library of Greece "Lilian Voudouri" has digitized more than 330.000 documents from Greek composers' Archives, Rare Collections of manuscripts, print and audiovisual material and gives online access through its new application "Digital Collections", which allows for the storage, description, search and retrieval of the digitized material.

After the acquisition of the Nikos Skalkottas Archive from the Emiliou Chourmouziou - Marika Papaioannou Foundation in 2018, the digitization of the material became a first priority in order to preserve the original material and make it available online.

Nikos Skalkottas' Archive, consists of a variety of material. It includes, among others, autographs, first editions, recordings, digitized copies of works, bibliography, publications and other items. This presentation will show the diversity and peculiarities of the material included in the Archive that raise new issues both in terms of organizing and describing the Archive according to international standards, as well as its availability through the Music Library's "Digital Collections" application.

**Stephanie Merakos**

**If he ever had known: The first attempts towards  
the publication of Skalkottas' works, as shown  
in documents of the archive**

One of the main concerns of The Friends of Nikos Skalkottas Society was to have his works printed in order to be available for performances worldwide. Without financial support from the state, the Society and especially its president John Papaioannou, managed to have a lot of orchestral, chamber and solo works published by Universal Editions in the 1950's. The correspondence of J. Papaioannou and the publishers is part of the Archive that is reserved now at the Music Library of Greece and show the great efforts of the Society as well as the difficulties that came up and had to be faced in order to have the works published.

This paper will show details of this process, the parties involved and the several facts regarding the performances and artists that were interested in the works of Nikos Skalkottas.

**PAPER SESSION: ISSUES OF AESTHETICS  
AND PERFORMANCE**

**Danae Kara**

**20th century Modernism & Skalkottas:  
from a performer's viewpoint**

Among the multiple issues that a pianist aspires to tackle with Skalkottas performances, the most prominent has been and still is a rudimentary one: locating the scores. My concert performances and recording of the Concertino in C and the Third Piano Concerto were preceded by a ten-year unnecessary adventure. Any premiering performance per se presents the expected challenges that are more than welcome to any performer interested in decoding a composer such as Nikos Skalkottas who along with Dimitri Mitropoulos are the first Hellene Modernists. Twentieth-century Modernism, which in itself remains a kind of a definition against all that stands for crowd-pleasing art, suited perfectly Skalkottas' idiosyncrasy and artistic goal. There is certainly a prerequisite for any performer embarking into the Skalkottian world: in his own words "to develop a new way of playing", "a new line of virtuosity". Endeavour, therefore, becomes a condition. One has to start by unlocking the intentionally austere language, to decipher the impermeable appearance of frighteningly dense textures, and to finally succeed in projecting the crystalline beauty of a masterfully organized material. This matrix which constitutes the very content of this music comes in many guises: in Tonality, in Atonality, in his own Twelve-Tone Serialism, in Abstract

Expressionism, nevertheless always within a solid framework of Neoclassicism. Communicating through performance the inner link in Skalkottas' rigorous choices with the Hellenic axioms of Absolute Beauty becomes a fascinating journey into the Aesthetics and their evolution in Western European Art Music.

Antonia Vasileiadou

**Approaching terms Creation and Re-Creation in Music.  
From the composer's and conductor's view in regard  
to N. Skalkottas works**

If we see the process of a composition as a creation, then we can perceive every performance of it as a re-creation. This paper examines the characteristics and the skills involved in these two music beings, the being of the composer and the being of the performer, especially of the conductor.

The general situation of every time which affects economical, social, political etc. circumstances and the cognitive level, shapes the music creation, too. Therefore each composer has his own character, perception, experiences, philosophical substance and that gives a distinct character in his music. In a different manner, the same applies on the conductor's case. As a re-creator the performer, in this case conductor, has to understand the deepest meaning of the composition. The perception of the basic idea that exists and is evolved in a work and every detail of it should be expressed by the performer-conductor.

How can this work in modern music and especially in the groundbreaking and misunderstood, in its time, music of Nikos Skalkottas? How was the composer thinking about the music of his time, about his music and his contribution to Music Art and especially to Composition. Some thoughts about his music by his contemporaries and thoughts about it nowadays, are some of the issues that this paper focuses on.

Nikolaos Samaltanos

**The experience in making the world premier recording  
of the piano works by Skalkottas, seen from the interpreter's  
view point**

I would like to talk about the followings:

- ▶ My personal experience in studying the music of Skalkottas over a period of 16 years (1984-2000). I will present scores with personal indications, private video and recorded private material of this period.
- ▶ The recording of the 32 piece cycle, 16 songs cycle, 4 Etudes, Suite No. 1 and a short video from my first, incomplete and unknown record-

ing in Moscow the 32 piece cycle in 1995, before the final and complete publication of the BIS, recorded after in Paris.

- ▶ The evolution in the interpretation of these compositions over a period of 30 years.

**PAPER SESSION: THE WORKS OF SKALKOTTAS (I)**

Petros Vouvaris

**Skalkottas at the movies**

It is a well-known fact that Skalkottas was actively involved with cinema orchestras as a freelance musician during his student years in Berlin. Although there is enough documentary evidence to confirm Skalkottas's reluctance to participate in these orchestras just to gain his livelihood, it seems improbable to have missed the ongoing debate in Germany at the time over such issues as the sociopolitical aspects of film production and reception, the cinema as entertainment vs. the cinema as artistic medium, the consequences of the advent of the talkies, the contribution of music to the cinematic narrative, the fluid practice of providing movies with musical accompaniment, and the potential of *Neue Musik* to accommodate the musical requisites of sound films. Skalkottas's preoccupation with these issues became manifest much later, after his return to Athens in 1933, in an unpublished and undated essay entitled *The New Music for the Cinema*. The proposed presentation will intersect Skalkottas's essay with a number of relevant, roughly contemporaneous sources, most notable of which Hans Erdmann's and Giuseppe Becce's 1927 *Allgemeines Handbuch der Film-Musik*, Arnold Schoenberg's 1927 *Der sprechende Film* and 1940 *Art and the Moving Pictures*, and Theodor Adorno's and Hanns Eisler's 1947 *Composing for the Films*. The purpose of this comparative investigation is to facilitate the induction of an informed and contextualized interpretation of Skalkottas's outlook on the aforesaid issues surrounding film music. This interpretation will then provide the necessary framework for the analytical and hermeneutic approach of the piano piece "Katastrophe auf dem Urwald [Filmmusik]" from his 1940 *32 Klavierstücke*.

Murathan Turhan

**Aesthetical and theoretical profundity in Skalkottas'  
36 Greek Dances & their eminence through generations**

The 36 Greek Dances of Skalkottas is one of the most remarkable works composed in the 20th century. Not only was the work presented by a new aesthetical approach, but it was also equally significant in the life of the composer and in the musical scene of 20th century Greece. With respect to my literature review

findings, I highly suspect that a required theoretical examination is missing for this beautiful collection. I aim to find substantial evidences and solutions to the clauses below. In addition to that there are also some ongoing chronological/historical ambiguities regarding the work.

1. Aesthetics: His skillfulness in orchestration and the use of conventional/modal harmony & dissonances.
2. Musical Form: In theoretical terms, Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances and Skalkottas' 36 Greek Dances demonstrate some similarities to the Baroque Era's Suite form. And it is widely known that the transformation of the Baroque suite in the 20th century brought a sophistication to itself. Composers like Bartok and Skalkottas adopted this new state for their compositions. But on the other hand, they sought something fairly less sophisticated than the 20th century suite, just like in the Baroque suite and composed pieces like Romanian Folk Dances and 36 Greek Dances. Why is that? Is there any sense of nostalgia that these composers felt? (because sustaining a musical convention does not always mean a nostalgia)
3. Radical change in his Musical Language: In the last compositional period of his lifetime, what was the true importance and meaning of the 36 Greek Dances to Skalkottas?
4. Academic Responsibilities: Current status of the global availability (or access to) & awareness of Skalkottas' 36 Greek Dances

Eirini Diamantouli

**Through the lens of Socialist Realism:  
Skalkottas in the 1930s and 1940s.**

This paper explores Nikos Skalkottas' engagement with questions of stylistic accessibility in the 1930s and 1940s, considering his efforts to establish a popular musical style in terms of Russian post-Revolutionary cultural discourses and in particular through the lens of the artistic doctrine of Socialist Realism. I bring into critical view Skalkottas' apparent stylistic volte-face after his return from Germany to Greece in 1933, as characterised by a turn away from Schoenbergian modernism to tonal works, many based on Greek folk tunes. Notwithstanding the practical and financial motivations of this move, I suggest that Skalkottas' turn to an accessible musical language was influenced by Russian post-Revolutionary cultural politics, which often advocated for the positioning of music at the service of the proletariat. I focus particularly on the influence of the Russian Association of Proletarian Musicians (RAPM) and the Proletarian Culture (Proletkult) organisation. Referring directly to Skalkottas' compositions as well as to his published

and unpublished writings, I set out to examine his engagement with Russian Revolutionary theory and practice. I tease out latent connections and references which challenge established narratives regarding Skalkottas' creative trajectory, as expounded by Manolis Kalomiris and John G. Papaioannou for example. Furthermore, I suggest new ways of interpreting familiar works such as Skalkottas' 36 Greek Dances. In this way, my paper contributes to a more nuanced understanding of the meaningful and transformative impact of the Russian Revolution on the Greek context and spotlights its effective resonance on Greek musical culture in the first half of the twentieth century.

**PAPER SESSION: SKALKOTTAS AND THE SECOND  
VIENNESE SCHOOL**

Vasilis Mitropoulos

**Schönberg - Skalkottas: common orchestration elements  
in violin concerti**

In 1925 Skalkottas decided to give up his promising career as a violinist and become a composer. From 1925 to 1927 he studied with Jarnach and in 1926 he took orchestration lessons from Weill. But it was his studies with Schönberg (1927–32) that had been an inexhaustible wellspring of inspiration for all his subsequent work.

The paper explores the potential common orchestration elements that can be traced in both Skalkottas' and Schönberg's violin concerti. The idea of comparing these two works is built around the following reasons. Firstly, the two works were contemporary- Schönberg's violin concerto was composed between 1934 and 1936 (mainly in 1936) and Skalkottas' concerto was composed in 1938. Secondly, the two works were written during a turbulent personal period for both composers- Schönberg was forced to leave Germany in 1933, after the victory of the Nazi Party in the German elections, due to his Jewish religion- he reached America and till 1936 he was seeking a stable job. Like Schönberg, Skalkottas left Germany in May 1933 and came back to Greece, where – unlike Berlin – he had to deal with a very conservative musical status, a fact that forced him to live in isolation. Thirdly, the two concerti are comparable because of their similar construction: they are written in a type of concerto form, cast in the respective three movement moulds, traditional in such works, but without the strict classical layout in the individual movements, and they are organized with the twelve-tone composing style.

The orchestration research will focus on the use of the instrumental groups, the solo instruments, the dynamic indications [both at instrumental groups, as well as at solo instruments] and the way harmony, melody and rhythm are rendered.

Raphael Staubli

### Arnold Schönberg versus Heinrich Schenker

Schönberg published his book "Theory of harmony" in 1911, five years after Schenker released the first volume with the same title of "New Music Theories and Fantasies, by an Artist". Schoenberg, first of all was a composer who reflected upon music while the other felt as an artist by thinking and theorizing about it.

In some point they were very similar in their thinking, on the other hand they differ in fundamental questions and approaches to music (We shouldn't forget that Schenker broke off his efforts to be a composer in order to devote only to his work as a theorist and to an explorer of the very profound laws in music.).

Schoenberg wrote in his book about him: "Dr. Heinrich Schenker, for example, although he breaks through nowhere to complete clarity, is in my opinion worthy of attention and respect just because he is one of the few who are really striving for a system; still more, of course, because he loves and understands the works of the older art with the same fervor as I, so that even though we are miles apart in the present and future of our art we are so much the closer in its past." This statement is related to the foreword of the second volume of "New Music Theories and Fantasies" about the counterpoint in which Schenker complains about the decline of the high level of composition in that time.

On the basis of the theoretical work of the two, especially of their books about the theory of harmony I will carry out the common grounds and the differences between their approaches to music.

Michael Taylor

### ***"...seeing how it is done; whereas I have always helped people to see: what it is!" [Schönberg letter to Kolisch, 1932]***

Discussion of Skalkottas' music has often been focussed upon its twelve-tone workings, even while acknowledging that such matters were not discussed in classes with Schoenberg in Berlin between 1927 and 1931. This paper argues that a truer appreciation of the impact of the elder composer's teaching may be derived from a close reading of, in this case, the Romance from Skalkottas' First Symphonic Suite (1929) in parallel with the treatment of thematic construction in Schoenberg's Fundamentals of Musical Composition and elsewhere. The appositeness of Fundamentals to the Berlin period has been confirmed by recent research showing that the strategies and substance of Schoenberg's teaching remained consistent across his career. While there is evidence in the Romance of Skalkottas' awareness of Schoenberg's earlier music (for example, Farben

from the Fünf Orchesterstücke, Op. 16), the source of his and fellow pupils' knowledge of twelve-tone composition is an interesting question. It has been suggested (by Liavas, in relation to Yannis Constantinidis) that Schoenberg's assistant Josef Rufer played a part, which invites a comparison with Roberto Gerhard who was making his first foray into twelve-tone composition in 1928.

Ludwig Holtmeier

### **Skalkottas, Berlin and Schoenberg's second-generation students**

Arnold Schoenberg's "Berlin School" is a construction in function of a historiography of generations in the succession of the so-called Viennese school. As members of a „school“, Schoenberg's Berlin students may have felt themselves, but they were never perceived as such. Whether the members of this school, if its own reception had not fallen victim to the war, would ever have been regarded as members of a quasi-"internationalized" Viennese school, can hardly be seriously discussed in retrospect.

The second generation of Schoenberg's pupils cannot be regarded as a „school“, if only because this younger generation had already been influenced by the musical revolution which Schoenberg had evoked more than any other composer of the 20th century. For Schoenberg, Berg and Webern the idiom of late-romantic German music was like a native language, the foundations of which they will then tear down together. The Viennese School has already become a part of music history for Schoenberg's Second-Generation Students, just as Schoenberg, in general, in the twenties, already was an established (and old) member of the „heroic“ generation of the musical avant-garde. None of his Berlin students is learning his metier as composer in Schoenberg's Berlin class. Most of them have already completed a degree in composition. All of them also bring an incomparably greater degree of their own compositional (and national) history and experience into the classroom. All apply to Schoenberg's class with a "modern" work. They cultivate a wide variety of musical styles and have different aesthetic and national preferences: Bartók, Stravinsky, Ravel, Catalan and Greek folk music are just as much a part of their tradition as the music of the Viennese school. Although they are more strongly connected with the tradition of this school by a certain compositional thinking than with any other - in the music of Skalkottas, Hannenheim or Gerhard Viennese atonal modernity has absorbed a multi-colored dazzling "neoclassicism". One might also say that "radical" Viennese provincialism and "tolerant" Berlin internationality have entered into a productive connection: The presentation of the multistylistic and multiaesthetic background of this generation will be the topic of my lecture.

**PAPER SESSION: THE WORKS OF SKALKOTTAS (II)**

Ioannis Tselikas

**Skalkottas' concerto form in the late 1930s – early 1940s**

Skalkottas' output throughout the Second World War includes numerous concertos for uncommon combinations of instruments such as the 3rd concerto for piano and 10 winds, the concerto for violin, viola and wind orchestra, the double-bass concerto and the concertinos for oboe and piano, and trumpet and piano. Besides the 3rd piano concerto, the rest of these works, using a freer atonal music style, share some common formal features. In this essay, the formal organization of the first movements of these concertos will be investigated. Furthermore, a comparison and juxtaposition with the views on the classical concerto form as treated by contemporary theorists (such as Caplin, Hepokoski, and Darcy) will be attempted, as it is generally admitted that Skalkottas relied heavily on classical forms in order to shape his own compositions.

Iryna Riabchun

**15 Little Piano Variations for piano solo by Nikos Skalkottas: Composer's individuality, schools, directions, epoch**

The early piano work by Nikos Skalkottas – 15 Little Variations for Piano solo (1927) is an important work for understanding the specifics of his artistic point of view on the eve of his studying at A. Schoenberg's class. In this work we can find several allusions to L. van Beethoven's piano variations: primary message of the connection with the Viennese Classic N. Skalkottas gives the number of variations. It is possible to find the reason for this in the "Greek" content of the above mentioned Beethoven's work with the same number of variations. We can find similarity in the structure of N. Skalkottas' theme and in the texture of the 2nd, 8th, 11th and other Variations – with another Beethoven's piano work, the 32 variations. Two serial rows presented in N. Skalkottas' and Beethovenian pathos, based on the dialectic of the theme, are creating internal collision in which appear melodic motives with Greek flavor. Despite the endings of the sentences of the theme being analogous with the ending of the theme of Beethoven's 32 Variations, these melodic motives are comparable with "seeds": from short fractures they are growing up to become the leading melody of the 5th, and most important of the 15th variations, which is the last and longest in the circle. Thus, as a result of the interaction in the composition of three stylistic paradigms - Viennese, Second-Viennese and Greek - the last one becomes dominant. The nostalgia emblem of the gone classic-romantic epoch we can find in the Viennese Waltz allusions (8th variation). They are replaced by the feeling of

a new era, transmitted in sharp collisions in which the image of a new musical hero is formed.

Despoina Panagiotidou

**Topics in the music of Nikos Skalkottas**

Nikos Skalkottas composed simultaneously or alternatively in all of the contemporary styles of his era. His musical oeuvre, as Thornley presents it, is defined by heterogeneity in tonal language due to its division into 'tonal,' 'free atonal,' and '12-note' works, and current scholarship has shown that the composer juxtaposed or combined atonal, postromantic, jazz, and folk styles. Yet Skalkottas's practice is compatible with the tradition of musical topics firstly described by Leonard Ratner, Danuta Mirka and others. More recent approaches broaden topic theory's orbit to facilitate early-twentieth-century repertoires. Adopting two conceptually different approaches for twentieth-century topics, Johanna Frymoyer's generalized hierarchical model, and Tom Johnson's network of signifiers for the tonal-topic, the proposed paper explores the 32 Piano Pieces and the Ten Sketches for strings (both from 1940) to demonstrate how the use of different styles can convey expressivity and meaning. Furthermore, Skalkottas uses familiar styles and idiosyncratic modern stylizations of traditional styles, thus balancing historicity, and innovation in his music. Understanding Skalkottas' compositional language through a topical filter demonstrates connections between his works and their historical and cultural contexts and results in a fresh hearing of his music.

**PAPER SESSION: THE GREEK MUSIC SCENE AT THE TIME OF SKALKOTTAS**

Kostas Chardas

**Learning from the past: Nikos Skalkottas as paradigm in the emergent greek musical modernism (1950-65)**

The main concern of all modernist movements of the 20th century was to conquer the future. However, as many scholars on modernism have shown (e.g. McClary 2015), the argument of historical necessity for eternal advancement also presupposes an organic perception of historical time. In the case of the emergence of Greek musical modernism in the 1950s, a central aspect of this past was 'constructed' by the posthumous discovery and dissemination of the music of Skalkottas, especially through the writings of the musicologist, pianist and architect John G. Papaioannou. Through Papaioannou's activity Skalkottas was perceived by the composers of the emergent Greek modernism as their

only Greek forerunner of international calibre. Skalkottas idiosyncratic manipulation of serial thinking in his 'absolute' music was understood as the soil on which Greek modernism should flourish, in order to contribute to a future development of the universal musical language. Through a critical discussion on Papaioannou's untiring activity as a writer and creator of institutions regarding the canonization of modernism in Greece, and through analytical observations on texts and musical works by Greek composers of the era, the present paper will argue that Skalkottas (as he was mediated by Papaioannou) played a decisive role as an exemplar of an uncompromising, heroic artistic struggle with the idea of music as an autonomous art and set the rules (exerting a social influence he had never achieved during his life) for the first phase of Greek musical modernism (1950-65) and its concentration on technical compositional parameters.

**Magdalini Kalopana**

### **Skalkottas and Dragatakis: asynchronous lives?**

Nikos Skalkottas (1904-1949) and Dimitris Dragatakis (1914-2001) were two composers with a different family and education background and a rather reverse musical route. Nevertheless, the years 1944 – 1947 found them co-existing in the back stands of the National Opera's Orchestra. It was then that Dragatakis met Skalkottas and got to know this gifted, though marginalized, musician. The depth of their relationship is unknown, and very little evidence exists.

Nevertheless, music can speak up for itself and it is very interesting to find out surprisingly, how Skalkottas' and Dragatakis' music interact. We will consider chamber works, not only those written during the period in focus, but also works composed by Dragatakis until his encounter with atonality (1961), together with Skalkottas' few public performances in Athens. Aspects concerning tonality, melodic exploitation, form, rhythmic patterns and timbre are studied and correlated. What seems even more interesting are affinities between works of Skalkottas, based on traditional Greek melodies and Dragatakis' first "modal" works, as well as the path bridging Dragatakis' first and Skalkottas' last atonal pieces. Of course, these issues and investigative explorations cannot be easily clarified so as to result to definite conclusions. What is substantial, though, historically, is to bring to light this unknown part of Greek Art Music.

**Christina Michael**

### **Greece's Modernisms: Nikos Skalkottas, Manos Hadjidakis, and the generation of the Thirties**

In this paper I intend to discuss the difficulty of discussing Greek music mod-

ernism represented by Nikos Skalkottas (and others) in relation to the modernism of composers who have been identified with Greek literary modernism, such as Manos Hadjidakis. According to Griffiths, music modernism was 'in evidence and as a term, in association with Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* (1913), with Schoenberg's move into atonality (in about 1908), with the music of the Italian Futurists and Russian followers of Skryabin, and with Busoni's *Sketch for a New Aesthetic of Music* (1907)'. Even though Nikos Skalkottas' modernism had its own distinctive characteristics, his work could be broadly related to the aforementioned description of music modernism within a western context. In Greece though, unlike most European countries, the terms modernism and music modernism do not bear the same meaning, making the academic discussion, at the very least, challenging.

In Greece, the term modernism has been identified with the advent of a belated and distinctively Greek form of literary modernism that animated the public activities of the so-called Generation of the '30s. Greek writers of this generation articulated this peculiarly modernist form of Greekness - that was also very distinct from the Greekness proposed by the National Music School - through creating art that reinterpreted Greek traditions in contemporary contexts. The emergence of another genre of music in the late '30s, the so-called art-popular song, complicated the matter of distinguishing the ideologies of music modernism to those of literary modernism even further. The initial form of art-popular song, created by Manos Hadjidakis, is ideologically linked to literary modernism and the aesthetic of the Generation of the '30s. Focusing on the aesthetic value of rebetiko and the aestheticisation of tradition, instead of its historicisation, Hadjidakis moved towards similar directions to those of the Greek modernists of the 1930s. Thus Hadjidakis and his music is naturally -but confusingly- related to Greek modernism more than the music modernism proposed by composers such as Nikos Skalkottas or Dimitris Mitropoulos.

### **PAPER SESSION: THE WORKS OF SKALKOTTAS (III)**

**Vasiliki Zlatkou**

#### **Nikos Skalkottas, *Second Sonata for violin and piano* (1940): The dialogue of a modern composer with traditional sonata form through an atonal musical context**

Skalkottas's second sonata for violin and piano is an atonal composition and comprises three movements. He composed the specific work after his return to Greece, parallel to his dodecaphonic period. The first movement is in type 3 sonata form, which includes an exposition, development and recapitulation, according to the categorization that Darcy-Hepokoski define in their book

Elements of Sonata theory. Main characteristics of the composition are: the atonality, which is revealed by the pitch class set analysis, the use of referential sets, such as the octatonic and the whole tone scales, during significant structural points of the work and the emphasis on specific pitch classes, which acquire the role of instantaneous pitch classes in emphasis. All of the above, in conjunction, delineate an evident structure, which, along with the two contrasting themes, constructs an idiosyncratic sonata arched form with cyclical elements.

The main purpose of the present research study is the endorsement of a pre-existing tradition, which is based on the tonal idiom and its survival into a new musical context, the atonal idiom. The morphological and structural analysis of the composition uses a new sonata theory proposal, which is an expansion of Caplin and Hepokoski & Darcy's sonata theories. This theory is applied in order to promote the existence of the internal structural principles of sonata form, from one side and from the other side, to investigate how these principles have been adapted and transformed, while being employed by the new musical technical sources.

Nicos Christodoulou

**Nikos Skalkottas, *Suite for Orchestra no 2*: formal innovation, multiple-series method, serial “modality” and “functional” harmony, developing variation**

Skalkottas's *Suite for Orchestra no 2* is considered a culmination of his compositional and serial conception. An uncommonly large, six-movement work, it was completed in short score around 1944 and orchestrated in later years. The composer's premature death in 1949 interrupted the orchestration before the ending of the fifth movement. In the movements of the *Suite*, Skalkottas uses organised groups of tone-rows, which are interconnected in various ways, up to sixteen rows in the fourth movement, *Largo Sinfonico*. The fascinating interrelation of the rows in the *Suite*'s course is examined, especially the derivation from the four basic rows, presented as a vibrant musical curtain at the start of the first movement, *Ouverture Concertante*. The first and third of these rows appear in a pure scalic form (the other two in chords), albeit with a different, distinctive order of tones and semitones, thus providing the work's two primary rows, two twelve-note scales functioning as two “serial modes” pervading the *Suite*. Themes, motifs and harmony are generated from the rows, their connection and simultaneity as a group, as well as from their intervallic and expressive qualities. The work's harmonic structure, as generally in the works of Skalkottas, appears as a kind of atonal “functional” harmony. The inventive formal evolution is linked to the ingenious transformative strategy in a continuous, exploring

‘developing variation’ of the thematic material. Formal innovations include the first movement's sonata design, the condensed symphonic design of the *Tema con Variazioni* fifth movement and especially the unique fusion of the essentially contrasting, full variation and sonata forms in *Largo Sinfonico*. There will be also a brief mention to the completion of the orchestration of the *Tema con Variazioni* by the presenter (recorded with the BBC Symphony Orchestra), since in the work the evolution of the orchestration is related with the formal evolution.

Penelope Papagiannopoulou

**Diatonic elements in atonal environment. The case of Nikos Skalkottas's *Concerto for piano, violin and orchestra***

Nikos Skalkottas' oeuvre includes over thirty orchestral works composed between 1929-1949, among which fourteen are concertos or concerto-like works. His *Concerto for violin, piano and orchestra* (1930), which was recently discovered (2016), was written first in this series (concertos, which may have been composed earlier, are lost). Skalkottas composed this concerto during his studies in Berlin, where it was first presented. In terms of form it has many differences from the following ones. By contrast, in terms of thematic and motivic development, as well as harmonic language, one can find elements of very fundamental techniques that he uses thereafter. One of them is the use of diatonic elements, which – generally in the work of the composer – either originate from Greek elements that he often includes, or are a part of the inner structural harmonic organization.

The present paper will try to explore the way diatonic elements function in this concerto. Their functional or not-functional role in the musical surface and the harmonic structure will be organized in categories. From those categories there will occur comparisons with other works.

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**THEMED SESSION: NIKOS SKALKOTTAS AND THE ATHENS CONSERVATOIRE**

Stella Kourmpa

**Nikos Skalkottas' archival collections and series at the Athens Conservatoire**

The archival material concerning Nikos Skalkottas stored at the Athens Conservatoire is multifarious and consists of various archival series and collec-

tions. Apart from the main series of the Athens Conservatoire Historical Archives connected with the Conservatoire activity – series that provide information about Skalkottas' studies at the institution and consist of registers, examination books, reports, concert programs, as well as notes, correspondence and scores – the Athens Conservatoire Archives (ACA) also dispose a wide range of collections that include archival material about Skalkottas. The Chourmouziou-Papaioannou Archives (now located at the ACA), as well as other archives and collections, such as the Gina Bachauer Archives, or the Stathis Arfanis Collection, enrich the ACA with manuscript and printed scores, photographs and documents, often revealing unknown aspects of Skalkottas' life and activity. The Athens Conservatoire collection of printed scores, periodicals, books and disks complete the material on Nikos Skalkottas located at the ACA.

**Panagiotis Daskalopoulos**

#### **Skalkottas and the Athens Conservatoire Orchestra**

Nikos Skalkottas is known, at least outside Greece, mainly as an important Schoenberg pupil and as a composer who wore different hats: he was one of the earliest exponents of the 12th-tone system and later adopted a more accessible style. This paper, based on archival materials and contemporary newspaper reviews, will discuss his other activities, as a performer of other people's music, as well as his own. A violinist, Skalkottas was a member of the Athens Conservatoire (later the Athens State) Orchestra. Before that, in 1930, he made his one and only appearance as a conductor, introducing his Concerto for Winds in Athens and eliciting mainly negative reviews. Minds changed after the composer's premature death.

**Katerina Tsioukra**

#### **Skalkottas' Friends Society chronicle according to its extant documents**

The establishment and the activity of the Skalkottas' Friends Society are considered key reasons for introducing Nikos Skalkottas to a wide audience not only in Greece but internationally. Thanks to its founding members the Society's activity has been described in numerous occasions. However, its story has not yet been told in full. This paper will attempt the historical account of the Society based on the unified archival material of the Contemporary Music Research Center (KSYME-CMRC) and the Chourmouziou – Papaioannou Foundation, now accommodated at the Athens Conservatoire Archives.

**Haris Xanthoudakis**

#### **Dating Skalkottas' composition studies in Berlin**

The exact time span of Skalkottas' studies with Kurt Weill and Philipp Jarnach has remained until recently unspecified. Thanks to a number of archival documents and testimonies we are now in the position to know some details about this matter as well as about the beginning of Skalkottas' interest in musical composition. This paper will contain a commented presentation of these documents as well as an overall sketching of the young musician's early concern about matters of musical creation.

#### **PAPER SESSION: THE WORKS OF SKALKOTTAS (IV)**

**Eva Mantzourani**

#### **A new Critical edition of Skalkottas's *Violin Concerto***

Nearly all of Skalkottas's works were unpublished and, apart from a handful of compositions, unperformed during his lifetime. The Violin Concerto was one of those works neither performed nor published during Skalkottas's lifetime, and the autograph sources remained unedited and in manuscript form. The first editorial work on the concerto started around 1960, and the piece was first published by Universal Edition in 1964. Similar to the other early published works, it contains several copyists' and engravers' errors, misreadings of the sources, a liberal amount of interpretative performance indications that are not Skalkottas's, and it lacks any Critical Commentary or explanation of the editorial changes, additions and emendations to the music.

A new Critical Edition of both the Concerto for Violin with full orchestra, and its version for Piano with Violin, edited by Eva Mantzourani, aims to rectify this state of affairs. It provides an authoritative performance text, based on meticulous study of all known sources and prepared in accordance with modern editorial and text-critical principles, which open new possibilities for performance, recording and further study of this remarkable piece.

This paper provides a musicological examination of the primary sources and the editorial decisions underpinning the production of this new edition.

Costas Tsougras

**An analytical approach to Nikos Skalkottas's  
*Eight Variations on a Greek Folk Theme* for piano trio**

Nikos Skalkottas used folk or folk-like musical elements in a considerable number of tonal or atonal works, while employing a great variety of compositional techniques for the exploitation of the embedded folk elements. The present paper examines a representative of the category of “Theme & Variations” works that, although based on modal diatonic Greek folk melodies, are overall atonal. The work examined is the *Eight Variations on a Greek Folk Theme* for violin, cello and piano (*Acht Variationen über ein griechisches Volksthema*, A/K 43, composed in 1938). The analysis focuses on the harmonisation of the original folk melody for the creation of the theme, on its transformation during the eight sectional variations –while functioning as melodic and structural core through developing variation techniques–, as well as on the evolution of the musical texture throughout the unfolding of the variation form. The analysis reveals Skalkottas’s outstanding capacity to fuse traditional formal elements with modernistic harmonic and transformational techniques and correlates this piece with other members of the same category (such as the *Thema con variazioni* from the *Suite* no. 3 for piano, the *Kurze Variationen auf ein Bergsthema* from the 32 *Klavierstücke* and the *Variations on a rebetico* song by Vassilis Tsitsanis from his *Concerto* for 2 Violins). The paper also extends its scope by comparing the present compositional approach with the ones employed in his other atonal variation-type works –not based on Greek folk tunes– moving towards the understanding of the principles of Skalkottas’s variation forms.

George Zervos

**Twelve-tone technique, modality and bitonality in the second movement of Skalkottas's *Petite Suite No. 1* for solo violin and piano (1946)**

Skalkottas was unique among twentieth-century composers in that throughout his creative life he composed in several idioms and, in that sense, we can hardly find linear development in his style in a way that is analogous to that of other composers of the twentieth century. Nevertheless, from the late 1920s onward there begins to emerge a tendency to blend different idioms, which can be initially traced in certain chamber music works. This tendency begins with the *Sonatina No. 2* for violin and piano (1929), continues with the *Eight Variations on a Greek folk tune* for piano trio (1938), and is also evident in late works such as his *Petite Suite No. 1* for solo violin and piano (1946). In contrast to the first

movement of the *Sonatina No. 2*, in which Skalkottas rearranges the twelve tones of the row of the first theme so that a second, folk-like theme is produced, in the second movement of the *Petite Suite* no horizontal twelve-tone row can be identified; instead, the total of twelve tones results from the addition of the seven tones of the tonal folk melody and the rest five tones of the piano accompaniment. In this presentation, we will try to show how, through this complementarity, Skalkottas achieves to combine – in a brilliant way – three heterogeneous musical idioms: modality, twelve-tone technique and bitonality, considering that the seven-tone melody of the violin is in D melodic minor, while the piano accompaniment is in E flat minor, that is, in a semitone distance.

Konstantinos Demertzis

**The main stages of the evolution of Skalkottian orchestration and a “placement” of the orchestrations of late tonal ballets for small orchestra**

Skalkottas’ call for “lucidity” in music is reflected in the orchestration technique of each period of Skalkottian orchestra in different ways, according to the period in which each score has been composed.

Skalkottas alters his orchestration guidelines, in his mature orchestral works, materializing his aim for “transparency” with different ways:

- through free combinations of the orchestral instruments or group of instruments (e.g. *1st Symphonic Suite*, *Concertino* for two pianos, i.e. about 1935),
- through free combinations of the orchestral families of instruments (e.g. *The Greek Dances*, 1st issue, i.e. till 1936), or
- through the establishment of a “classical” instrumental hierarchy, based on the strings (e.g. the *Violin Concerto*, 1938),
- and hence, to the evolution of more “academic” orchestration techniques, implying the systematic use of doubling instruments (some parts of the *2nd Orchestral Suite*, *With the Spells of May*, about 1944), and
- moving forward to a more liberal orchestration style, involving more freedom in writing parts, hierarchical subversions and a richer use of the percussion (*Concertino* for Piano, *The Sea*, i.e. about 1949).

In this stage-evolution scheme, Skalkottian orchestrations of tonal ballets for small orchestra (*The Paghana*, *Three parts of the Sea*), seem to catalyze the evolution to a more diversified orchestration style, becoming implicit in his final scores (e.g. the 5th part of the *2nd Symphonic Suite*).

**PAPER SESSION: THE LIFE OF SKALKOTTAS**

Nancy Bargerstock

**Nikos Skalkottas: a genius born - wrong place - wrong time**

“In modern Greece, Orpheus tunes his lyre atonally. This scordatura was initiated by Nikos Skalkottas, a Greek disciple of Schoenberg, who died in 1949.”<sup>1</sup>

Nikos Skalkottas, a 20<sup>th</sup> century Greek modernist composer born in 1904, is little known outside of his homeland. With an uncompromising artistic attitude, he wrote as many as 160 works in a career spanning only twenty-five years. The sheer volume of Skalkottas' output and its consistently high quality set a new standard of cultural excellence for his country, inspiring succeeding generations of Greek composers.

His initial choice to pursue a solo violin career led Skalkottas to studies in Berlin in 1921, where, surrounded by the city's extraordinary environment of musical creation, his focus shifted from violin to composition. He eventually studied with Arnold Schoenberg, whose serial technique left a permanent mark on him even after he returned to Athens in 1933. However, the Greek audiences of the 1930s and 40s, unaccustomed to anything avant-garde, rejected Skalkottas' highly complex music, forcing him to compose the rest of his life in musical isolation. He wrote an abundant number of mostly instrumental works (in tonal, atonal and serial style) that remained virtually undiscovered and unperformed during his lifetime. The realization of his cultural worth and his place as an early founder of the Modern Greek School of serious art music occurred only after his death in 1949. He combined modern compositional techniques and Greek folk elements to create a unique body of work. Circumstances surrounding his personal fate left the bulk of his compositions unperformed and unrecorded until recent years.

My own dissertation on Skalkottas (2004) helped celebrate the composer's centenary of his birth. I believe that causes for the composer's obscurity included: insufficient performances, lack of available scores, inaccessibility of the Skalkottas Archive, limited research on the composer, and Greece's basic lack of historical musical identity. Skalkottas stood alone at the helm of avant-garde musical expression in Greece. He labored totally alone. He sought to forge something new and unique in the history of his country, but Greece was resistant to change and did not modernize easily. Ultimately, Skalkottas' works served to end an era of neo-Hellenism, while they provided a catalyst to a more modern musical culture in Greece.

1. Slonimsky, “New Music in Greece”, in *Contemporary Music in Europe: A Comprehensive Survey*, edited by Paul Henry Lang and Nathan Broder, (New York: Schirmer, 1965), 225.

Nina-Maria Wanek

**Nikos Skalkottas: The early years (1914–1920)**

Nikos Skalkottas has become quite a well-researched composer throughout the last two decades. Especially his studies in Berlin with Willy Hess (violin) and subsequently with Arnold Schönberg (composition) hold an unwavering fascination for his researchers. His early years in Athens though have not received such a high degree of attention: In Skalkottas' biographies they are rather regarded as an intermediate stage usually dealt with in two or three sentences. This paper would therefore like to shift the focus to Skalkottas' time at the Athens Conservatory, which he attended from age ten to sixteen: Who were the formative teachers of Skalkottas there, who provided him with such a thorough education that Willy Hess called his acceptance at the Berlin Academy of Music as “unquestionable”? Skalkottas' Dutch violin-teacher Tony Schultze is referred to with the highest regard. However, next to nothing is known about Schultze's own life except that he must have been a very good musician. More is known about Philoktitis Oikonomidis, with whom Skalkottas studied theory and harmony, but we do not know if already Oikonomidis could have incited Skalkottas' later interest in composition. Also Avra Theodoropoulou is often mentioned as a leading figure in the cultural life of Athens, but as Skalkottas' teacher in music history she is only mentioned in a byline.

The paper will therefore re-evaluate Skalkottas' early years through the lives of his teachers at the Athens Conservatory in order to gain more knowledge of those years which made his studies in Berlin possible in the first place.

Vana Papaioannou

**“A Different kind of Bridge and the Water Dragon” - A music fairy tale for narrator and string orchestra as an alternative way for introducing to the young audience Skalkottas's music works**

This presentation is about a children's fairy tale book for the composer N. Skalkottas, which has been transformed to an educational event for children and teens with the intention to introduce them into the world of musical genres, music notation, tonal and atonal music centers while processing awareness raising on issues related to social solidarity and cultural history.

Having as basic music part the famous Five (5) Greek Dances for string orchestra, the Trawler (part of the folk ballet “The Sea”) as well as other compositions from composers of whom Skalkottas had studied their works as an academic student, this music fairy tale is fleshed by a narration which presents the musical personality of Nikos Skalkottas along with highlights from his biography. The music

fairy tale for narrator and orchestra "A Different kind of Bridge and the Water Dragon" aims to present a model of a 60' music concert which can fit in a short time many decades of music history, tonal theories and music forms, cross-curricular (thematic) teaching matters with an artistic connotation mood. Finally the music fairy tale gives credit to the musical experiences of childhood which define our cultural future as adults.

### **THEMED SESSION: REFERENCES IN THE PIANO WORKS OF NIKOS SKALKOTTAS: FROM THE BAROQUE ERA UP TO THE 20TH CENTURY**

Lorenda Ramou

#### **References form Greek traditional music, 19th century piano music and commercial jazz in Nikos Skalkottas's piano works**

Greek traditional music constitutes one of Skalkottas's most explored sources of inspiration. In the piano works, the composer uses elements related to Greek music in a wider sense and new approaches to the genre. Commercial jazz of the 1920's infiltrates both movements of larger and independent works, connecting Skalkottas with a then predominant compositional style. References to the core piano repertoire include formal structures related to specific Beethovenian works, as well as textural and stylistic elements coming from 19th century character pieces. Last but not least, pieces inspired by silent film music show the composer's awareness towards a new genre.

Annini Tsiouti

#### **A double filter: Nikos Skalkottas's 32 Piano Pieces and the Second Viennese School**

References to baroque forms abound in Skalkottas's piano music, and particularly in the 32 Piano Pieces. These can be categorized alongside with other external sources of inspiration found in his works (cf. previous paper), or they can be considered as a double filtering of the Second Viennese School's influence. Through the examination of specific examples drawn from the 32 Piano Pieces, alongside with examples from other interwar composers, this paper aims to illustrate how Skalkottas appropriates not only formal structures, but also aesthetic elements and pianistic configurations. The cycle of 32 Piano Pieces can be considered as it simultaneously belongs in two complementary and non-exclusive time zones: its time of composition (1940) and the musical era it evokes in the composer's mind.

### **THEMED SESSION: THE BERLIN YEARS: NIKOS SKALKOTTAS AND HIS SURROUNDINGS FROM 1921 TILL 1933**

Katy Romanou

#### **Skalkottas' compromise with social hypocrisy**

In inter-war Berlin, winds of change were challenging the inherited concepts of the works of art weightiness and the composer's respectful persona. Music played in the cinema, in streets and public parks, in coffee shops and nightclubs; also, the migrants from the East, not to speak of the war's disasters, all resulted in seeing hypocrisy in formal seriousness. Highly educated musicians, liberated, participated in the city's multifaceted culture. Old and new concepts of music culture coexisted (or fused) and were expressed crosswise in works written in new and old musical idioms. The *Zeitopern* by Krenek, Weill, Hindemith, Max Brand and others met with great success in a vast public. These operas, representative of the new atmosphere, had journalistic (non-historic) subjects and diversity; in them the city's popular (not folk, anymore) culture dominates (as Stravinsky had already done, and as the craze with the *rebetiko* would follow in Athens).

Skalkottas was a vivid member of this popular music-making, playing the piano in night clubs and cinemas, while perfecting concurrently his compositional techniques. Involved in this ephemeral music making were also other students in Schoenberg's Masterclass, most notably, Walter Gronostay and Allan Gray (Josef Zmigrod) in the fields of radio and cinema music, respectively.

Thus, Schoenberg, the carrier of German tradition and old values of music culture into the 20th century, was freely admitting representatives of the new culture in his Masterclass.

Reading again Skalkottas' correspondence with Manolis Benakis [Thornley 2002] it becomes clear that it was him who demanded Skalkottas to concentrate in serious music, to move in a respectful neighbourhood, and, in general, to stick to old values. It is therefore quite possible that Skalkottas abandoned his attitude to everyday life and music, in order to receive Benakis' stipend. The potential psychological effects of this fact are investigated in Skalkottas' music and in texts related to him.

Alexandros Charkiolakis

**Last efforts to stay in Berlin:  
the 1932 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy competition**

Life in Berlin although admittedly difficult was much preferred compared to life in Athens for Nikos Skalkottas, especially during the first two years of the 1930s when the Nazi effect was visible, present and upcoming but haven't taken full control as yet. Skalkottas feels more at ease among his circle in Berlin and although he makes an attempt to return to Athens (August 1930 to January 1931) he decides to try once more in Berlin. He will remain there until 1933 when he will return to Athens for good. During his second, and far shorter, period in Berlin, Skalkottas will enter his Octet into the long-standing Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Stiftung competition, hoping that he could secure some funds in order to continue living in Berlin. Unfortunately, and despite the favorable report by Arnold Schoenberg who was a member of the decision committee, Skalkottas does not win one of the composition prizes. In this paper we will try and investigate the impact that this competition decision had on Skalkottas, researching also his relationships with other Schoenberg students who entered the competition, most importantly with Norbert von Hannenheim.

Tatjana Markovic

**Modern, new, or exotic: Reception of works by Nikos  
Skalkottas and other Greek composers in Berlin (1929–1939)**

Nikos Skalkottas (1904–1949) formed his poetic credo during his Berlin years i.e. the studies with Arnold Schoenberg and creative contacts with many other composers and music performers in the German capital, which was one of main European cultural centers. I will present this period of his activities through the archival documents, which also testify his international contacts. I will especially shed light on works by Skalkottas' and other Greek composers performed at four concerts in Berlin. They were held during Skalkottas' studies in the framework of annual public presentations of the composition class of Arnold Schoenberg (1929, 1930, 1931) and afterwards, at the introduction of "new" Greek music through Greek-German cultural exchange (1938/1939). Five compositions by Nikos Skalkottas were performed at these concerts, starting with two sonatas for violin and piano and the string quartet (1929), via his Concerto for brass orchestra and Octet for woodwinds and four strings (1931), to the Four Greek dances (1938). Among performers were, for instance, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra and the Berlin Philharmonic. Additionally, Skalkottas performed or conducted his and other composers' works at three concerts.

The mentioned compositions exemplify various characters and compositional techniques, like twelve tone technique in the Octet, or the tonal Greek Dances inspired by traditional music, showing Skalkottas' inclination to Bartók's style. Their reception will be presented through the discourses in German periodicals, ranging from "new" and "modern" to "exotic" Greek music. German mainstream "universalism" obvious in these discourses will be also analyzed in the (opposite) perspective exemplifying Greek pluricultural identity.

Georgia Petroudi

**Germany in the 1920s onwards – compositional trends and  
new ideas: the case of Paul Hindemith and his identity search  
through experimentation in the creation of *Das Marienleben***

Paul Hindemith made his name with music that was influenced by the style of Brahms, Puccini, Schreker and Strauss. Gradually, he started developing his own natural style and composing came out of his need to create not just for its artistic sake, but for the sake of the practising musician's interest in music. After World War I and with the gradual failure of the Weimar Republic from its early years after the war, Hindemith saw his dreams failing and he turned anti-Romantic. Hindemith's self-confidence in his early years released an unrivalled creative energy, and within a very short space of time he produced a huge quantity of new works: one-act operas, chamber music, piano music, vocal works, parodies, entertainment music and film scores'. He was not conservative in exploring musical styles, but instead he was one of the boldest of his generation in Germany. By the 1920s he became known as the enfant terrible of the modernist school.

The first *Marienleben* derives from Hindemith's youth, from a time when change was in the air, tonality in the process of an expansion which threatened its disintegration, and when the then twenty-seven-year-old Hindemith spearheaded a contrapuntal revival intended to buttress the about-to-be-inundated foundations of tonal harmony. The second *Marienleben* is the summation of Hindemith's life-long quest for systematic coherence – a product of intense cerebration, thorough calculation, and thoughtful consideration for the vocal and instrumental personnel concerned. *Das Marienleben* was the composition Hindemith was working on during the formulation of his tone Series. It served as a vehicle for "testing" and trying out the tonal relations which came out of his overtone calculations.

Antonio Baldassarre

### Deconstructing Musical Berlin of the roaring twenties

It is well known that numerous artists and intellectuals moved to Berlin in the 1920s, including the Greek composer Nikos Skalkottas (1904-1949). After completing his studies at the Athens Conservatory of Music, Skalkottas received a scholarship to study abroad, spending most of his time in Berlin from 1921 to 1933. The image of Berlin as the most cosmopolitan and tolerant city of the "Roaring Twenties" reflects an inaccurately narrow perspective that ignores the presence of opposing cultural attitudes. Numerous literary, journalistic and autobiographical documents from this period, the exhibition *Das Gesicht der Weimarer Republik* (The Face of the Weimar Republic) at the Deutsches Historisches Museum in Berlin in 2000, and the recently launched and highly successful German neo-noir crime TV-series *Babylon Berlin* have sharpened awareness that the often proclaimed cosmopolitan culture of Berlin of the 1920s was also strongly connected to petty-bourgeoisie, chauvinism, and right-wing and anti-Semitic radicalism. Skalkottas' choice to go to Berlin can be explained, however, by his desire to consolidate his education in violin and composition, and the very favorable institutional conditions during this period for pursuing these studies. The paper explores Skalkottas's network during his Berlin years and its potential impact on his musical creativity, primarily focusing on the contexts and constellations linked to music and theoretically grounded in post-structuralist music-sociological paradigms.

### PAPER SESSION: SKALKOTTAS AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES

Panos Vlagopoulos

#### *Schoenbergian letters: Wit and Sprachkritik in the formative years of Nikos Skalkottas*

Skalkottas's course to compositional self-awareness got impressively boosted up (if not kickstarted altogether) somewhere in the early twenties, while in Germany, where he originally went on a scholarship from Athens Conservatory to study the violin. Besides the unique musical stimuli he was to receive in turn from Jarnach, Weill, and Schoenberg (and their circle), findings in his correspondence testify to other cultural influences too. Most prominent among them is the literary/linguistic influence, one standing in an interesting dialectic with the young artist's relevant Greek background (i.e., the Dimotiki/Katharevousa debate). Berlin in particular, and the German-speaking world in general, was home to a dynamic and multi-faceted tradition of Sprachkritik, manifested in literature (Morgenstern,

Hofmannsthal), the cabaret stage (Valentin, Überbrettel), journalism (Kraus), philology (Wustmann), and philosophy (Mauthner). Skalkottas's documented fascination with the nonsense-poetry of Christian Morgenstern opens up a field of investigation revealing Skalkottas's playful, still no less critical –sometimes even anarchist- stance to things linguistic, ideological, and musical. More specifically, his idiosyncratic use of (the Greek) language either in his correspondence and other writings could be compared with –and shed a new light to- his similarly unconventional approaches to musical language.

Niall O'Loughlin

#### Roberto Gerhard and Nikos Skalkottas: Divergent lives

Roberto Gerhard (1896-1970) and Nikos Skalkottas (1904-1949), from Spain and Greece respectively, both studied composition with Arnold Schoenberg, Gerhard in 1923-28 and Skalkottas in 1927-31. They were both well thought of by their teacher. Their subsequent development began in similar fashion, but the final outcome was totally different. Analysis of representative but roughly contemporary works illuminate this process, step by step, also examining other factors involved. Both absorbed the essence of Schoenberg's 12-note technique, with new works in the years 1927-33. Significant were the seven-note row working of Gerhard's Wind Quintet and the multiple 12-note set working of Skalkottas's Octet. Gerhard's Schoenberg-inspired works were not well received in Barcelona nor were Skalkottas's in Athens. Reacting to local criticism, Gerhard produced works such as Catalan-related songs and a cantata, while Skalkottas looked to folk or folk-like music in the Greek Folk Dances to fulfil expectations. Gerhard fled to England after the Spanish Civil War, producing Spanish and Catalan influenced music (*Don Quixote*, *Pedrelliana*), incorporating some 'hybrid' Schoenbergian elements. Skalkottas, however, in complete contrast remained in Athens, after years of silence and only then writing mostly 12-note music in secret (String Quartets 3 and 4, Piano Concertos 2 and 3, Violin Concerto). A reaction to the continued non-performance of serial works may have led Skalkottas to compose a group of non-serial atonal works and in the years 1947-48 some tonal works for orchestra. Gerhard with similar problems produced the opera *The Duenna*, with its non-serial but extended tonal idiom and Spanish elements. For both composers 1949 was the critical year. After composing a fascinating group of works for cello, Skalkottas died, leaving his music mostly unperformed, unpublished and unknown. With strong support from a small group of influential musicians, Gerhard quickly developed his serial technique based on elaborate hexachordal workings, with the final flowering (1955-70) in Symphonies 1-4, the Concerto for orchestra, some well-crafted chamber music, the cantata *The Plague* and electronic music.

Polina Tambakaki

**George Seferis on Nikos Skalkottas: Modernist myths and realities**

In his 1939 essay 'Monologue on poetry' Seferis wrote: 'If they want to console themselves, the poets who complain should think of those who wish and deserve to make true music in Greece'. Many years later, in 1962, in the second edition of his collected essays, *Dokimes*, Seferis added the following note to the statement above: 'When I wrote this, I did not even suspect the tragic case of our unique Nikos Skalkottas'. This paper will examine the retrospective recognition of Skalkottas by the poet who played a decisive role in the shaping of what has been called 'the myth of the [literary] Generation of the Thirties'. Might Seferis have been ignorant of Skalkottas in 1939? As I will argue, the answer must be negative. The paper aims to shed new light on the intellectual and artistic context of Greece in the decades around the Second World War, by investigating Seferis' 'discovery' of Skalkottas as a representative example of a series of silences, distortions or 'lies' on the part of the Greek poet on musical matters, especially in relation to Greek music. Key themes will be Seferis' references to atonal music, together with his well-known distinction between the 'European Hellenism' and 'Greek Hellenism', and the much more implicit – but no less powerful and influential – distinctions between French-British vs German traditions, and south-European/Mediterranean vs central-European sensitivities. Seferis' belated recognition of Skalkottas in 1962 will be viewed as a way of effacing the tense conflicts which dominated the cultural life of Greece during the previous decades, and at the same time as a way of opposing both Kalomiris' National School of Music and 'art-popular music'.

**PAPER SESSION: THE WORKS OF SKALKOTTAS (V)**

Assaf Shelleg

**On the notion of peripherality  
(or, comments from an adjacent ecosystem)**

It may not be the kind of paper this conference aims at, but this much has to be said: "Mozart of our time", or "The voice of a Mediterranean Bartok," are not just the "qualities attributed to Nikos Skalkottas," to quote from your CFP; as far as Mozart is concerned, similar qualities have been assigned to Erich Korngold, and Bartok has many Israeli contenders—mainly those composers whose musical imagery complemented the Zionist trope of Hebrew nativism. Notions that use Mozart or Bartok as metaphors understandably seek to underscore what has been omitted from musicological narratives that prioritized composers' run to the

(modernist) patent office. But then these alleged qualities can become harmful: not only do such premises subjugate local composer to mere casting the role of canonic figures (and in so doing they declare that history can only be written through its peaks), they also demonstrate the extent by which musicologists have internalized the notion of peripherality. And internalizing this notion means that modernist hierarchies that created the peripheral space from the outset have been uncritically adopted to the discourse along with their evolutionary understanding of culture. Consequently, the very notion of Mediterraneanism in art music (and Israel has that too) serves a function under the purview that 'peripheral' musical ecosystems can 'develop' in European backyards and towards the European center, but never gain such a status (hence the symptomatic, self-compensating imagery of the self in the form of Mozart or Bartok).

What could this paper offer, then? Rather than comparing the Israeli and Greek habitats, or examining the gap between the semiotic and the semantic in the making of national constructs, my talk would grapple with the historiographical impact of internalizing of the notion of peripherality; at the same time, it will suggest how we can steer the discourse out of peripheralism, toward synchronous narratives and the delexicalization of Otherness.

Charris Efthimiou

**On the parameter of the rhythmic layers  
in *Octet* (1931) by Nikos Skalkottas**

The "Octet" is one of the most interesting compositions of Nikos Skalkottas before his return to Athens in 1933. Eva Mantzourani's analysis of the "Octet" demonstrates Skalkottas' individual approach to the 12-tone compositional thinking. Eva Mantzourani explains in detail his 12-note technique and enables us to follow the development of the rows through the entire composition.

The aim of this paper is to stress the parameter of the rhythmical layers consisting the "Octet". Skalkottas is doubling melodic lines, but without doubling the same notes in the octave, or in the third. In this way he creates a full sound without creating an opulent atmosphere. Is there any correlation between the rows and the doublings? If yes, where do those doublings occur?

A further aim of this paper is to compare the "Octet", according to this technique, to other large scale chamber music pieces of the same period (among others: Janacek's *Sinfonietta* and *Mladi*, G. Enescu's *String Octet* and Schönberg's *Suite Op.29*). The findings are commented in detail by means of clear tables and viewed from an overarching perspective.

George Zacharias

**Skalkottas' Concerto for violin and viola and wind orchestra; its 'multi-dimensional' serial language, transcendental orchestration for winds and performance challenges for the soloists**

Schoenberg (1948): The harshness of my requirements is why, of the hundreds of my pupils, only a few have become composers: ...Skalkottas. Tragically, because of his repatriation to the war-torn Athens (1938) and his early death (1949) many of his masterpieces are still neglected. Existing studies often overlook the role Skalkottas' dual nature as a violinist composer, while being based on incomplete editions and lacking the support of performance tradition.

The proposed open discussion first focus firstly on the catalytic role of Skalkottas' violin training on his ground-breaking compositional innovations of Fractal Multidimensional Serialism and Orchestral Sound Transparency, through the presentation of the premiere Critical Edition of his Violin and Viola Concerto. The process will shed light on Skalkottas' 'original genius', in terms of his compositional style and - crucially - his extraordinary capacity as a concert violinist. The edition is the first and only-to-date that is taking into account the entire volume of surviving manuscripts on the work.

The second part of the discussion will submit the performance innovations and difficulties that the work is introducing for the wind orchestra, conductor and soloists; particularly regarding the wind-orchestra size, choice of instruments and contemporary transpositions as well as the exceptional technical and expressional demands placed on the solo violin and viola. Suffice to say, there is hardly any equivalent work in the history of western classical music that can be included in its genre of repertoire.

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**George Zervos** was born in Cairo (Egypt) and moved to Athens in 1961, where he studied piano and theory at the Hellenic and Orpheion Conservatories and composition under Yannis Ioannides. In 1981 he went to Paris (France), to conclude his post-graduate studies that included formalized music under Iannis Xenakis as well as musicology and aesthetics of music under Michel Guiomar and Daniel Charles. In 1982, he received the post-graduate diploma D.E.A. from the University of Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne, after submit-

ting a thesis on the «Mathematical procedures in Bartok's and Xenakis work». His thesis on "The crisis of theme in the work of the Second Viennese School composers: Schönberg, Berg, Webern" earned him a Ph.D. degree in Musicology from the University of Thessaloniki in 1995. He has composed chamber and vocal music as well as works for orchestra. He has received commissions to deliver original compositions for organizations such as the Hellenic National Radio (Radio Three), the Goethe Institute of Athens, the Athens Concert Hall. His works have been performed in Greece as well as in Italy, Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, and USA (Florence 1981, Sofia 1985, Naples 1987, Cannes 1987, Orleans 1987, Vienna 2008, Berlin 2005, Almere 2014, University of Boston 1991, Louisiana 2004, Chicago 2006, Michigan 2009, New York 2013, etc.). The Hellenic National Radio has recorded certain works of his. In 1982, he was awarded the First Composition Prize in the Competition for Chamber Music organized by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture. Two of his pieces of music (the ballet "Eros and Psyche" and the "string quartet no2") have been recorded by Warner Music and Agora. G. Zervos has also published several articles on music in the 20th century (in international journals such as "Musik & Ästhetik", "Musicologia", "arts 8"), has given lectures and has participated many music conventions such as the «Composers Symposium» (Patras 1986), the National Congress of Music (Delphi 1987), the Symposium of Composers and Musicologists on «Contemporary Music at the end of the 20th century» (Goethe Institute 1991), "Nikos Skalkottas-

Tage" (Konzerthaus, Berlin 2000), "Arnold Schönberg und Griechische Komponisten – in memoriam Iannis Xenakis" Symposium (Arnold Schönberg Center, Wien 2002), "Internationales Symposium zum 100. Geburtstag von Nikos Skalkottas" (Wien, 2004). He has taught music theory in several Conservatories as well as History of Music at the National School of Dance in Athens. He is Assistant Professor (teaching Music analysis and 20th century music) in the Department of Music Studies of the Athens University. He published three books: 1) Schönberg, Berg, Webern. The crisis of music through the crisis of the theme and the forms. (2002), 2) Nikos Skalkottas and the European tradition in the beginning of the 20th century, (2002), 3) From initial inspiration to the final form (2017).

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**Annini Tsiouti** studied piano and chamber music in Paris (École Normale de Musique, Conservatoire Claude Debussy). She also holds a Master in Musicology from Sorbonne Université, where she specialized in 20th century music. Annini is cur-

rently completing her doctoral thesis on the 32 Piano Pieces by Nikos Skalkottas. A fervent supporter of the music of our time, Annini has collaborated with numerous composers of different and often contrasting styles and schools, and has given many first performances of their works around Europe. Future engagements include first performances of works by composers Tsvetan Dobrev and Graham Hair.

Musicologist **Katy Romanou** is a researcher of Greek music in the CE. She has published widely in Greek and English languages, and has conducted several projects in collaboration with Greek and foreign -especially Balkan- musicologists. Katy Romanou (who studied musicology in Bloomington IND (1969-1974)) was a music critic of the daily *He Kathimerine* (1974-1986), taught in several music conservatories in Athens, at the municipal conservatories of Kalamata, Argos, and Volos, as well as in the University of Athens and the European University of Cyprus. She is coordinator of the Greek team of RIPM (Retrospective Index of Music Periodicals), and a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Musicological Society.

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**George Zacharias**: Since his debut at the age of thirteen, George maintains a busy international performance career and has appeared as a soloist extensively throughout Greece and the UK (including a special guest performance in the House of Lords, Westminster), the US, Australia, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Spain and Switzerland, receiving the highest accolades from critics and audience. His discography for radio includes Paganini's 1st and Britten's Violin Concerti, as well as Ysaÿe's Violin Sonatas. His recording project of repertoire exclusively for unaccompanied violin ('Unaccompanied'; Divine Art) received a Gold Star recommendation by The Strad and was named as 'Recording of the Month' by Musicweb. George has also been the dedicatee, premiere performer and recording artist of numerous contemporary compositions. Born in Athens, Greece, George studied violin at the Athens Conservatory of Music as a full scholar, up to his graduation (First Prize and Special Prize for Exceptional Virtuosity). He was subsequently accepted at an advanced year of study at the Royal College of Music, London where he was admitted to a Bachelor's Degree in Music and

two Postgraduate Degrees in Advanced Solo and Ensemble Performance. His studies abroad were supported by a full Greek State Scholarship for Music (IKY). He was awarded a Master's of Music Degree in Performance with Distinction at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Australia, where he studied as an Australian Government Scholar under Wanda Wilkomirska. In 2009, George was admitted to a PhD in Music Performance at the Royal Academy of Music, University of London. His thesis under the title Nikos Skalkottas, Violinist-Composer: His compositional ideology, techniques and innovations revealed through the concertos for violin (1938-45) includes the first – and only to date – critical editions of Skalkottas' Concerto for Violin and Viola and the Concerto for Two Violins, as well as George's full wind-orchestra orchestration of the latter work that survives only in its double-piano accompaniment version. Future projects include critical editions of the Skalkottas violin concertos and the premiere recording/edition of his Concerto for Violin and Viola under the auspices of the A.G. Leventis Foundation. Since 2009, George was appointed as a Lecturer in Music at the Royal Academy of Music, London. George performs on the 'Georgina Joshi' Sanctus Seraphin violin (Venice 1719). He is the founder and leader of the Zacharias Quartet. YouTube Channel: George Zacharias 'Unaccompanied'



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