Orfean Harmony: An Ensemble's Creation Of Ancient Greek Music As Ode To The Resilience Of Modern Greece

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Abstract
This ethnography examines Orfean Harmony, a non-profit and voluntary Greek musical ensemble located in Thessaloniki, Greece, to illustrate how the production of sound and musical aesthetics contributes to the sustainability of this ensemble in the context of Greece’s crisis. Drawing on Actor-network theory, Orfean Harmony is analyzed as a network of performing artists who study and re-imagine parts of ancient Greek heritage and culture producing particular sound-time-space frameworks through the recreation of ancient Greek musical aesthetics. This research argues that ‘sound,’ ‘time,’ and ‘space’ form altogether a single entity, the sonic-chronotope, which acts as a dynamic force on the subject’s feelings and experiences in ways that contribute to the re-formation of musical ensembles in times of crisis.

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The music of ancient Greece was almost universally present in ancient Greek society, from marriages, funerals, and religious ceremonies to theatre, folk music, and the ballad-like reciting of epic poetry. It thus played an integral role in the lives of ancient Greeks. ♪ LyrAvlos - ANCIENT GREEK MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ENSEMBLE. ♪ Ancient Greek Musical Scales - Olympus Pentatonic. Transcription. Music played an integral role in ancient Greek society. Pericles' teacher Damon said, according to Plato in the Republic, "when fundamental modes of music change, the fundamental mores of the state change with them." Music and gymnastics comprised the main divisions in one's schooling. "The word 'music' expressed the entire education" [3]. TOPICS:ancient Greece Ancient Greek Greek music music oldest song reconstruction soundcloud. Symposium scene, circa 490 BC. Wikimedia Commons. Posted By: Dattatreya Mandal September 3, 2016.  Inscribed on the Seikilos epitaph, the ancient Greek characters on the slab allude to the piece's Hellenistic Ionic origin. Interestingly, the completeness of its composition is partly due its short nature. To that end, the lyrics has been roughly translated to English, excluding the musical notation —. While you live, shine. have no grief at all. life exists only for a short while. And in case you are in mood for something more jovial, take a gander at the modern guitar-fueled cover of the 'Song of Seikilos', sung and played by famous internet teacher Hank Green –. 124. Shares. Our knowledge of ancient Greek music comes from actual fragments of musical scores, literary references, and the remains of musical instruments. Although extant musical scores are rare, incomplete, and of relatively late date, abundant literary references shed light on the practice of music, its social functions, and its perceived aesthetic qualities. Apollo with a kithara "in addition to the physical remains of musical instruments in a number of archaeological contexts, depictions of musicians and musical events in vase painting and sculpture provide valuable information about the kinds of instruments that were preferred and how they were actually played.