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**Mikis Theodorakis** (b. 1929)

(Greek classical and popular composer; b. Chios, st. Athens conservatoire, musician and music critic, deported and tortured during the Greek Civil War; Copley Music Prize 1959, imprisoned, banned and exiled after the 1968 coup, back to Greece mid 1970s, leading cultural figure in Greece, fused classical and popular Greek music in "metasymphonic" works, founder of the Little Symphonic Orchestra of Athens and Symphonic Orchestra of Pyraeus; Sibelius Prize 1964)

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Suite No. 1 for piano and orchestra.* (Gold medal at the Moscow competition, 1957).

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\_\_\_\_\_. Score for *Honeymoon.* (Film. Dir. Michael Powell. Cast: Ludmilla Tcherin, Anthony Steel, Antonio, Rosita Segovia. Score by Mikis Theodorakis. Technirama. Spain, 1959).

\_\_\_\_\_. *Antigone.* Music for the ballet with Margot Fonteyn, Yuri Nureyev and Svetlana Beriosova, choreog. John Cranko.

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\_\_\_\_\_. Score for *Five Miles to Midnight.* (Film. Dir. Anatole Litvak. Cast: Sophia Loren, Anthony Perkins, Gig Young, Jean-Pierre Aumont, Pascale Roberts. 1962).

\_\_\_\_\_. "Ena To Helidoni." ('Only One Swallow'), on a poem by O. Elytis. Sung by Gregoris Bithikotsis. Prod. 1964. In *The Story of Greece.* Prod. Harris Tsakmatsian et al. (hEMIsphere). CD. Minos EMI Greece, 2000.\*

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\_\_\_\_\_. Score for *Serpico.* (Film. Dir. Sidney Lumet. With Al Pacino. Score by Mikis Theodorakis. 1973).

\_\_\_\_\_. Score for *Actas de Marucia.* (Film. Dir. Miguel Littin. With Gian-Maria Volonte. 1975).

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 2, "The Earth's Song."* 1980-81.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 7, "Spring Symphony."* For soloists, choir and orchestra. On poems by Yannis Ritsos and Yorgos Kouloukis. 1982-83.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 7, "Spring Symphony,"* Kari Lövaas, soprano. Violetta Madjarova, alto. Sergey Larinas, tenor. Gunther Emmerlich, bass. Radio Choir Prague (Pavel Kühn). Radio Children Choir Prague (Cestimir Stasek). Choir of State Philharmony of Lithuania (Petras Bingelis). Dresdner Philoharmonie / Herbert Kegel. Rec. Schauspielhaus, Berlin, 2 Dec. 1987, ed. 1988. CD. (Intuition Classics). Germany: veraBra-Intuition Records, 1994.\* (Notes by Halka Vogt).

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Bonet, María del Mar. *El-las: María del Mar Bonet canta M. Thoedorakis.* MC. Madrid: BMG Ariola, 1993.\*

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