Christos Chatzopoulos, born and raised in Thrace, is a Greek singer and musician, an oud soloist and a composer. He is an expert on Greek and Eastern Mediterranean (esp. Ottoman Classical and Middle Eastern) folk music traditions. Since 2000 he has been teaching at Music High Schools of Komotini and Xanthi. He has been actively engaged with the instruction of traditional instruments (lyre, saz, tabouras, kanun, ney, bagpipe) and the performance of folk music.

Christos is also an active composer. He has composed music for numerous films and documentaries (e.g. Earth's Gold, The Evros Delta, Sevdanın Göçü – a turkish film). He has also formed various folk music bands with young students from underprivileged social environments. Since 2011 he has been directing the "NOTA" Traditional Music School in Komotini.

His personal discography includes: Swallow's Greeting of the Spring [Χελιδονίσματα θράκης] (2004), My Thracian Songlife [θράκης Φωνή] (2007), The Stone Ring [Πέτρινο Δαχτυλίδι] (2010), I Will Sing Softly [θα τραγουδήσω αγαληνά] (2015).

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PROGRAMME

I. Thracian lyre: Songs and dances from Thrace/θρακική Λύρα: τραγούδια και χοροί της θράκης

- 1. Pénte déka papadiés/Πέντε δέκα παπαδιές
- 2. Baidúska/Μπαϊντούσκα
- 3. Dendrítsi/Δεντρίτσι

II. Saz-Bağlama/Σάζι-μπαγλαμάς

- 4. Maríka/Mapíka (music: Christos Chatzopoulos)
- 5. Túto to mína/Τούτο το μήνα (traditional from Crete)
- 6. Karsilamás Komotinís/Καρσιθαμάς Κομοτηνής (music: Christos Chatzopoulos)

III. Ney/Νέι

- 7. Los bilbilicos Yastayım (Ladino [Sephardic Jewish] traditional, Ferhat Göçer)
- 8. Tzivaéri/Τζιβαέρι (traditional from the Aegean)
- Mantilátos chorós/Μαντηθάτος χορός (traditional from Thrace)

IV. Kabak Kemane (pumpkin lyre)/Καμπάκ κεμανέ (πύρα από κοποκύθα)

- 10. Anáthema tón aítio/Ανάθεμα τον αίτιο (traditional from Mytilene)
- 11. Stélla mor' Stélla (traditional from Epirus, adapt. Vassilis Tsitsanis)
- **12.** Pontian dance "Tik"/Ποντιακός Χορός Τικ (adapt. Chr. Chatzopoulos)

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- **13.** Pikrothálassa/Πικροθάπασσα (lyrics: Eleni Benekou, music: Chr. Chatzopoulos)
- 14. Meneksédes ke zumbúlia/Μενεξέδες και ζουμπούθια (traditional from Constantinople and Eptanisa)
- **15.** To vals tis vrochís/Το βαῆς της βροχής (music: Chr. Chatzopoulos)
- **16.** Samothráki/Σαμοθράκη (music: Chr. Chatzopoulos)