

Dinos Constantinides

Kaleidoscope

for Chamber Orchestra

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Duration: 25 minutes

Kaleidoscope was written in 1972 in the form of piano trio, voice, and two slide projectors. The vocal material included words of colors and images as they appeared in the slides of the two slide projectors. This original version was premiered and repeated at the Art Gallery of the LSU Union on the series of "New Times," an LSU organization of the composition area presenting new music and works of LSU composers. The piece was performed by the Festival Arts Trio composed of Dinos Constantinides, violin, Thaddeus Brys, cello, and Daniel Sher, piano. Soprano Constance Navratil participated in the presentation of this work several times in 1972.

In 1974, the version for chamber orchestra was composed for 19 orchestral soloists and voice with the idea that the slide projectors should be replaced with other forms of art such as film or paintings to correspond to the vocal material. Later a solo cello work and a solo violin sonata were written using material from **Kaleidoscope**.

This work is based on the composer's impressions of certain children's paintings. Slides were made from portions of these paintings, which were then used to create color moods. The words of the colors and certain vague images were transformed into two-letter series, which stood for certain pitches or effects. Non-traditional effects and notational techniques are used throughout the piece.

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The music of Dinos Constantinides has been performed throughout the world. He is the recipient of many grants, commissions and awards, including first prize in the 1981 Brooklyn College International Chamber Opera Competition and the 1985 First Midwest Chamber Opera Conference. He also received the 1985 American New Music Consortium Distinguished Service Award, the 1989 Glen Award of l'Ensemble of New York, several Meet the Composer grants and numerous ASCAP Standard Awards. In the 1994 he was honored with a Distinguished Teacher White House Commission on Presidential Scholars.