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Hellenikon Idyllion is extracted from the incidental music written for the Greek play Diakos in 1961. This play deals with the life of the Greek hero whose courageous actions inspired his compatriots in the early stages of the Greek revolution against Turkey in 1821. This music employs Greek rhythms meant to portray characters of rural Greece. The play was presented in New York by the Lemos Greek Theater in 1961.
This piece is written for the occasion of the *Hellenikon Idyllion.*

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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.