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Duration: 5:30 minutes

Homage to Kromeriz is written for and dedicated to the Festival Forfest 16th of the Czech Republic and its directors, Vaclav and Zdenka Vaculovic. It is composed for string orchestra, and will receive its premiere performance by the Bohuslav Martinu Chamber Orchestra under the direction of the composer on June 26, 2005, at the Festival. It will be the centerpiece of the composer's upcoming "6th *Celestial Symphony*." Its basic motifs are circular designs set to motion, imitating the motion of the stars. This particular piece is based on the continuous appearance on ideas in thirds, thus producing a zone of moving colors mingled with each other in a magical way.

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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.