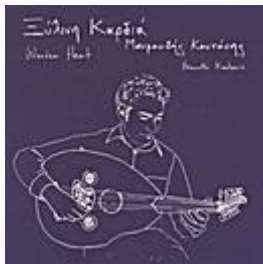


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will showcase the oud and diversity of sounds from the Aegean region. Mavrothis composition Uak Saz Semai was performed by Dr. Mnir N. Beken at the Echoes of Diversity symposium at the University of Performing Arts in Vienna, Austria in November of 2007, and he has recently been commissioned to compose a piece for the Music of the Stones project headed by visual artist William Berry. People who are interested in should consider this download.

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