

Petros Petridis was one of the leading composers of the Greek National School. In *Saint Paul* he sought to combine the polyphonic approach of Byzantine music with the form of the oratorio. The libretto follows the Acts of the Apostles with fourteen chorales forming a connecting arc in the divine drama. Expressive originality – both elegiac and joyful – is a feature of *Symphony No. 1 'Hellenic'*, and the *Kleft Dances*, part of a discarded symphony, show Petridis's personal stamp. Conductor Byron Fidetzis, whose recording of Petridis's *Requiem* (Naxos 8.574354-55) was hailed as 'a triumph all round' by *Gramophone*, has prepared definitive editions of these works based on the original manuscripts.

Petros  
**PETRIDIS**  
(1892–1977)

**CD 1**

- 1–28** Agios Pavlos ('Saint Paul') (1950) – Part I  
**29–35** Agios Pavlos – Part II

**78:28**

**57:51**

**20:37**

**CD 2**

- 1–13** Agios Pavlos – Part II (cont'd)  
**14–17** Symphony No. 1 in G minor 'Hellenic' (1926/28–30)  
**18** Kléftikoi horoi ('Kleft Dances') (1922)

**76:41**

**39:33**

**33:13**

**3:47**

All works restored and edited by Byron Fidetzis (b. 1945) from original manuscripts

**WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS**

**Martha Arapis, Sophia Kyanidou, Soprano • Ines Zikou, Mezzo-soprano  
Yannis Christopoulos, Angelo Simos, Dimitris Sigalos, Tenor  
Dimitris Tiliakos, Baritone • Christophoros Stamboglis, Pantelis Psychas, Bass**  
**Bulgarian National Radio Chorus**  
**Bulgarian National Radio Symphony Orchestra • Byron Fidetzis**

A detailed track list and full recording details can be found inside the booklet.

The Greek libretto and an English translation can be found at [www.naxos.com/libretti/574356.htm](http://www.naxos.com/libretti/574356.htm)

'This album is dedicated to the memory of my friend, the poet Giorgos Dam. Voulgarakis (1947–2021), whose contribution to the recording of the *Saint Paul* oratorio was decisive.' – Byron Fidetzis

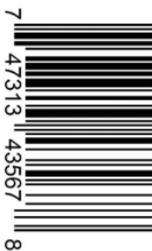
The present release serves as a contribution to the 200th anniversary of the Greek Revolution of 1821.

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Playing Time  
**2:35:09**



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