

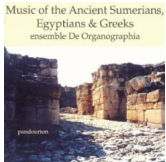
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### Greek Music from Egypt

#### 1. *Musical excerpts*

Anon., 2nd or 3rd c. A.D., POxy. 4465

#### 2. *Lament*

Anon., 2nd c. A.D., POxy. 4462

#### 3. *Fragment 1*

Anon., 3rd or 4th c. A.D., POxy. 4466

#### 4. *Paeon*

Anon., 3rd c. A.D., POxy. 3162

#### 5. *Trochaic fragment*

Anon., 3rd c. A.D., POxy. 3705

#### 6. *Four settings of a line from "Epitrepontes" by Menander*

Anon., 2nd or 3rd c. A.D., POxy. 4462

#### 7. *Excerpts mentioning Eros and Aphrodite*

Anon., 3rd c. A.D., POxy. 4467

#### 8. *Musical excerpt*

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Anon., 2nd or 3rd c. A.D., POxy. 4464, lines 3-8

#### 9. *Hypolydian excerpt*

Anon., 3rd c. A.D., POxy. 3161 verso fr. 3

#### 10. *Fragment 3*

### Sumero-Babylonian Music

Anon., copied by Ammurabi (c. 1225 B.C.), R.S. 15.30 + 49, 17.387

#### 11. *Hurrian Hymn 6: A zaluzi to the gods*

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Anon., c. 1225 B.C., R.S. 19.149 and 18.282

12. *Hurrian Hymns 19 and 23*

Urhiya/Anon., copied by Ipsali, c. 1225 B.C., R.S. 19.164d and 19.147

13. *Hurrian Hymns 13 and 12*

Anon., c. 1225 B.C.

14. *Hurrian Hymn 2*

Urhiya, c. 1225 B.C., R.S. 19.84

15. *Hurrian Hymn 8*

Puhiya(na), c. 1225 B.C., R.S. 14.18

16. *Hurrian Hymns 5*

Anon., c. 1225 B.C., R.S. 14.15, 19.154 and 19.164c

17. *Hurrian Hymns 4, 21 and 22*

Anon., c. 1225 B.C., R.S. 19.155 and 19.148

18. *Hurrian Hymns 7 and 10*

Anon., c. 1225 B.C., R.S. 19.164a and 19.164b

19. *Hurrian Hymns 16 and 30*

Anon., c. 1950 B.C., N. 3354

20. *Musical instruction for "Lipsit-Istar, King of Justice"*

### **Egyptian Music**

Anon.

21. *Trumpet call*

Anon.

22. *Isis sistrum rhythm*

Anon., 7-6th c. B.C., Brooklyn Museum 58.34

23. *Harp piece I*

24. *Harp piece II*

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---Sergey Lenkov

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