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Kevork Andonian, born in 1978, is a composer, pianist, orchestrator, arranger, and educator, originally from Ottawa, Canada who is currently a Ph.D. Candidate in Composition at UCLA where he is also a Teaching Fellow. He developed a great passion for music creation at an early age. At six he started writing music out on score. He holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Carleton University, graduating with Highest Honours in 2001. The recipient of many scholarships and awards, he was also awarded the Carleton University Medal in Music upon his graduation. In 2007 he received his Master of Music in Theory and Composition from the University of Ottawa where he also taught as a Part-Time Professor.

A versatile composer, Kevork Andonian has composed for the concert hall, theatre, as well as for film and multimedia productions. He has written music for films produced through the Independent Filmmakers Cooperative of Ottawa and the Canadian Film Centre. He writes in a neo-tonal style that stresses the importance of melody and rich harmonies. His compositions portray a variety of emotions, rhythms and instrumental colors. He draws his inspiration from classical music, as well as world music, jazz and pop.

Kevork Andonian has had performances of his compositions in Canada, the United States, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Czech Republic and Armenia. He has had his works and arrangements performed by many professional musicians in prestigious concert venues such as Toronto's Glenn Gould Studio, Los Angeles's Zipper Hall and New York City's Carnegie Hall. A new work of his for flute and marimba entitled **A Longing For Joy** was premiered in Belgium in 2008 by flutist Marc Grauwels and marimbist Sarah Mouradoglou. The same performers recorded this piece in 2009 for a Naxos CD entitled "Music for Flute & Percussion: Vol. II" which is currently in distribution worldwide. Marc Grauwels with Sinfonia Toronto premiered a flute and string orchestra arrangement of **A Longing For Joy** at the Glenn Gould Studio in October of 2010 and performed the piece on a subsequent multi-city concert tour in Spain. In April of 2010 Mr. Andonian performed in Turin, Italy as part of the I Fiori Della Musica [The Flowers of Music] piano and chamber music festival.

Recently, Kevork Andonian produced arrangements for singer Daniel Decker's CD album entitled "Armenian By Choice". Mr. Andonian is currently writing orchestral music to Thomas Edison's silent film classic "The Maniac Chase" to be recorded by the Millennium Symphony and released on CD and DVD on the ERM Media label. In February of 2011 his most recent composition for solo piano entitled **Echoes from a Distant Land** was performed in France and Belgium as part of the Young Music Project; the piece will subsequently be recorded for commercial release in Europe.