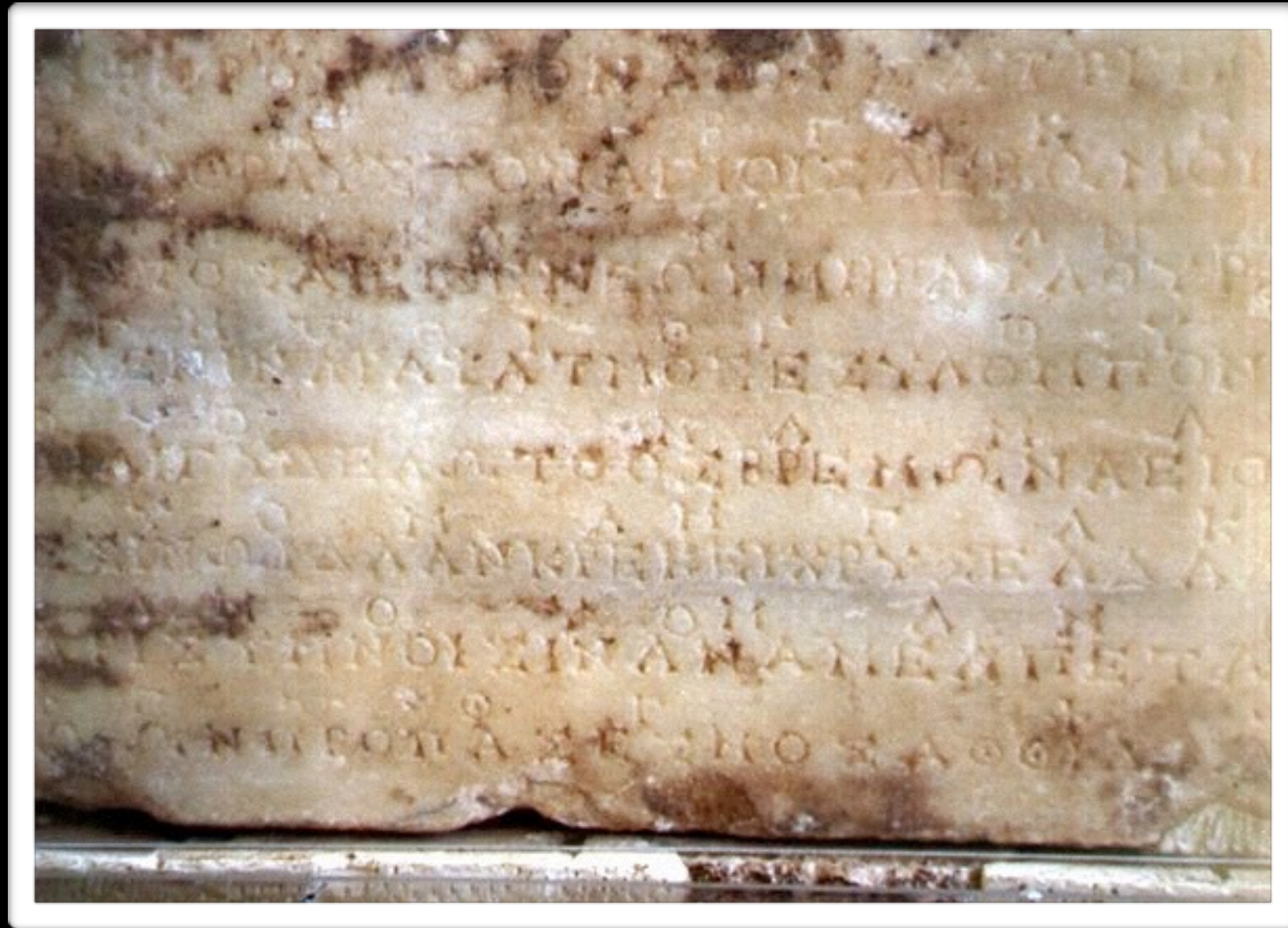


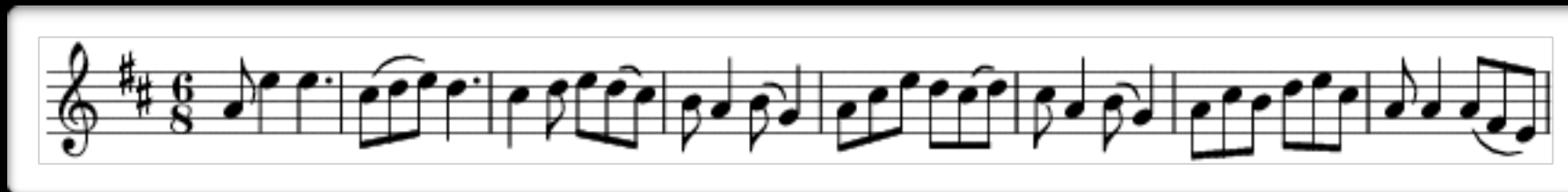
Music from Ancient Greece

The Greeks were the first to create musical notation.



However, knowledge about Greek music is sketchy and ambiguous.

Epitaph of Seikilos

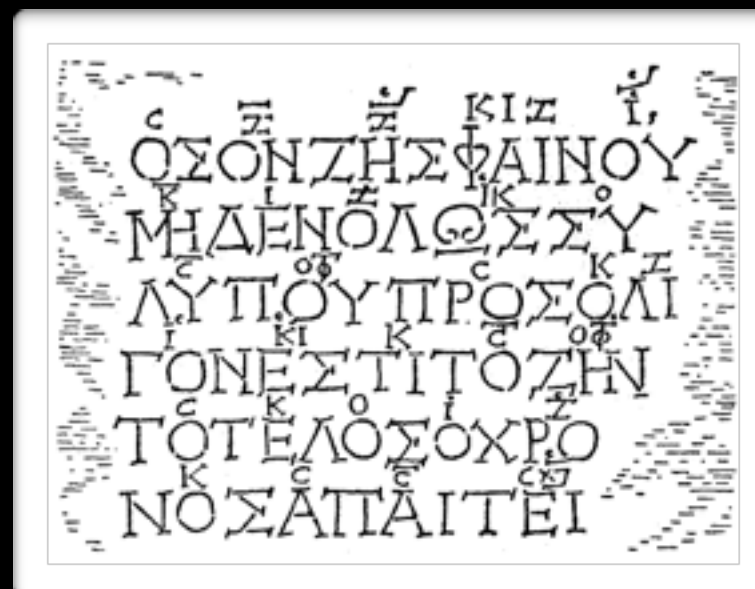


Rhythm
or
Beat

C Z̄ Z̄̇ K I Z İ K̄ I Ż İ K O C̄ OΦ̇
 Ὅ σον ζῆς, φαί νου, μη δέν ὄλ ως σύ λυ ποῦ.
 C K Ż İ K̄ İ K̄ C̄ OΦ̇ C K O I Ż K̄ C̄ C̄ C Ẋ J̇
 πρὸς ὄλ ἰ γον ἐ στί τὸ ζῆν, τὸ τέ λος ὁ χρόνος ἀπαι τεῖ.

Notes

As long as you live,
be lighthearted.
Let nothing trouble you.
Life is only too short,
and time takes its toll.

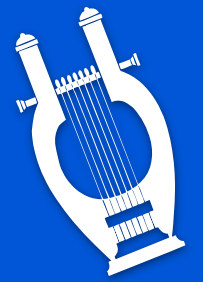
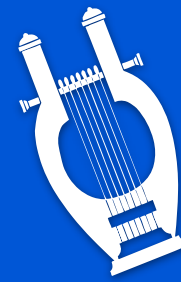
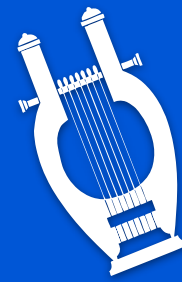
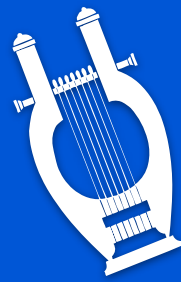
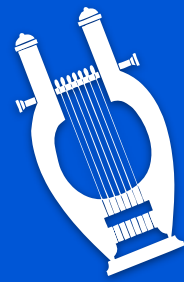
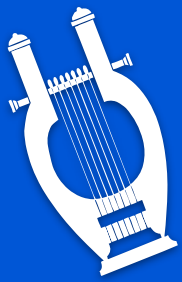
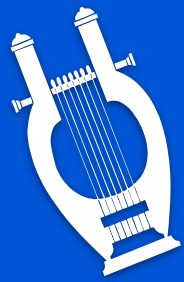


Three Traditions in Greek Music Theory

- Pythagorean tradition concerned with number theory
- Relationship between music and the cosmos
- Influence of music on human behavior

Ethos: Belief that music
can powerfully affect
human character and
behavior





Music was organized by modes.

Each mode was believed to
produce a different mental state.

Apollonian Music versus Dionysian Music

Extra Credit Opportunity

Bring in another image of the Apollo v. Marsyas incident

3 points for an image
5 points if your image is original

Ap

as

Apollonian Music: abstract & appealed to the intellect
Dionysian Music: aroused strong emotions/passions

High Music v. Low Music

Plato

- Music's value is from its reflection of ideal forms
- Music is not for pleasure
- Music could produce noble character
- He encouraged some forms of music and forbade others.

Aristotle

- Music did not reflect the abstract but imitated human action
- Value in all forms of music, even Dionysian music was important for its cathartic value.
- For each situation there was a music with a proper ethos.

Instruments Used In Ancient Greek Music

Lyre



Lyric Poetry

Poetry that was accompanied
by a lyre.

Kithara



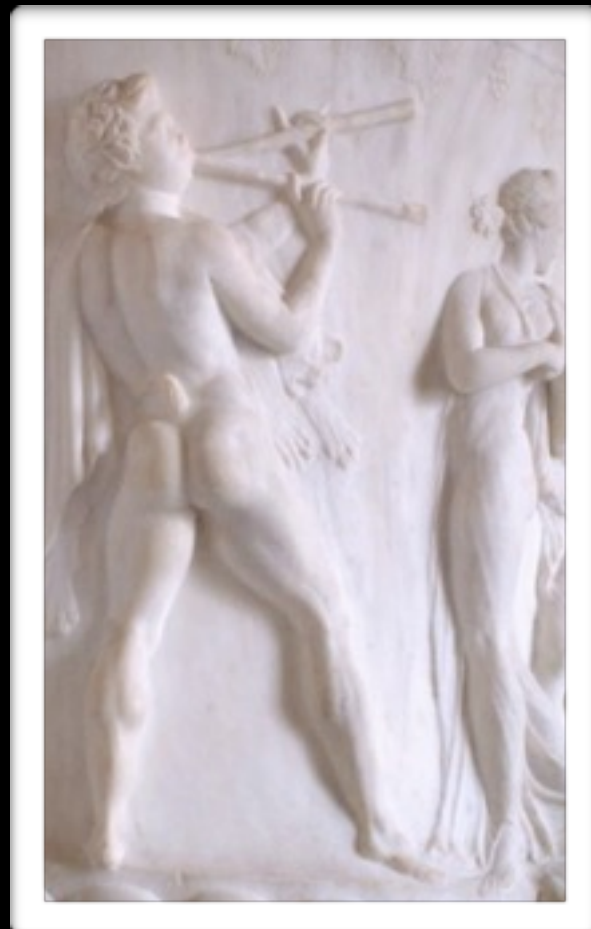
Associated with
the cult
of Apollo

noble ethos





Aulos



- double reed instrument
- played with a mouthpiece
- used in Dionysian rites
- considered sensual

Syrinx



Greek Panflute
(Syrinx)



Hydraulis



