

**Songs from the coasts
of Asia Minor and Pontos**

Produced by the Friends of the Melpo Merlier Music Folklore Archive
with the co-operation of the Infognomon publishing company

Production, publishing and booklet editors:
Markos Ph. Dragoumis, Thanassis Moraitis

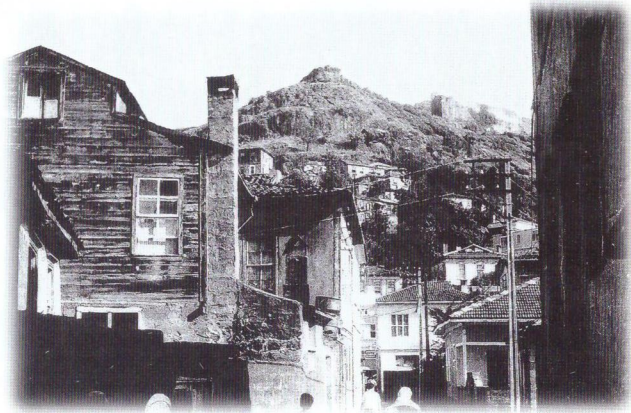
- Produced by the Friends of the Melpo Merlier Music Folklore Archive / Infognomon
- Sponsors: the Ministry of Culture, I. Ph. Costópoulos Foundation
- All recordings were made by Melpo Merlier in Athens, 1930
- Production, publishing and booklet editors: Markos Ph. Dragoumis, Thanassis Moraitis
- Texts: Markos Ph. Dragoumis, Barbara Kontoyanni, Savvas Calenderidis and G. F. Abbot
- Musicological analysis - Translation into English: Markos Ph. Dragoumis
- Mastering / restoration: *Athens Mastering* / Yiannis Christodoulatos
- Photographs belong to the Music Folklore Archive
- Cover Photo: Port of Kerassoús (before 1922)
- Typesetting, layout, cover design: *AltSys*
- Printed by *Fabel Sound*
- Published in October 2004
- © Music Folklore Archive

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

by Markos Ph. Dragoumis

The team of Greek and French specialists who undertook the first extensive recording on 78's of Greek folk songs (this was carried out in Athens in 1930-31) accorded priority to the collection of the songs of Thracian, Cappadocian and eastern Pontic refugees, as well as specimens from the Dodecanese islands which were then under Italian occupation. From the remaining refugees from Asia Minor a relatively small number of songs were recorded, a selection of which has been included in the present cd. More precisely it contains 16 wedding songs from Kerassóús and Inói (W. Pontos), Inépolis (Paflagonia) and Old Phokies (Ionia), a number of doleful

songs such as laments etc., 8 dance songs and 2 instrumental dance tunes intended for every joyful occasion, a nostalgic song not involving dancing and 3 carols, one for New Year and two for Epiphany. Almost all the melodies on this cd have never appeared on commercial records.



Κερασσούντα, δρόμος (πριν το 1922)
A street in Kerassóús (before 1922)