

Calliope Tsoupaki is a Greek-Dutch composer living in Amsterdam. Her compositions blend Eastern and Western influences into a contemplative and spiritual whole. Drawing from her Greek heritage and her passion for both early and contemporary music, her works produce a distinctly personal, open, transparent, and impassioned sound characterised by a remarkable timelessness.

Born in 1963 in Piraeus, Greece, Tsoupaki began her studies at the Hellinicon Conservatory in Athens and continued her composition studies in the Netherlands with Louis Andriessen. Since 2007, she has taught composition at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague. Her oeuvre comprises more than 150 works, ranging from solo and chamber music to orchestral works, dance, theatre, opera and multimedia projects.

Her music is praised for its melodic quality, warm sound and emotional depth. The *New York Times* described her work as “dizzily beautiful”, while the Dutch magazine *TM* referred to her as the “Monteverdi of the 20th century”. Her *St. Luke Passion* received wide acclaim at the Holland Festival in 2008.

From November 2018 to November 2021, Tsoupaki served as **Composer Laureate of the Netherlands (Componist der Nederlanden)**. In 2021, she was awarded the **Matthijs Vermeulen Composition Prize** for *Thin Air*, which has since been performed more than 50 times by musicians around the world. In 2026, she is awarded the **Johan Wagenaar Composition Oeuvre Prize** in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Dutch musical life and her extensive body of work.