



# Yanni

Famous Contemporary Composers

## 1954



### About his life:

- He was born on 14th November 1954 in Kalamata, Greece.
- His full name is Yiannis Chryssomallis.
- He began playing the piano when he was six. He is self-taught.
- At the age of 14, he set a Greek national swimming record in the 50-metre freestyle.
- He does not read music. Instead, he developed his own musical shorthand when he was a child.
- His music combines jazz, classical, soft rock and global music.
- He became very famous for producing spectacular concerts at historic monuments (e.g. the Great Sphinx of Giza) and broadcasting them on public television.