

PROGRAMME

OLYMPIA

CITY OF ATHENS
MUSIC THEATRE
“MARIA CALLAS”

23
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SEASON 2023 · 2024

OLYMPIA THE MUSICAL HEARTBEAT OF THE CITY

At the closure of a remarkably successful season, a new one is being prepared to mark its thrilling debut with an exciting program of the highest artistic standards. Committed to the pursuit of excellence, Olympia is established as an undeniable cultural landmark in the heart of Athens. The upcoming season champions diversity and exceptional quality in a variety of productions that span the whole spectrum of the performing arts: opera, operetta and youth music theatre, co-productions with world renowned festivals, concerts of symphonic repertoire and recitals, jazz and Greek popular music are present in the new program, featuring both international stars and fine Greek artists and ensembles. The City of Athens Musical Ensembles are widely praised for the level of their work. Olympia welcomes the Athens State Orchestra and reinvites the Athens Philharmonia Orchestra. While the tribute to Maria Callas reaches its climax with the masterpiece «I puritani» by Bellini, the evocative cycle «Gabriel Fauré» commemorates the centennial of the composer's death. Greek composers hold a special place in the program: the iconic operetta «The Apaches of Athens» by Hadjiapostolou and the newly orchestrated «Medgé» by Samaras reaffirm Olympia's determination to promote the great Greek heritage. The varied shows within the cycle ¡Viva España! celebrate Spain, exploring the colorful musical paths of the great Spanish tradition. These are some of the highlights in the new season of Olympia, which lives up to the expectations of its ever-growing audience, honoring its history and forging strong bonds for the future.

SEPTEMBER

MEETING WITH THE WRITER
SEPTEMBER 27 19:30

JO NESBO



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OCTOBER

CONCERT
OCTOBER 7 20:30

CONCERT WITH VASILIS LEKKAS



CONDUCTOR:
ANGELOSILIAS

WORKSHOP
OF GREEK MUSIC

OLYMPIA, CITY OF ATHENS
MUSIC THEATRE "MARIA CALLAS"

OPERA
OCTOBER 14 20:00
CYCLE: MARIA CALLAS

I PURITANI VINCENZO BELLINI CONCERT VERSION



©Maria Callas as Elvira in "I Puritani",
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CONDUCTOR:
ALPHONSE CEMIN
LORD ARTURO TALBOT:
JOHN OSBORN

ELVIRA:
CHRISTINA POULITSI

SIR RICCARDO FORTH:
IURI SAMOILOV

SIR GIORGIO:
NAHUEL DIPIERRO

ENRICHETTA DI FRANCIA:
MARTHA SOTIRIOU

LORD GUALTIERO VALTON:
GEORGIOS PAPADIMITRIOU

SIR BRUNO ROBERTSON:
SAHYRATIA

ATHENS STATE ORCHESTRA
& CITY OF ATHENS CHORUS

OLYMPIA, CITY OF ATHENS
MUSIC THEATRE "MARIA CALLAS"

CONCERT
OCTOBER 18 20:30

NIKOS CHATZITSAKOS MEETS ATHENS BIG BAND WITH ELENI ERMINA SOFOU & DIMITRIS TSAKAS



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CONDUCTOR:
SAMIAMIRIS
ATHENS BIG BAND

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NOVEMBER

OPERA
NOVEMBER 3, 4, 8, 10 19:00

SEMELE GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL



CONDUCTOR / STAGE DIRECTOR:
GEORGE PETROU

SEMELE:
MARIELYS

JUPITER:
JEREMY OVENDEN

INO/JUNO:
DARA SAVINOVA

ATHAMAS:
RAFAŁ TOMKIEWICZ

CADMUS/SOMNUS/HIGH PRIEST:
GIANLUCA MARGHERI

IRIS/CUPID:
MARILENA STRIFTOMBOLA

CITY OF ATHENS SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA & ATHENS
CHAMBER CHOIR

CO-PRODUCTION WITH
THE INTERNATIONALE HÄNDEL-
FESTSPIELE GÖTTINGEN

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CONCERT
NOVEMBER 14 20:30

**LAST NIGHT
WITH DIMITRIS
KALANTZIS,
ATHINA ROUTSI
AND TERRY
VAKIRTZOGLU**



CONDUCTOR:
SAMIAMIRIS

ATHENS BIG BAND

CONCERT
NOVEMBER 22 20:30

**CONCERT
WITH KOSTAS
TRIANTAFYLLIDIS
& ANDRIANA
BABALI**



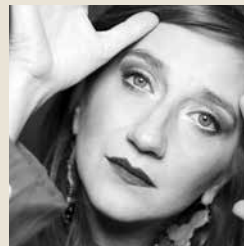
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OLYMPIA, CITY OF ATHENS
MUSIC THEATRE "MARIA CALLAS"

CONCERT
24 NOVEMBER 20:30

**TRIBUTE
TO THANOS
MIKROUTSIKOS
WITH MARIA
PAPAGEORGIU**



CONCERT
25 NOVEMBER 20:30

**TRIBUTE
TO THANOS
MIKROUTSIKOS
WITH CHRISTOS
THIVAIOS
"THE BLUES OF THANOS"**



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DECEMBER

OPERETTA
DECEMBER 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23 20:00
DECEMBER 17 18:30

**THE APACHES
OF ATHENS**
NIKOS HADJIAPOSTOLOU



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CONDUCTOR:
KORNILIOS MICHAILIDIS
STAGE DIRECTOR:
VASSILIS MAVROGEORGIU

KOSTAS/THE PRINCE:
CHRISTOS KECHRIS /
YANNIS FILIAS

KAROUBAS:
YIORGO IOANNOU /
GEORGIOS IATROU

KARKALETSOS:
MARINOS TARNANAS /
NIKOS ZIAZIARIS

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XENOPHON PARALIS:
ANGELOS PAPANIMITRIOU /
CHRISTOS STERGIIOGLOU

VERA PARALI:
MYRSINI MARGARITI /
ANNIE FASSEA

TITIKA:
DIAMANTI KRITSOTAKI /
MARTHA SOTIRIOU

ARETOUSA PARALI:
MARITA PAPANIZOU /
MARGARITA SYNGENIOTOU

KYR ANDREAS:
GRIGORIS POIMENIDIS

NIKOS:
ARIS LASKOS

KLEON:
YIANNIS TSOUMARAKIS

GUEST APPEARANCE:
ZOZO SAPOUNTZAKI

**CITY OF ATHENS
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
& CHORUS**

**CONCERT
DECEMBER 29 20:30**

**CONCERT
WITH THODORIS
KOTONIAS
& SAVVERIA
MARGIOLA**



CONDUCTOR:
ANGELOS ILIAS

**WORKSHOP
OF GREEK MUSIC**

**CONCERT
DECEMBER 30 20:30**

**CHRISTMAS
IN NEW YORK
WITH PHILIPP
WEISS
& IRINI
KONSTANTINIDI**



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CONDUCTOR:
SAMI AMIRIS

ATHENS BIG BAND

JANUARY

**CONCERT
JANUARY 11 20:30**

**TRADITIONAL
SONGS FROM
EUROPE**



CONDUCTOR:
STAVROS BERIS

PIANO:
THANOS MARGETIS

CITY OF ATHENS CHORUS

CONCERT
JANUARY 14 20:30

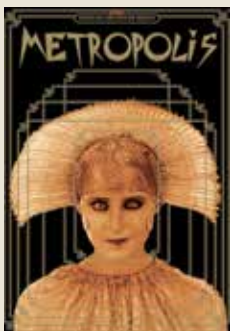
MELODIES 4 LIFE

CHARITY CONCERT
IN FAVOR OF
"PANOS & CRESSIDA
4 LIFE" WITH
THANASSIS VOUSAS



CINE-CONCERT
JANUARY 16 20:30

"METROPOLIS" FRITZ LANG



©Babylon Orchester Berlin

CONDUCTOR:
STEFANOS TSIALIS

BABYLON ORCHESTER BERLIN

OLYMPIA, CITY OF ATHENS
MUSIC THEATRE "MARIA CALLAS"

CONCERT
JANUARY 21 20:30

"BOULEVARD DES ITALIENS" OPERA GALA



© Théâtre de l'Académie royale de musique
– Grande salle

WITH
CATHERINE HUNOLD (SOPRANO),
DMITRY KORCHAK (TENOR) AND
RICCARDO FASSI (BASS).

AND THE PARTICIPATION OF
VASSIA ZACHAROPOULOU (SOPRANO),
IOANNA VRAKATSELI (MEZZO-SOPRANO),
NICOLAS MARAZIOTIS (TENOR),
YANNIS FILIAS (TENOR) AND
YANNIS SELITSANIOTIS (BARITONE)

CONDUCTOR:
ALESSANDRO BONATO

CITY OF ATHENS
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORUS

CONCERT
JANUARY 24 20:30

CONCERT WITH THODORIS VOUSIKAKIS



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CONDUCTOR:
ANGELOS ILIAS

WORKSHOP OF GREEK MUSIC

CONCERT
JANUARY 25 20:30

LEGENDS AND THE YOUTH FEATURING DIMITRIS KASSAVETIS & MANOS THEODOSAKIS



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CONDUCTOR:
SAMI AMIRIS

ATHENS BIG BAND



CONCERT
JANUARY 27 20:30

“IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON”



WITH
CHRISTINA POULITSI (SOPRANO)

CONDUCTOR:
BYRON FIDETZIS

ATHENS PHILHARMONIA
ORCHESTRA

FEBRUARY

MUSIC THEATRE FOR CHILDREN
FEBRUARY 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 10:00
FEBRUARY 2 20:30
FEBRUARY 3 18:00
FEBRUARY 4 11:30 & 14:30

STILL! A STATUE THAT TRAVELED THE WORLD



WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY
STAVROS STAVROU

MUSIC BY/PIANO:
THEODORE ECONOMOU

WITH
ANDREAS KOUTSOFTAS,
CHRISTINA PAPADOPOULOU,
ANTONY PAPAMICHAEL

OLYMPIA, CITY OF ATHENS
MUSIC THEATRE “MARIA CALLAS”

CONCERT
FEBRUARY 10 20:30
CYCLE: ¡VIVA ESPAÑA!

¡VIVA ESPAÑA! - I



WITH
PABLO GÁLVEZ (BARITONE)

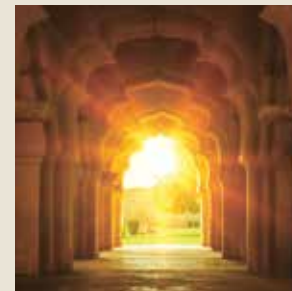
CONDUCTOR:
ANDREAS TSELIKAS

CITY OF ATHENS
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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OPERA
FEBRUARY 17 20:00

MEDGÉ SPYROS SAMARAS CONCERT VERSION



CONDUCTOR/
NEW ORCHESTRATION:
BYRON FIDETZIS

MEDGÉ:
LUCIE PEYRAMAURE
NAIR:
KONSTANTINOS KLIRONOMOS

SELIM:
DIMITRIS PLATANIAS

VAZANTA:
HÉLOÏSE MAS

KADUR / THE GREAT BRAHMIN:
TASSOS APOSTOLOU

AMGIAD:
FLORENT LEROUX-ROCHE

ATHENS PHILHARMONIA
ORCHESTRA &
CITY OF ATHENS CHORUS

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CONCERT
FEBRUARY 20 20:30

CONCERT WITH VASILIS PRODROMOU & NIKOS PLIOS



CONDUCTOR:
ANGELOSILIAS

WORKSHOP
OF GREEK MUSIC

CONCERT
FEBRUARY 24 21:00

TANGO GRECO



WITH
ANNA MATSOUKA,
BABIS TSERTOS,
KONSTANTINOS TZEMOS AND
CHRISTOS AMVRAZIS

CONDUCTOR:
APOLLON KOUSKOUVEKAKIS

MUNICIPAL ATHENIAN CHOIR &
MANDOLINATA OF EXARCHEIA AND
NEAPOLI "DIONYSIOS LAVRAGKAS"

DANCE
FEBRUARY 27, 28 20:30
CYCLE: ¡VIVA ESPAÑA!

SONOMA LA VERONAL



©Anna Fábrega

CONCEPTION/ART DIRECTION:
MARCOS MORAU

CHOREOGRAPHY:
MARCOS MORAU
IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE DANCERS

DANCERS:
LORENA NOGAL,
MARINA RODRÍGUEZ,
SAU-CHING WONG,
ARIADNA MONTFORT,
NÚRIA NAVARRA,
ÀNGELA BOIX,
LAIA DURAN,
ANNA HIERRO,
ALBA BARRAL

MARCH

CONCERT
MARCH 2 20:30

BRUCKNER, SYMPHONY No. 4



©Ilias Sakalak

CONDUCTOR:
GEORGE PETROU

CITY OF ATHENS SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

CONCERT
MARCH 6 20:30

OUT OF AFRICA



CONDUCTOR:
STAVROS BERIS

CITY OF ATHENS CHORUS

CONCERT
MARCH 8 20:30

**PLAY THAT FUNKY
MUSIC!
ATHENS BIG BAND
FEATURING
MARIANNA SEAS
AND DAT FUNK!**



©Chris Kissadjekian

**CONDUCTOR:
SAMI AMIRIS**

ATHENS BIG BAND

CONCERT
MARCH 12 20:30

**MARIA FARANTOURI
SINGS BERTOLT
BRECHT**



©Yannis Margetousakis

CONCERT
MARCH 16 20:30

LA MER



©Gatsi

**SOLOIST:
EMMANUELLE BERTRAND (CELLO)**

**CONDUCTOR:
ANDREAS TSELIKAS**

**CITY OF ATHENS SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

APRIL

OPERA
APRIL 12, 16, 18 20:00
APRIL 14 18:30

**LA CENERENTOLA
GIOACHINO ROSSINI**



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**CONDUCTOR:
NIKOLAS NÁGELE**

**STAGE DIRECTOR:
RODULA GAITANOU**

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MATTEO MACCHIONI**

**DANDINI:
JAN ANTEM**

**DON MAGNIFICO:
GIULIO MASTROTOTARO**

**ALIDORO:
DAVIDE GIANGREGORIO**

**CLORINDA:
ANNIE FASSEA**

**TISBE:
MARTHA SOTIRIOU**

**CITY OF ATHENS SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA & CHORUS**

CONCERT
APRIL 23 20:30

**TRIBUTE
TO LEFTERIS
PAPADOPOULOS
WITH BETTY
HARLAFTI**



**CONDUCTOR:
ANGELOS ILIAS**

**WORKSHOP
OF GREEK MUSIC**

CONCERT
APRIL 25 20:30
CYCLE: ¡VIVA ESPAÑA!

ATHENS BIG BAND FLAMENCO PROJECT



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WITH
BERNARD VAN ROSSUM & THE BVR
FLAMENCO BIG BAND,
MARÍA MARÍN (VOICE),
MANUEL MONTERO (FLAMENCO
GUITAR),
KAREN LUGO (DANCE),
JOAN TEROL (DRUMS)

CONDUCTOR:
SAMI AMIRIS

ATHENS BIG BAND

CONCERT
APRIL 26 20:30

JULIE FUCHS



WITH
JULIE FUCHS (SOPRANO)
& ALPHONSE CEMIN (PIANO)

CONCERT
APRIL 23 20:30
CYCLE: FAURÉ

EASTER CONCERT



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SOLOISTS:
VASSILIKI KARAYANNI (SOPRANO)
PAVLOS PANTAZOPOULOS (BARITONE)

CONDUCTOR:
YUVAL ZORN

CITY OF ATHENS SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA & CHORUS

OLYMPIA, CITY OF ATHENS
MUSIC THEATRE “MARIA CALLAS”

MAY

CONCERT
MAY 18 20:30
CYCLE: ¡VIVA ESPAÑA!

¡VIVA ESPAÑA! – II



SOLOIST:
CHRISTOFOROS PETRIDIS (VIOLIN)
CONDUCTOR:
ANDREAS TSELIKAS

CITY OF ATHENS SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

OPERA
MAY 23 20:00
CYCLE: FAURÉ

PÉNÉLOPE GABRIEL FAURÉ CONCERT VERSION



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CONDUCTOR:
PIERRE DUMOUSAUD

PÉNÉLOPE:
CATHERINE HUNOLD
ULYSSE:
JULIEN HENRIC

EURYCLÉE:
ANAÏK MOREL

EUMÉE/EURYPHANTAS:
JÉRÔME BOUTILLIER

ANTINOÛS:
VASSILIS KAVAYAS

LÉODÈS:
YANNIS FILIAS

CTÉSIPPE:
FLORENT LEROUX-ROCHE

PISANDRE:
ANTHONY KORDOPATIS

CLÉONE:
CHRYSSANTHI SPITADI

MÉLANTHO:
ELENA MARAGKOU

PHYLO:
MARILENA STRIFTOMBOLA

ALKANDRE/EURYNOME:
DIAMANTIKRITSOTAKI

LYDIE/UN PÂTRE:
ANNIE FASSEA

ATHENS STATE ORCHESTRA
& CITY OF ATHENS CHORUS

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