

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mikis Theodorakis:
**Man, Artist, Musician, Politician;
Native of Crete and Citizen of the World.**

CULTURAL CENTRE OF HANIA

HANIA, JULY 29, 30 & 31, 2005

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, July 29

17:00 Opening – registration of participants

18:00 Beginning – salutations

19:00 BREAK

THEMATIC UNIT 1

MIKIS THEODORAKIS: THE MAN

1st SESSION

Presided by **George Malouhos**

19:30 *Discovering Mikis Theodorakis*
George Malouhos, journalist

19:45 *Mikis, my friend the fighter*
Dimitris Karahalios, lawyer

20:00 *Mikis, the associate*
Maria Farantouri - Petros Pandis, singers

20:15 *My friend Mikis, a friend to all the Greeks*
Byron Samios, physician

20:30 *Mikis, the father*
Margarita Theodorakis, Head of the Popular Orchestra “Mikis Theodorakis” and of the “Romanos” publications

20:45 Discussion

Saturday, July 30

THEMATIC UNIT 2
MIKIS THEODORAKIS: THE ARTIST
2nd SESSION
Presided by **Dimitris Koutoulas**

- 10:00 *Ode to Pessimism: Mikis Theodorakis's creative temperament in life, art and common initiatives*
Asteris Koutoulas, researcher, literary translator, producer of musical events
- 10:15 *Mikis Theodorakis, the innovator, as corroborated by the documents of his archives*
Stephanie Merakos, musicologist, Manager of the "Lillian Voudouri Music Library" of Greece
- 10:30 *Through the music of the words: Mikis Theodorakis's poetic writing*
Ioulita Iliopoulou, poet
- 10:45 *Through the lyre and the word: autobiographical diphony*
Lizzie Tsirimokou, Adjunct Professor of General and Comparative Grammatology at the Faculty of Philosophy of the Aristotle University of Thessalonica
- 11:00 *Mikis Theodorakis, the producer of social resources*
Dimitris Koutoulas, Professor at the Hellenic Open University
- 11:15 Discussion
- 11:30 BREAK

THEMATIC UNIT 3
MIKIS THEODORAKIS: THE MUSICIAN
3rd SESSION
Presided by **Elena Mouzala**

- 12:00 *Mikis Theodorakis's symphonic work*
Gerhard Folkerts, composer, pianist, musicologist.
- 12:15 *The first performances of Mikis Theodorakis's symphonic and choral works - Report from within*
Peter Zacher, musicologist, journalist
- 12:30 *Mikis Theodorakis's chamber music*
George Demertzis, violinist
- 12:45 *Mikis Theodorakis's piano work*
Tatiana Papageorgiou, pianist, musicologist
- 13:00 *Mikis Theodorakis's children's songs*
Dimitris Karvounis, choral conductor
- 13:15 Discussion
- BREAK

Saturday, July 30

4th SESSION

Presided by **Ioulia Lazaridou-Elmaloglou**

- 18:00** *Theodorakis's Opera: Lyricism Triumphant*
Gail Holst-Warhaft, Adjunct Professor of Comparative Literature and Classics at Cornell University and Director of the Mediterranean Initiative at the Institute of European Studies
- 18:15** *Mikis Theodorakis's ballet music*
Lorca Massine, choreographer
- 18:30** *Mikis Theodorakis: singing on stage*
George Monemvasitis, music critic
- 18:45** *Mikis Theodorakis's film scores*
Nikos Koundouros, film director
- 19:00** *From the symphonic music to the popular song and conversely: when the musical genres blend in Mikis Theodorakis's work*
Sonia Theodoridou, soprano
- 19:15** Discussion
- 19:30** BREAK

5th SESSION

Presided by **George Papadakis**

- 20:00** *Mikis Theodorakis's historical breakthrough in the evolution of Greek music: its nature and significance*
George Papadakis, composer, music researcher and critic
- 20:15** *The setting to music of Mikis Theodorakis's poems and the related research approach*
Nena Venetsanou, composer, singer, musician
- 20:30** *Similarities and differences between the Greek and Turkish musical traditions as sources of inspiration in both Mikis Theodorakis's and Zülfü Livaneli's works*
Zülfü Livaneli, composer, singer, writer and film director
- 20:45** *The social scope of Mikis Theodorakis's work*
George Dalaras, singer
- 21: 00** Discussion

Sunday, July 31

THEMATIC UNIT 4
MIKIS THEODORAKIS: THE POLITICIAN
6th SESSION
Presided by **Alkis Rigos**

- 10:00** *The Modern Greek political scene and Mikis Theodorakis's presence on it*
Alkis Rigos, Professor of Modern History at the Faculty of Political Sciences and History of the Panteion University of Athens
- 10:20** *Mikis Theodorakis's visions: in the spring and in the depths of the winter of 1960*
Christopher Argyropoulos, lawyer, Chairman of the Greek Criminal Lawyers Association
- 10:35** *Mikis Theodorakis and the 'wound of the Left'*
George Votsis, journalist
- 10:45** *Mikis Theodorakis's political activity and international initiatives after the change-over*
Elias Nikolakopoulos, Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Political Economy and Public Administration of the University of Athens
- 11:00** Discussion-testimonies
- 12:00** BREAK

THEMATIC UNIT 5
MIKIS THEODORAKIS: THE NATIVE OF CRETE AND THE CITIZEN OF THE WORLD
7th SESSION
Presided by **Eratosthenes Kapsomenos**

- 12:30** *80 thoughts about Mikis Theodorakis's 80th birthday*
Guy Wagner, writer, Mikis Theodorakis's biographer, founder of the "Mikis Theodorakis International Foundation – Filiki"
- 12:45** *Performing Mikis Theodorakis's works, works of another culture*
Arja Saijonmaa, singer
- 13:00** *Mikis Theodorakis's political cachet on the international scene*
Rashad Abushawar, writer, journalist
- 13:15** *The values of Crete in Mikis Theodorakis's work*
Eratosthenes Kapsomenos, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Ioannina
- 13:30** Discussion
- 13:45** Speech by Mikis Theodorakis
- 14:00** Closing of conference
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- 21:00** "Let's go for a stroll in Hania"
Popular Concert in honour of Mikis Theodorakis's 80th birthday
National Stadium of Hania