



**Speech of the President of Mozarteum Hellas, Mrs Evgenia Votanopoulou, at the  
2021 Mozart communities' Annual virtual meeting  
(Zoom, 30 January 2021)**

Dear Mozarteum Community Members,  
Dear Friends,  
Dear Colleagues,

Please accept my best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Before presenting the activities of 2020 and plans for 2021 of Mozarteum Hellas, please let me remind you some facts about our organisation.

Mozarteum Hellas was established in March 2019 and became a not-for-profit organisation in June of the same year

On 17 June 2019 Mozarteum Hellas became Member of the Association International Stiftung Mozarteum

Mozarteum Hellas mission and goals as reflected in the statutes are:

- A. Fostering classical music in Greece
- B. Fostering and disseminating Mozart's music heritage
- C. Organising lectures, seminars, conferences, recitals, concert performances, workshops, music events related to Mozart's work and to other composers.
- D. Creating and maintaining an archive of Mozart performances in Greece.
- E. Collaborating closely with Mozarteum Salzburg Foundation and its branches in other countries
- F. Working towards achieving the goal of raising awareness about Mozart's music and music in general. Within this framework we want to collaborate with other cultural institutions, associations and foundations to organise conferences and music events. Such projects will have multiplying effects of synergy and networking.
- G. Another important aspect of our aims is to advance music education in Greece. We want not only to make music education more visible in Greece but also to help and empower young talents and aspiring music professionals to strengthen their competences and capacities through scholarships and exchange programs.

2020 was a very challenging and difficult year for classical music, cultural activities as well as for everyone indeed.

Despite the challenges Mozarteum Hellas participated just before the start of the pandemic in the 2020 Mozart Week and the annual working session of the Mozart communities.

On Monday 27 January 2020, the day of birth of Mozart, the First Annual General Meeting of Mozarteum Hellas was held during which the Board of Directors was elected



During 2020 we organised two concerts for our members. one during the Annual General Meeting and the other one on the 13 of July the Mozarteum Hellas summer concert.

Unfortunately due to the lockdown we couldn't organize any other event with physical presence.

Finally, in November Mozarteum Hellas participated in the virtual Mozarttag.

We are planning and we have started working on a number of events for 2021.

On Monday 15 February 2021 we will host the first event of the year, i.e. our AGM & Conference.

Due to COVID-19, unfortunately, the first events of this year will take place virtually. We are pleased, though, to invite you to our virtual event. We will send all our members the invitation, the detailed programme, the Zoom link in order to attend.

The 2021 Mozarteum Hellas AGM & Conference is under the auspices of the Austrian Embassy in Athens and Stiftung Mozarteum Salzburg.

In the event we will have the honour to receive a welcome address by the Ambassador of Austria in Athens, HE Hermine Poppeller. Dr Tobias Debuch, CEO of Stiftung Mozarteum Salzburg will deliver the keynote address and of Dr Ulrich Leisinger, Head of Research Department will make the presentation of the new Mozart piece "94 seconds", a reconstructed work that made the world premiere in the digital Mozart week on Wednesday 27 January 2021.

During the summer, Mozarteum Hellas will participate with several concerts in the Austrian Greek Music Summer organised by the Austrian Embassy in Athens. Further details will be available to our website.

Finally, in July we will organise our Summer Concert for our members in Athens and you are more than welcome to participate.

Thank you.