



**Mozarteum Hellas 2021 Annual Report - President of Mozarteum Hellas, Mrs
Evgenia Votanopoulou, 2021 Mozarteum Hellas AGM & Conference**
(Zoom, 15 February 2021)

Excellencies,
ladies and gentlemen,
Mozarteum Hellas members,
all protocol observed.

I would like to welcome you to our first event of Mozarteum Hellas for 2021. I would also like to thank the Austrian Embassy in Athens and Stiftung Mozarteum Salzburg as the event is under their auspices as well as our member Professor Andrea Papatheodorou and the Aegean University that kindly offered the zoom platform for this event.

Before I present the annual report of Mozarteum Hellas activities for 2020 let me share with you a few words about our organisation;

Mozarteum Hellas was established in March 2019. In June of the same year M.H. was registered as a not-for-profit organisation and became a Member of the International Stiftung Mozart Communities. Mozarteum Hellas mission and goals as reflected in the statutes are:

- Fostering classical music in Greece.
- Fostering and disseminating Mozart's music heritage.
- Organizing lectures, seminars, conferences, recitals, concert performances, workshops, music events related to Mozart's work and to other composers.
- Collaborating with Mozarteum Salzburg Foundation and its branches in other countries with active participation in its various projects and activities such as the annual Mozart Week Festival. Such projects will have multiplying effects of synergy and networking.
- 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.

Despite the challenges of last year Mozarteum Hellas participated just before the start of the pandemic in the 2020 Mozart Week and the annual working session of the Mozart communities which was held in Salzburg. On Monday 27 January 2020, the birthday of Mozart, the first annual general meeting of Mozarteum Hellas was held and the board of directors was elected.

During 2020 we organised two concerts for our members: one during the annual general meeting and one during the summer. Mozarteum Hellas summer concert was held on the 13 of July. Unfortunately due to the lockdown we couldn't organize any other physical event. Finally on 27 November Mozarteum Hellas participated in the virtual Mozarttag organized by Stiftung Mozarteum Salzburg.



Today we are honoured to have in our conference the active participation of Stiftung Mozarteum Salzburg. With a keynote address by Dr Tobias Debuch, CEO and by Dr Ulrich Leisinger, Head of Research Department who will make the presentation of the new Mozart piece "94 seconds" a work that made the world premiere in the digital Mozart week on Wednesday 27 January 2021.

We need to focus on culture and music more than ever. We need the power of music more than ever and it is truly remarkable how much power, joy and light exist in only 94 seconds of Mozart's music!