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PRESS RELEASE

**Anniversary concert with free admission:
“100 Years of Aristotle University – 100 Years of Music: Mikis
Theodorakis”**

Thessaloniki, 19/11/2025

“100 Years of Aristotle University – 100 Years of Music: Mikis Theodorakis” is the theme of the anniversary concert organized by Aristotle University on Sunday, 23 November 2025, at 20:00, in the Ceremony Hall.

The event takes place as part of the celebration marking 100 years since the founding and operation of Aristotle University. According to the organizers, the event also honors the anniversary of the birth of a great Greek, Mikis Theodorakis, who played a decisive role in reshaping aspects of modern Greek culture through music.

**The musical ensembles of Aristotle University
revive emblematic works by Mikis Theodorakis**

The event will feature two of Mikis Theodorakis’s major compositional works: Spiritual March set to the poetry of Angelos Sikelianos, and three parts from Axion Esti set to the poetry of Odysseas Elytis. The “Giannis Mantakas” Choir, the Choral Workshop of the School of Music Studies, and the Symphony Orchestra of Aristotle University will participate in the concert, under the musical direction of Vladimir Symeonidis and the choral preparation of Erifylli Damianou. Singers Mela Gerofoti and Apostolos Sotiroudis will perform.

Inspired by Mikis Theodorakis’s unwavering belief that “art can change the world,” the concert offers a meaningful tribute to his memory, his work, and his enduring artistic legacy. It highlights the leading role the composer played in shaping modern Greek musical identity through his emblematic creations, which bridge poetry with history and collective memory. As the organizers note, the concert is not merely a return to

his major works, but also a vivid reminder of the transformative power of art—power that continues to inspire, unite, and illuminate the present, passing on Theodorakis’s artistic vision to younger generations.

Admission to the event is free.

More information:

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