



### **Lisa Xanthopoulou**

Lisa Xanthopoulou was born in Thessaloniki, where she studied piano, advanced music theory and choral conducting at the State Conservatory and the Music College of Thessaloniki. In 1992, she completed her studies at the Department of Music of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki. In 1998, she graduated from the Universität der Künste in Berlin. During the course of her studies, she was selected by the German Music Council (Deutscher Musikrat) to participate in their support program for young conductors (Dirigentenforum), where she had the opportunity to work with distinguished maestros such as: K. Sanderling, D. Kitajenko, K. Masur, and others. In 2002, she was chosen to participate in the Maestros von Morgen program (Tomorrow's Maestros). She has received awards at international conducting competitions such as the 2002 Bad Homburg Conductors' Contest, the 5th A. Pedrotti Conductors' Contest in Trento, Italy, in 1997 and the 5th International Conductors' Contest in Cadaques, Spain. In September 2005, she was appointed Artistic Director of Thessaloniki Opera, the first time this position was introduced. During her administration she also established an educational program named "Pes Opera". This pioneering program has familiarized thousands of children and young people with opera as an art form. In April 2018 she became Artistic Director of Thessaloniki City Symphony Orchestra. She has conducted performances and concerts in Germany, Italy, Cyprus, Turkey, S. Korea and Egypt. Also, she regularly collaborates with all cultural organizations in Greece.