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## A NEW STOPOVER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN FOR IIMM STUDENTS

More than ever, the IIMM deserves its name : year after year, its network of students, teachers and partners has grown, and its teaching now reaches far beyond our borders.

## MARCH 9TH TO 14TH | MASTER-CLASS | GREEK AND ASIAN SONGS

In the superb setting of Thessaloniki, **Ms Maria SIMOGLOU**, IIMM artist/teacher, offered her students from all over France and Greece the opportunity to improve their skills by immersing themselves in the environment and culture of her native country.

For her master-class devoted to Greek and Asia Minor songs, **Ms Maria SIMOGLOU** was surrounded by renowned artists : **Mr Evgenios VOULGARIS**, lecturer at the University of Arta, who spoke on the theme of « Modes and improvisation », and **Mr Yiannis DIONYSIOU**, who offered a course in « Singing and vocal improvisation ».

Six days of teaching in Thessaloniki with **Ms Maria SIMOGLOU**, **Mr Evgenios VOULGARIS** and **Mr Yiannis DIONYSIOU**, followed by two concerts, brought together IIMM students from all over France and Greece.

It was also an opportunity for Maria SIMOGLOU to intervene in primary classes at the French school in Thessaloniki.



# JANUARY **2024** | SOMETHING NEW FOR THE CERTIFYING AND DIPLOMING COURSE IN SONGS FROM GREECE AND ASIA MINOR

The pedagogical programme has been enriched by the arrival of **Ms Maria KANAVAKI** (Cretan music and Greek polyrhythm), **Mr Arthur RENDU** (music theory) and **Ms Maria ZOPOUNIDIS** (Greek language). It's a unique formation within the Institute !

## **2024** | CONSOLIDATION OF PARTNERSHIPS

#### STATE CONSERVATORY OF THESSALONIKI



Thanks to the master agreement signed between the Thessaloniki State Conservatory and the IIMM, **Mr George-Julius PAPADOPOULOS**, its Director, and **Ms Zoé SAMSARELOU**, Teacher and Pianist, will in turn be invited to give a master-class in France. The themes will be « Folk elements in Greek classical music » and « Mythology and Greek composers ».

#### FRENCH INSTITUTE OF THESSALONIKI



Encouraged by the success of this first partnership, the IIMM is renewing this master-class from March 8th to 12th 2024 at the Institut Français, with the support of **Mr Michael Pelamidis**, Cultural Officer at the French Inscitute. The programme will include a new lecture by **Mr Evgenios Voulgaris** on the same theme and a conference by **Mr Dimitris Gianniodis** focusing on the islands of Chios and Oinousses,

« Inspirers and heirs of the musical practices of Asia Minor ». The masterclass will be followed by a concert.

### FIRST PARTNERSHIPS SIGNED WITH : ·····

. The French Institute of Thessaloniki, represented by its Director **Ms Sandrine Mouchet**, General Consul . The State Conservatory of Thessaloniki, represented by its President **Mr Nikolaos AVDELLAS** . The company POLYRHYTHMIA represented by **Ms Zoé Samsarelou**, Founder and Director

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