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INFORMATION DAY FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL JOINT MASTER'S DEGREE

“Jazz and Mediterranean Music”

Ionian University & Sibelius Academy

The Ionian University (IU) and the Sibelius Academy (SibA) of the University of the Arts Helsinki (Uniarts Helsinki) are organizing an information day dedicated to the presentation of the new international Joint Master's Degree program titled “Jazz and Mediterranean Music”.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 16th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the “Aris Garoufalís” Hall of the Athens Conservatoire.

• A pioneering program for Jazz Studies and Mediterranean Music

The Joint Master's Degree program “Jazz and Mediterranean Music,” developed within the framework of the subproject “Internationalization of Higher Education Services” of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, is an innovative academic initiative responding to the growing demand for the study of intercultural practices in the art of music.

By combining two vibrant musical traditions — the global language of Jazz and the rich musical heritage of the Mediterranean — this new English-taught master's program will address an international audience as the only program of its kind worldwide.



- **Collaboration between two leading institutions**

The Department of Music Studies of the Ionian University, a pioneer in Jazz education in Greece since 1996, and the Sibelius Academy, one of the world's leading music institutions, consistently ranked 9-13th internationally, are creating a unique academic environment that bridges Northern and Southern Europe, as well as Mediterranean traditions with the international practice of Jazz.

- Participants will have the opportunity to learn about, among other topics:

- * The philosophy and objectives of the program
- * The inter-institutional collaboration
- * The structure and content of the studies
- * The learning outcomes and career prospects for graduates
- * The profile of candidates and the selection criteria

Keynote Speakers:

- Dimos Dimitriadis (Ionian University, Corfu)
- Jari Perkiömäki (Sibelius Academy, Helsinki)
- Lefteris Kordis (Berklee College of Music, Boston)
- Vasileios Katopodis (Sibelius Academy, Helsinki)
- Michalis Cholevas (Codarts, University for the Arts, Rotterdam)

Welcome addresses will be delivered by:

- Anastasia Siopsi, Chair of the Department of Music Studies of Ionian University
- Nikos Tsouchlos, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Athens Conservatoire and Professor at Ionian University

An open discussion will follow with invited academics and internationally recognized musicians from Greece and abroad, including Socrates Sinopoulos, Petros Klampanis, Tania Giannouli, Ross Daly, Human Touch, as well as members of the audience.



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The event is addressed to musicians, graduates of music departments, researchers, and anyone interested in master's-level music education.

- Free admission

Interested participants will be able to attend the event and participate online [link TBA]. The event is organized with the support and kind hospitality of the Athens Conservatoire.

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