## Yannis Zgouras

He has obtained a piano diploma from the class of N. Astrinidis, a degree in orchestral conducting from the Academy of Music of Sofia and prepared a doctoral dissertation entitled "The Musical Preparation of the Opera", at the University of Macedonia.

He has been a regular guest conductor of the Sliven Symphony Orchestra and the Gambrovo Chamber Orchestra of Bulgaria, conductor of the choir and chamber orchestra of PPC Thessaloniki, of the Thessaloniki State Conservatory Orchestra, of the Musical High School of Serres Choir and Orchestra. He also conducted the Symphony Orchestra, the Choir and the Concert Band of the Department of Music Science and Art, the Symphony Orchestra of the Municipality and the State Orchestra of Thessaloniki.

As a pianist-accompanist and choir director, he has appeared in many Greek cities, as well as at choral music festivals in Italy, the Czech Republic, Austria, Cyprus, Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Germany and Serbia. He has made the musical preparation of works of the operatic repertoire at the Academy of Music in Sofia, in Sliven, at the Music High School of Serres, at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall and at the University of Macedonia.

He has worked and taught (based on P.D. 407/80) at the Department of Music Science and Art of the University of Macedonia from 2009 to 2017, accompanying singing and instrumental classes and organizing events and performances of the Department.

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