

## Stamatis Pasopoulos / composer · performer · improviser

He was born in 1986 in Serres, where he took his first accordion and Byzantine music lessons, while the stimuli of the musical tradition of the region led to the exploration of various traditional instruments and dance.

He studied composition (class of Ilias Papadopoulos) and concert accordion (class of Konstantinos Raptis) and did his postgraduate studies in Rotterdam (Codarts) in the subject of contemporary composition with Robin de Raaff (acoustic) and René Uijlenhuit (electronic). In this context, he began his research on ways of approaching the Greek musical tradition through contemporary art and decoding common structural and functional elements of these two apparently "opposite" musical worlds, which ultimately co-exist in his works. In this context also belongs improvisation (acoustic and electronic), which is a key element for him both as a performer and as a composer.

Since 2018 he teaches composition at the Department of Music Science and Art of the University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki, Greece) in the major "Poetics" of the specialization "Greek Traditional (Community) Music". From the academic year 2020-21 he is a PhD candidate in the above department, while from 2022 he is financially supported by the Foundation for Education and European Culture (IPEP) for the said thesis.

He is active as a composer and performer in the field of traditional and contemporary music. He is a member of the contemporary music ensemble TETTIX, the free improvisation trio handful of windows and the organizing team of the Thessaloniki International Accordion Festival "REEDBLOCKS". As a composer, he has collaborated with the Onassis Foundation's Letters and Arts Center, the Greek National Opera and the Athens-Epidavros Festival.

He has received honors, most notably the 1st Prize in the G. A. Papaioannou International Composition Competition (2016), and 1st Prize in Panhellenic Accordion Competitions (2007, 2009, 2012).

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