As part of its activities, the Association organizes the 11th International Festival of Choirs and Philharmonic Orchestras, the weekend 3, 4 and 5 May 2019 at the Athens Concert Hall (Christos Lambrakis Hall).

The Greek Philharmonic-Choir Association is the first pan-Hellenic club to host the Philharmonic Orchestra Festival in Athens and Thessaloniki.

In 2011 and 2012, 3 International Festivals and Music Seminars were held with free entrances for the public. In the years 2013-14-15-16 the festival took place in Thessaloniki and was attended by more than 15,000 spectators.

The next two years the Festival takes place at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall and Athens, with a plethora of participations from Greece and abroad.

We programmed 5 musical seminars for traditional instruments as well as folk and traditional music choirs for 2019.

The festival is unique in its kind as it gives voice to dozens of choirs and orchestras and hundreds of amateur musicians from all over the world, giving rise to a meeting of artists and cultures. Several departments from Greece and abroad have participated. The number of participants is 2,000 artists who will take part in a remarkable and unique for Greece instrument, sound and voices feast.

The festival is going to be an important cultural event for the city of Athens, enhancing its extrovertness and international profile. At the same time it will showcase its city and its businesses as artists from other Greek cities and abroad will have the opportunity to get to know and live our city.

The participating sections are from Belgium, China, Bulgaria, Russia, Sweden, Slovenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Cyprus and Greece.

As a sensitized Artistic Association, the Association of Philharmonic Choirs of Greece, by its nature, has decided to give charity to the 9th International Music Festival, allocating part of the Festival's revenues to voluntary, non-profit organizations.

The core of the 11th International Music Festival will be the moral and financial support of the following associations: "Angels of the Earth", "Give Life", "Ark of the World", "Association of Crohn's Diseases and Helicopter Colitis in Greece".

The festival is under the auspices of: Hellenic Ministry of Culture, Tourism, Attica Region, and the GNTO.

## A few words about the Association

The Association of Philharmonic Choirs of Greece has the main aim of spreading polyphonic music through concerts, festivals, music seminars of choral and orchestral music.

The Association, which now numbers 400 members from Greece and abroad, was founded in 2000 by a group of music teachers.

The Association's events take place in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture (Department of Music), Local Government and other cultural and scientific institutions and associations

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