

## **Dimitris Spouras, Conductor and Clarinetist**

Dimitris Spouras is a Greek conductor and clarinet player. Spouras has won the National Greek Conducting Competition, and conducted the State Orchestra of Thessaloniki, the State Orchestra of Athens, the Russe Philharmonic Orchestra of Bulgaria, the Royal Norwegian Navy Band, the Staff Band of the Norwegian Armed Forces and many more.

While conducting he has worked with acclaimed musicians such as Eliane Rodrigues, Wilfried Van den Brande, Hendrickje Van Kerckove, Aaron Wajnberg, Nadja Nevolovitsch, Sabrina Vlaskalic and Lola Totsiou.

His teachers during masterclasses include Jorma Panula, Vasily Petrenko, Eivind Gullberg Jensen, Christian Ehwald, Johannes Gustavsson, Maria Makraki and Georgios Vagianos.

As a clarinetist, he has played with London Symphony Orchestra under many famous conductors such as Sir. Simon Rattle, Daniel Harding and Gianandrea Noseda. In 2015 Spouras founded Antwerpen Camerata in Belgium, and he is today both Chief conductor and Artistic Director of the orchestra.

He has studied Conducting at The Royal Conservatoire of Antwerp with Ivo Venkov, and at the Royal Conservatoire of Brussels with Bart Bouckaert. Additionally, he has studied Clarinet at The Royal Conservatoire of Antwerp with Ivo Lybeert and Raymond Dils.

In 2017 he finished his Master at Guildhall School of Music in Clarinet with Distinction Degree and Concert Recital Diploma. While Studying at the Guildhall School of Music with Andrew Marriner, Nicholas Carpenter and James Burke at the prestigious Orchestral Artistry Course (A collaboration course with London Symphony Orchestra) he was awarded the Leverhulme Trust scholarship. Since then he has studied conducting at The Norwegian Academy of Music with professor Ole Kristian Ruud and Sigmund Thorp.