



Dimitrios Chandrakis

Violinist

Born in Thessaloniki, Greece, violinist Dimitrios Chandrakis enjoys a career as an acclaimed soloist, chamber musician, educator and music administrator. He studied violin at the State Conservatory of Thessaloniki with Kosmas Galileas, and at the Universität für Musik und Darstellende Kunst, Wien with Günter Pichler. Dimitrios

Chandrakis has served as concertmaster of the Symphony Orchestra of the Municipality of Thessaloniki as well as the Thessaloniki State Orchestra and has appeared as a soloist with all the major Greek orchestras. He has performed extensively with the New Hellenic Quartet, of which he is a founding member. His discography with the Quartet, includes, among other works, the complete string quartets by Giorgos Sicilianos, Mikis Theodorakis, Philippos Tsalahouris, as well as Nikos Skalkottas, the early string quartets by Carl Nielsen, and the major chamber works of Ottorino Respighi, recorded for the BIS label. For his activity with the New Greek Quartet, he was awarded the Grand Prize of the Union of Music and Theatre Critics.

A sought-after teacher, Dimitrios Chandrakis has taught violin at the State Conservatory of Thessaloniki and is currently Professor of Violin at the University of Macedonia. He is also a frequent guest artist of the *Music Week* on Lefkada Island in Greece and at the *Internationale Musiktage* in Brache, Germany.

Together with maestro Miltos Logiadis and the support of the Municipality of Heraklion, Crete, Dimitrios Chandrakis created the Symphonic Youth Orchestra of Crete, giving the opportunity to young talented students from the island to perform in venues throughout Greece.

Dimitrios Chandrakis has served as chair of the Music Department of the University of Macedonia, as well as vice-president of the board of the Thessaloniki State Orchestra. Since 2018, he is the Provost of the University of Macedonia.