

## **National Lyric Theater**

The National Lyric Theater will be a space with modern technological equipment that will fulfill all the prerequisites and specifications needed to accommodate demanding, internationally-produced performances. There are plans for the creation of a museum-display area in the building complex of the Theater, where for the first time the treasures of Greek musical theater will be collected and exhibited.

The new National Lyric Theater will be an attractive cultural center whose goal will be to engage and bring a broader population into contact with typical opera enthusiasts. Through a series of educational, entertainment, and informative programs and events, the Theater aspires to strengthen and consolidate its existing audience while also instilling in the general public, and particularly in young people, a love for theater, dance and opera.

Informative programs, such as lectures and seminars and the exchange of knowledge and ideas that will precede performances, as well as the possibility for subtitle use during performances, are some of the features that will allow audiences to become engaged in the performances.

An emphasis will be placed on children's programming, like children's performances, tours (of the various areas of the opera such as backstage, the dressing rooms, etc.), educational programs, seminars, and innovative activities for children that will encourage the establishment and development of a future audience for the opera.

With the use of new technology, the new National Lyric Theater will be able to travel via Internet to other Greek cities while the Park, which will surround it, will be used as a grand outdoor theater where selected performances will be held.

Particular emphasis will be placed on the accessibility of the new National Lyric Theater and the whole project, to people with special needs. This accessibility does not only concern physical access to the area (with the use of special signs, walkways, etc.) but its digital accessibility as well.