



PROGRAMME OF THE LIGHTING CEREMONY OF THE OLYMPIC FLAME

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY
«PARIS 2024»

for the XXXIII Summer Olympic Games «PARIS 2024»
in ANCIENT OLYMPIA



Master of Ceremonies
Nikos Aliagas



Art Director & Choreography
Artemis Ignatiou



Music
Dimitris Papadimitriou



Costumes
Mary Katrantzou

MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024

11:30 • Dress rehearsal

TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024

11:00 • Closing time for admission of VIPs

- Entry of the **Presidential Guard**
- Arrival of **H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Katerina Sakellaropoulou** and the **President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Thomas Bach**

11:30 • **Opening** of the Ceremony

- Olympic Rings formed by **pupils of Ancient Olympia**
- **Olympic Anthem** - Hoisting of the Olympic Flag
(The Olympic Anthem is performed by the Mezzo-Soprano, Joyce DiDonato)
- **National Anthem of France** - Hoisting of the French Flag
National Anthem of Greece - Hoisting of the Greek Flag
*(The National Anthems are performed by the children's choir from the Greek French schools **Saint-Paul** and **Paidagogiki-Birds**)*
- Address by the Mayor of Ancient Olympia,
Mr. Aristidis Panagiotopoulos
- Address by the President of the Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games "**Paris 2024**",
Mr. Tony Estanguet



- Address by the President of the International Olympic Committee,
Mr. Thomas Bach
 - Address by the President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and Member of the International Olympic Committee,
Mr. Spyros Capralos
 - **Entry of the designated officials** in the Temple of Hera
 - **Ritual of the Lighting Ceremony** in the Temple of Hera
 - Entry of **Priestesses and Kouroi** at Ancient Stadium with the Olympic Flame
 - **Dance performance** by the Priestesses and Kouroi
*(Art Direction & Choreography: **Artemis Ignatiou**, Music Composer: **Dimitris Papadimitriou** (The music has recorded from the **National Symphony Orchestra** by direction of **Michael Economou** with vocals by **Myrsini Margariti**) Costumes: **Mary Katrantzou**)*
 - **Handing over of the Olympic Flame** by the High Priestess (**Mary Mina**) to the first Torchbearer Gold Olympic medalist of rowing TOKYO 2020, **Stefanos Douskos**
 - **Departure of the first Torchbearer** for the Pierre de Coubertin Monument
- 12:30 • **Opening** of the Olympic Torch Relay
- Departure of **H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Katerina Sakellaropoulou**
 - **End of the Ceremony**

