

# ELISA GOGOUGOU Conductor

Greek conductor Elisa Gogou is to become general music director of the Lower Bavaria State Theater in 2026.

Elisa Gogou was born in Thessaloniki, Greece.

She pursued her studies in piano at the State Conservatory in Thessaloniki and simultaneously completed a degree in Historical Musicology at Aristotle University. During a masterclass, she became acquainted with the Brazilian pianist Roberto Szidon, who invited her to the Robert Schumann Hochschule in Düsseldorf, where she completed her piano concert diploma.

Elisa Gogou was awarded the First Prize at the YAMAHA Foundation of Europe Piano Competition and also emerged as a laureate at the International Chamber Music Competition Helexpo.

Subsequently, Elisa Gogou undertook conducting studies under Lutz Herbig, also in Düsseldorf, supported by a scholarship from the Megaron Athens.

Her first professional engagement as a conductor commenced in 2003 at the Erfurt Theatre, where she held the positions of Kapellmeister and solo répétiteur. In 2007, she joined the Meiningen State Theatre as 2nd Kapellmeister and Assistant to the General Music Director. In 2012, Elisa Gogou was appointed 1st Kapellmeister at the Bielefeld Theatre. Since 2016, she has been serving as 1st Kapellmeister and Deputy General Music Director at the Anhaltisches Theater Dessau.

Elisa Gogou has appeared as a guest conductor at various opera houses and concert venues, including the Komische Oper Berlin, the Saarbrücken State Theatre, and the Würzburg Theatre. In Switzerland, she has conducted at the theatres in Bern and St. Gallen. Her conducting engagements have also included performances with the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the State Orchestras of Athens and Thessaloniki, and the Haydn Orchestra of Bolzano/Trento in Italy.

In the current season in Dessau, Elisa Gogou will be conducting *Pique Dame*, *La Bohème*, and *The Nutcracker*. Additionally, she will be leading several gala and symphony concerts with the Anhaltische Philharmonie and continues her collaboration with the Thessaloniki State Orchestra and the Symphonic Orchestra Haydn with great enthusiasm.