Yorgos Loukos is born in Athens, where after finishing his scholarship at the Marist Brothers College he left for Paris.
He studied philosophy and dance.
He worked with Roland Petit, at the Théâtre du Silence, then at the Zurich Opera, the Bayreuth Festival and the Metropolitan Opera of New York, among others.
Since 1984, he is the Director of the dance at the Lyon Opera House where he invited choreographers from all over the world to create new works.
Since 1992, he is also the Artistic Director of the Cannes Dance Festival, a festival which mainly presents young choreographers.
In 2001, he was the organiser of France Moves in New York, a big cultural event, in collaboration with AFAA (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the French Ministry of Culture and six New York City theatres.
After this successful operation, the French Ministry of Culture and AFAA proposed him to organise another festival, in collaboration with the Dance Umbrella festival and venues of the English Capital, which was held in 2005.
Since 2006, he is the Director of the Athens Festival, a great multidisciplinary festival, which program includes theatre, music and dance in Athens and Epidaurus.
He is Officer of the Arts and Letters.