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## ATHENS SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

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Under the Rectorship of Erato Chatzisavva, Associate Professor and Rector of the Athens School of Fine Arts, and the Deanship of Professor Ioannis Messinis, the School will confer the title of Doctor Honoris causa upon the internationally acclaimed Greek-Australian artist Stelarc (Stelios Arcadiou), in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the visual arts and contemporary artistic discourse. Stelarc's pioneering work—centered on the human body, technology, and experimental performance, has had a profound impact on global artistic and academic communities.

Stelarc is a Cyprus-born Australian performance artist raised in Melbourne. Until 2007 he held the position of principal research fellow in the Performance Arts Digital Research Unit at Nottingham Trent University in Nottingham, England. He is currently furthering his research at Curtin University in Western Australia. Stelarc gave his first lecture at the Master of Digital Arts of Athens in 1999.

The award ceremony will be held in Athens, Greece, on November 7th, 2025, at 7:45 p.m., in the Amphitheatre of the ASFA Library (256 Pireos Street).

Speeches honouring the awardee will be delivered by the Rector, Associate Professor Erato Chatzisavva, the Vice-Rector for International Relations and Extroversion, Associate Professor Ioannis Melanitis, and Ms. Katerina Koskina, member of the ASFA Administrative Council, Art historian PhD - Museologist and Curator.



## Invitation to the Conferment Ceremony of

