



**INVITATION TO TENDER P.A.F.C. No. 1/2020  
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**I. FACTS**

1. “Pafos Aphrodite Festival” (henceforth “**The Festival**”) constitutes an annual cultural event organized by the Company “Pafos Aphrodite Festival Cyprus” (henceforth “**PAFC**”) at the Square of the Medieval Castle in Pafos (Kato Pafos Harbor) presenting two performances of opera.
2. The subject matter of this Invitation to Tender is the artistic production and staging of Pafos Aphrodite Festival 2020 on behalf of PAFC.
3. The procedure for the selection of the Producer for the 2020 Festival (henceforth “**PAF 2020**”) is conducted based on the following:
  - \*Dates : Friday 4 and Saturday 5 September 2020
  - \*Venue : Pafos Medieval Castle Square
  - \*Number of Performances : two
  - \* Opera : The tenderer may propose an opera (or operas) of own choice
- \*Tenders must be submitted by : **Friday 31 January 2020**
4. The Festival has been established as a cultural event of international recognition with high preconditions for artistic performance and administrative efficiency.  
In the context of the Festival the following operas were staged: *Aida* (1999), *Carmen* (2000), *Nabucco* and the drama *Zorba the Greek* (2001), *Turandot* (2002), *Tosca* (2003), *Rigoletto* (2004), *La Traviata* (2005), *Un Ballo in Maschera* (2006), *Il Trovatore* (2007), *Madama Butterfly* (2008), *Lakmè* (2009), *La Bohème* (2010), *Les Contes d’Hoffmann* (2011), *Otello* (2012), *L’Elisir d’Amore* (2013), *Così fan tutte* (2014), *La Cenerentola* (2015), *Don Giovanni* (2016), *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* (2017), *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* (2018) and *Macbeth* (2019)
5. The tenderers, if they choose to, may include the participation of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra or any other Orchestra of their choice in their proposal. In the case of participation of Cypriot soloists, they will be selected via auditions held by the production and will satisfy the relevant requirements for participation in productions of high artistic level.
6. (a) Each performance will have a minimum capacity of 2.209 seats on metal tiers amphitheatrically arranged.  
(b) The stage will be constructed in the area in front of the Medieval Castle which is there to form part of the stage scenery.

**II. FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION**

1. In general:
  - (a) The organization which will be selected via the present Invitation to Tender (henceforth “**The Producer**”) will undertake the responsibility of the artistic production and staging of PAF 2020 as per a pre-agreed fee. It is hereby noted that on 6 September 2020 the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert at the venue so the sets must remain in place until the end of the concert.
  - (b) PAFC will undertake the responsibility of the organization and administration of PAF 2020.
2. The Producer will undertake the obligation not to have a direct or indirect involvement in any presentation of a part or whole of the production which will be presented in the context of PAF 2020 within the territory of the Republic of Cyprus during the time period commencing from signing the Contract Agreement for PAF 2020 until the 31.12.2020.

3. The selected organization will be requested to sign a Contract Agreement relevant to the subject matter of the present Invitation to Tender.

### **III. PRODUCER SELECTION CRITERIA**

Weight of Assessment: a) Artistic part 60%, b) Financial Proposal 40%

1. All tenders which satisfy the terms and conditions of the present Invitation will be evaluated by a committee of experts with academic or professional qualifications in opera/ melodrama or the wider field of classical music or with extensive relevant experience in the field. The Artistic Committee will evaluate the tenders as to their artistic part and will forward a specific point of view in the form of suggestion to the Company's Board of Directors.
2. All tenders which satisfy the terms and conditions of the present Invitation to Tender will be scored for their artistic part according to the following evaluation criteria:

A/A	Evaluation Criterion	Marks
1.	Prominence of the producer	0-10
2.	Prominence of the opera	0-20
3.	competence of the participants (soloists, orchestra)	0-30
4.	Director's approach of the opera	0-20
5.	Scenographic approach of the opera	0-20
		<b>Marks Total: 100</b>

- 2.1 The scoring for each individual criterion will be the average of the scoring of the members of the Artistic Committee.  
2.2 The sum of the scoring of the individual criteria will constitute the final score of the evaluation.

### **IV. SUBMITTING THE TENDER**

1. The tenders should be submitted according to the following documents attached to this Invitation to Tender:

- (a) **Entry Form**
- (b) **Preliminary drafts of the sets of the proposed production**
- (c) **Audio-visual material of the proposed production.** In case the proposed production with the proposed opera work was not performed in the past then audio-visual material of performances of the specific orchestra and the specific soloists of the proposed production should be submitted instead
- (d) **A concise profile-identity note of the candidate Producer** should be submitted, necessarily including the following:
  - **Memorandum / Articles of Association with the official name translated in Greek or English**, location and registered address if different. The name of association and address of the Tenderer or in the case the Tenderer is a joint-venture of physical or legal persons, the names of association and addresses of the members of the joint venture.
  - Names of the chairman of the managing body (i.e. Board of Directors) and of the director of the proposed production
  - Documentation regarding the proven experience of the candidate producer in relation to the subject of the Invitation, opera productions on open air stage
  - Selected published articles, distinctions (awards, appraisals etc)
- (e) **Complete draft of the Contract of Agreement ('Contract Agreement')**
- (f) **Financial analysis of the production cost ('Financial Analysis of the Producer Obligations that arise from the proposed Contract Agreement')**



**It is noted that any tenders which will not be accompanied by the above documents will not be taken into consideration.**

- 1.1 Interested parties may print out a copy of the tender documents, free of charge, by visiting the Festival's website: [www.pafc.com.cy](http://www.pafc.com.cy)
- 1.2 The tenders should be submitted either in the Greek or English language.
- 1.3 Interested parties may submit more than one proposal.
2. The tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope stating: "TENDER FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAFOS APHRODITE FESTIVAL 2020" and must be placed in the Tenders Box of the Municipality of Pafos inside Pafos Town Hall, 28th of October Square, 8100 Pafos, Cyprus, until **Friday 31 January 2020, 2.00 p.m**
3. The tenders must be free from any irregular corrections (erasing, deletion, additions etc.). In case of corrections, additions etc. these should be signed by the tenderer or a representative.
4. Tenders which have been submitted after the specified deadline or were posted on time but did not arrive at the designated place for submitting the Tenders on time will not be taken into consideration and will be considered past due.
5. All expenses and costs that may be paid by the Tenderer regarding the preparation and submission of the Tender will burden the Tenderer alone and will be included in the proposed costs (e.g. travel, accommodation and nourishment expenses of foreign personnel in Cyprus, drawings/sketches of the sets etc.). Irrespectively of the outcome of the present Invitation to Tender, the Contracting Authority bears no responsibility to cover any such expenses or costs or any other sort of expenses or costs of any Tenderer.
6. The contracting authority bears no responsibility and will provide no coverage of any type of expenses or losses that any tenderer may suffer by participating in visits or inspections of the venue of the Festival or by any other cause relevant to the tender.

## **V. INVITATION TO TENDER ANNULMENT**

1. The Invitation to Tender may be annulled before the designated deadline for submitting the tenders for specific and justified reasons when decided by the Contracting Authority.
2. Annulment after the designated deadline for submitting the tenders may be decided upon one or more of the following reasons:
  - a) No Tender has been submitted within the designated time limit,
  - b) When the terms of the documents of the Invitation to Tender include terms or technical specifications to which none of the Tenderers can comply with or when these technical specifications exclusively lead to a particular organization,
  - c) When the costs in all Tenders which satisfy the terms and technical specifications of the Invitation to Tender documents are unrealistic or seem to be the outcome of prior communication and agreement which eliminates the definition of fair competition,
  - d) When the conditions under which the Invitation to Tender has been proclaimed have been differentiated to a degree where the subject matter of the Invitation to Tender is no longer necessary,
  - e) When another important, unpredictable reason which the Responsible Body deems justified appears and applies.



## **VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-CLARIFICATIONS**

Responsible for providing additional information or clarifications is the Manager of the Company, Mrs. Stella Shepi on:

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