

# Xenophon KOUTSAFTIS

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Born in Athens in 1964

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Production design, coordination & management  
Event organisation  
Management and administration of a production company (staff of 50)  
Directing  
Script writing & project design

## LANGUAGES:

Greek and French  
Efficient level of English

## COMPUTERS:

Windows & Mac environments  
Microsoft Office: Excel, Word & PowerPoint

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JAN. 2012 - SEP. 2015

### Production management, journalistic research & fixing

MLCK, Athens, Greece

Provision of services to foreign news crews covering various topics of Greece's current affairs (the refugee crisis, suicides, elections, privatisations, the bail-out, the right-wing, the domestic debt, immigration in Greece, the far-right parties, the tax system). Clients included Arte-Reportage, BBC News, France 5, France-Inter, among others.

NOV. 2014 - JUL. 2015

### Production coordinator

MLCK, Athens, Greece

Research and coordination of all the necessary interviews included in the writing of the book *Les Grecs contre l'austérité: Il était une fois la crise de la dette* (Greeks against austerity: Once upon a time the debt crisis), Éditions Le Temps des Cerises, Paris. Published in November 2015. ISBN: 9782370710499

JUL. 2014 - SEP. 2014

### Project Leader

Koinonia Ton (De)katon, Athens, Greece

Creating a Creative Europe Project Application, for a project involving 3 partners over a 3 years long engagement period.

JUL. 2014

### Operations Manager

4<sup>th</sup> International Literature Festival of Tinos, Koinonia Ton (De)katon, Tinos, Greece

JUL. 2013 - SEP. 2013

### Operations Manager, 1<sup>st</sup> Athens World Poetry Festival

Greek Poet's Circle, City of Athens Cultural Organisation, Athens, Greece

– 69 poets, including 20 foreign poets invited from abroad

– 20 events spread across Athens for a week (23-29/09/2013)

– Athens Concert Hall, Acropolis Museum, Benaki Museum, Koumoundourou Square,

Athens Technopolis, Municipalities of Kaisariani, Nea Ionia, Nea Smyri, Ymittos & Delphi

MAY 2013 - OCT. 2013

### Production management & shooting

MLCK, Athens, Greece

Journalistic documentary on the domestic debt

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**JAN. 2013 - MAY 2013**

## **Production management & shooting**

MLCK, Athens, Greece

30 minute video portraits of 17 poets

**JUN. 2011 - AUG. 2011**

## **Production planning**

Metavision, Athens, Greece

Preparation of a pilot episode for ERT (national broadcaster) titled *Usual Heroes*, a documentary series with re-enactments of police cases

**NOV. 2010 - APR. 2011**

## **Production planning & management**

Spade Movies, BMCH Hellas, Athens, Greece

Musical TV series by Chris Economides

**JAN. 1996 - DEC. 2008**

## **Chief Executive Officer**

Lumière Productions A.E., Athens, Greece

Film and TV series production company, with the following activities:

- Management of a staff of 50
- Financial management of the company with an annual turnover of 5.000.000 €
- Production of sport broadcasts for cable channel Filmnet (OB-Van)
- TV shows and industrial documentaries
- Line production of foreign fiction feature films
- Production of Greek feature films
- Coproduction of feature films (Greece-France)

**SEP. 1994 - DEC. 1995**

## **Director, producer & manager**

Lumière Services L.T.D., Nicosia, Cyprus

Commercials and institutional videos, video-clips

**1991 - 1993**

## **Director & Assistant Director**

Stefi A.E., Athens, Greece

Feature films, commercials, TV movies and video-clips. Assistant director to Volker Schlöndorff for the movie *The Voyager (Homo Faber, 1991)* and assistant director to Nikos Alevras for the Greek TV series *Apisteftha kai omos Ellinika* (MEGA channel, 1990-1993)

## **EDUCATION**

**1988 - 1990**

**Licence Cinéma & Audiovisuel** (Bachelor in Film Studies)

Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France

**1984 - 1988**

**Diploma in Film Direction**

Higher School of Cinema «Hadjikou», Athens, Greece

## **OTHER INTERESTS**

Philosophy, History, Poetry, Chess

## FILMOGRAPHY

### PRODUCER FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-PRODUCTIONS

- 2005 Des Jours et des Nuits**  
100 minute long TV movie in two parts, for French public broadcaster France 3  
*Production:* Adrenaline | *Executive Production:* Lumière Productions | *Starring:* Stephane Freiss, Claire Nebout, Caterina Murino, Minas Hadjisavvas
- 2004 Les Champions d'Olympie**  
Documentary TV series re-enacting the daily lives of athletes during the Olympic Games in Ancient Olympia | *Production:* ARTE, Gedeon Programmes, Telgram, Lumière Productions, EPT | *Line production:* Xenophon Koutsaftis, Laurent Duret
- 2003 When We Dance Together...** (Όταν Χορεύσουμε Μαζί)  
100 minute - 35 mm, written and directed by Adrianos Georgantas | *Starring:* Themis Bazaka, Lazaros Georgakopoulos, Juliette Andréa | *Co-production:* AG Films, Olympus Films, EKK, EPT, Act Production, New Star | *Producers:* Xenophon Koutsaftis, Antigone Gavriatopoulou, Michalis Ahouriotis
- 2001 Lilly's Story**  
Feature film written and directed by Roviros Manthoulis | *French-Greek co-production:* Y Grec Films (France), G.F.C., ERT, Lumière Productions A.E., Rosebud Films, Nikos Kavoukidis (Greece) | *Starring:* Bruno Putzulu, Anna Galiena, Yorgos Vogiatzis, Thanasis Veggos, Spyros Kalogirou, Minas Hadjisavvas, Olia Lazaridou, Yiota Festa | Selected for the 59<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale. Won Best Music Award (Nikos Mamangakis) and Best Supporting Actor (Minas Hadjisavvas) at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Thessaloniki International Film Festival
- 2001 Evagora's Vow** (Το Τάμα)  
*Directed by:* Andreas Pantzis | *Written by:* Andreas Pantzis, Alexandre Adabachian | *Starring:* Valeria Golino & Georges Corraface | *Co-production:* P.A. Stefania Film Productions LTD, Cyprus Film Council (Cyprus), G.F.C., ERT 1, Kourion Films S.A., Lumière Productions A.E., (Greece), AM Studio, Bulgarian Film Center (Bulgaria) | *Funded by:* EURIMAGES | Won Best Leading Actor and Best Movie at the 2001 Thessaloniki International Film Festival
- 2000 Under the Stars** (Κάτω από τα Άστρα)  
Feature film by Christos Georgiou | *Starring:* Akis Sakellariou, Myrto Alikaki | *Production:* Lychnari Production, Cyprus Press Office (Cyprus), Mass Productions S.A., British Screen – Sales Company (England), Lumière Productions A.E. (Greece)
- 2000 I Like Hearts Like Mine - Markos Vamvakaris**  
(Μ'αρέσουν οι καρδιές σαν τη δική μου - Μάρκος Βαμβακάρης)  
Documentary by Giorgos C. Zervas | *Production:* Giorgos C. Zervas, G.F.C., ERT (Greece), Lumière Services (Cyprus) | *Funded by:* EURIMAGES
- 1999 Edge of Night** (Au Bout de la Nuit / Αυτή η Νύχτα Μένει)  
Feature film by Nikos Panayotopoulos | *Production:* Marianna Films, G.F.C., ERT, Lumière Productions A.E. | *Starring:* Athina Maximou, Nikos Kouris | *Distributed by:* ODEON | Five State Awards at the 2000 Thessaloniki International Film Festival
- 1998 Toutes les femmes sont des déesses**  
TV movie for the French channel TF1 in two parts, directed by Marion Sarraut | *Starring:* Francis Huster, Alexandra Vandernoot, Georges Corraface, Noni Ioannidou, Natalia Dragoumi | *Production:* T.F.1, Neria Productions A.E. (France), Lumière Productions A.E. (Greece)
- 1998 Innocent**  
Feature film by Costa Natsis | *Starring:* Jacques Bonnaffe, Elisabeth Depardieu, Jean-Pierre Léaud | *Production:* Blue Films, C.N.C., Canal+ (France), Lumière Productions A.E., G.F.C. (Greece)
- 1998 The Photographers** (Οι Φωτογράφοι)  
Feature film by Nikos Koundouros | *Production:* Lexicon & Partners, G.F.C., ERT, Lumière Services LTD, AM Studio | *Funded by:* EURIMAGES | Award for Best Cinematography (Nikos Kavoukidis) at the 1998 Thessaloniki International Film Festival

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- 1997 The Man in Grey** (L'Homme en gris / Ο Κύριος με τα γκρι)  
Feature film by Periklis Hoursoglou | *Starring:* Giorgos Mihalakopoulos, Eirini Inglesi | *Production:* G.F.C., Mythos Ltd. (Greece), Fama Film (Switzerland), Lumière Services LTD (Cyprus) | *Funded by:* EURIMAGES, European Script Fund
- 1997 Red Dragon** (Κόκκινος Δράκος)  
Feature film by Manousos Manousakis | *Starring:* Vicky Koulianou, Vladimiro Kyriakidis | *Production:* Tilekinisi A.E., Giorgos Karagianis & Co, G.F.C. (Greece), Lumière Services LTD (Cyprus), Parallax LTD (Bulgaria) | *Funded by:* EURIMAGES
- 1996 Wind Over the City** (Άνεμος Στην Πόλη)  
Feature film by Petros Sevastikoglou | *Starring:* Zinovi Gert, Sergei Desnitski, Genadi Nazarof, Anna Yanofskaya, Marina Vlady | *Production:* G.F.C., Stefi Films (Greece), Lumière Services (Cyprus), Mact Films (France) | *Funded by:* EURIMAGES | State Awards (1997): Best New Director, Best Movie, Best Production Design, Best Sound Design

## TV PRODUCER

- 2006 Six master sculptors** (Έξι κορυφαίοι γλύπτες)  
Cultural TV show about the sculpture exhibitions at the Greek National Portrait Gallery, directed by Kostas Mazanis and presented by Marina Lampraki Plaka | *Production:* GBC, ERT
- 2002 - 2003 Invasion** (Εισβολή)  
Weekly satirical TV show, hosted by Olga Vissaraki with celebrities as guest stars | *Broadcaster:* FilmNet/Nova | *Production:* FilmNet | *Executive Production:* Lumière Productions A.E.
- 2002 From Fire to Screen** (Απ'την Φωτιά στην Οθόνη)  
Weekly gourmet TV show with celebrities as guests | *Broadcaster:* FilmNet/Nova | *Production:* FilmNet | *Executive Production:* Lumière Productions A.E.
- 2001 - 2002 Stars of the City** (Αστέρια της Πόλης)  
Weekly TV talk show with celebrities, hosted by Natalia Dragoumi | *Broadcaster:* FilmNet/Nova | *Production:* FilmNet | *Executive Production:* Lumière Productions A.E.
- 2001 Invitation for dinner** (Πρόσκληση σε δείπνο)  
Weekly gourmet TV show, with celebrities as guests | *Broadcaster:* FilmNet/Nova | *Production:* FilmNet | *Executive Production:* Lumière Productions A.E.

## EXECUTIVE & LINE PRODUCER

- 2014 Sur Toute La Ligne**  
Feature film written and directed by Théo Koutsaftis | *French-Greek co-production:* A&G Films, G.F.C. (Greece), Artcape (France) | *Starring:* Myrto Theodoraki, Amélie Ayadi, Masa Burgic | Selected at the 55<sup>th</sup> Thessaloniki International Film Festival
- 2005 Des Jours et des Nuits** (see above)
- 2004 Les Champions d'Olympie** (see above)
- 2003 When We Dance Together...** (Όταν Χορεύουμε Μαζί) (see above)
- 1998 Toutes les femmes sont des déesses** (see above)
- 1998 World's Most Beautiful Roads: Greece, the road of Gods**  
Six episode documentary by Jean Guy Montpetit | *Production:* Coscient Productions LTD (Canada) | *Executive Production:* Lumière Productions A.E.

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## DIRECTOR (FICTION & DOCUMENTARY)

- 1999 Casting**  
TV movie written and directed by Xenophon Koutsaftis, 16/9 Super-Beta, 20 minutes |  
*Co-production:* ET3, Lumière Productions S.A
- 1994 Monasteries of Greece: Epirus & Macedonia**  
(Μοναστήρια της Ελλάδος: Ήπειρος και Μακεδονία)  
Documentary produced and directed by Xenophon Koutsaftis, for the Hellenic Tourism  
Organisation (E.O.T.) | *Production:* Lumière Services LTD, Cyprus
- 1994 The Cypriot Folk Art** (Η Κυπριακή Λαϊκή Τέχνη)  
Documentary for the Cypriot Ministry of Culture | *Production:* Lumière Services LTD,  
Cyprus
- 1992 The Train of Silence** (Το Τραίνο της Σιωπής)  
Short fiction film, written and directed by Xenophon Koutsaftis. Super 16mm, 20  
minutes | *Production:* Greek Film Center (G.F.C.), Olympus Films, Athens | State Quality  
Award. Selected at the 1992 Drama Short Film Festival (Greece) and at the Official  
Competition of the 1993 Clermont Ferrand Short Film Festival (France)
- 1988 The City that Dreams** (Η Πόλη που Ονειρεύεται)  
Short fiction film, written and directed by Xenophon Koutsaftis, 10 minutes, 16mm