

AOA Live Event Spectacular - 2004 Athens Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

Creating and producing a one-time live event with a cast of over 8,500 performers and crew, live audience of 70,000 and a worldwide broadcast audience of 4 billion is a daunting challenge in any circumstance... To pull it off with sublime artistry, creativity and showmanship is a truly Olympic achievement.

12th Annual Thea Awards **Athens 2004 Opening Ceremony**



Athens 2004 Steering Committee

President: Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki
Chief Operating Officer: Marton Simitsek
Managing Director: Ioannis Spanudakis
Executive Directors: Yannis Pyrgiotis,
Theodore Papapertropoulos
Volunteers Division, General Manager:
Dimitris Caramitsos-Tziras

Athens 2004 Ceremonies Department

Chief Coordinator: Christos Komninos
Manager for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies:
Loukia Antoniadis
Legal Advisor to the President:
Evgenia Papathanasopoulou

Opening Ceremony

Produced By: Jack Morton Worldwide
President International, Jack Morton Worldwide:
Lois Jacobs
Director of Jack Morton Public Events: David Zolkwer
Executive Producer: Andrew Walsh
Producers: Geoff Bennett, Celia Smith, Antony Spanbrook
Senior Coordinating Producer: Clare Amsel
Coordinating Producers: David Proctor, Richard Mullan,
Steve Boyd, Jenny Panoutsopoulou
Associate Producer – Cast: Michael Foley
Music Producer: Julian Scott
Headline Talent Manager: Dionissis Potsolakis
Volunteer Manager: Polly Kelekis
Field Choreography: Wanda Rokicki
Mass Choreographer - Parade of Athletes: Doug Jack
Props Supervisor: John Sadler
Wardrobe Supervisor: Jason Vaughan
Costume Supervisor: Paula Ryan
Designer of Costume Structures: Christa Bartels
Senior Technical Director: Adam Wildi
Technical Directors: Costas Charalabidis, Mik Auckland,
Nik Eltis
Associate Technical Directors: John Zarganis, James Lee,
Piers Shepperd
Operations Director: Mike Kent
Stadium Operations Director: Ronald Cameron

Creative Team

Artistic Director: Dimitris Papaioannou
Co-Creation & Music Concept Creator:
Yorghos Koumendakis
Production Design: Lili Pezanou
Choreographer: Angeliki Stelatou
Lighting Designer & Director: Eleftheria Deko
Co-Lighting Designer & Director: Robert Dickinson
Costume Designer: Sophia Kokossalaki
Video Director: Athina Tsangari
Ceremony Texts: Lina Nikolakopoulou
Pyrotechnic Design: Christophe Berthonneau
Narration Workshop Director: Roula Pateraki
Hair Designer: Alexandros Balabanis
Make Up Designer: Petros Petrohilos

Key Technical Equipment Suppliers

Lighting: VLPS Lighting Services & Procon

Aerial Systems and Staging:
Stage One Creative Services

Audio: Norwest Productions

Video Projection: Creative Technology

Pyrotechnics Production: Groupe F in association with
Nanos Fireworks & Pyro Spectaculars by Souza

Show Communications: The PA People

Lasers: Tarm Showlaser GmbH

Crewing: Showforce

Centaur Conception and Design: Farmer Attraction
Development

Centaur Fabrication: ARTEM Ltd.