

## MICHALIS CHATZIGIANNIS



Michalis Hatzigiannis (Greek: Μιχάλης Χατζηγιάννης; born November 5, 1979 in Nicosia, Cyprus) is a popular Greek Cypriot recording artist. From 2000 to 2009, Hatzigiannis has received over 30 certifications in Greece alone, making him one of most successful artists of the decade. Hatzigiannis is also known for representing Cyprus in the Eurovision Song Contest in 1998. In 2010, Hatzigiannis released his first English language album in Europe. In 2010, Forbes listed Hatzigiannis as the 22nd most powerful and influential celebrity in Greece and fifth highest ranked singer.

### Early life

Hatzigiannis was born in Nicosia, Cyprus on November 5, 1979. He is a graduate of the Cyprus Music Academy (Royal College of London) with a degree in piano, guitar and music theory.

When he was 18, he participated in a song contest in Cyprus, "Afetiries" where he won the first prize. Afterwards, he also participated in the "Laiki Bank Song Contest" with the song 'I Diki Mou Istoria' written by Andreas Gerolemou and won the first prize. In 1995, he participated in the Cypriot National Final for the Eurovision Song Contest 1995 with two songs, namely "Filise Me" (written by Andreas Gerolemou) and "To Gramma" (written by Leonidas Malenis) where the former entry came in 3rd place and the latter entry landed in second place. That year Alex Panagi won the preselection with the song "Sti Fotia". Michalis started his career in Cyprus with three records that all went platinum: "Senario", "O Michalis Hatzigiannis Traguda Doro Georgiadi" and "Epafi". He also participated in a musical production in Cyprus called "Pygmalion" in addition to also performing a number of concerts in major city tour in Cyprus titled "Michalis Hatzigiannis, Andreas Gerolemou".

### Musical career

1998–2002: Eurovision Song Contest and first albums

2003–2005: "Monos Mou" and Akatallili Skini

2006–2008: Filoi Kai Ekthri and 7

2009–present: Kolaz & Michalis

## Personal life

He was dating Cypriot singer Despina Olympiou. He is currently in a relationship with Zeta Makrypoulia.



## Awards

- Pop Corn 2001: Best New Artist
- Arion 2003: Best Pop Artist, Best Pop Album(Krifo Fili), Best Artistic Singer
- Arion 2004: Best Artistic Song(Monos mou), Best Modern Laikos Singer, Best Singer of the Year, Best-Selling Single(Monos <ou)
- Mad Video Music Awards 2004: Best Pop Video-clip(Monos Mou), Best Artistic video-clip(To Party), Best Video-clip of the Year(Monos mou)
- Arion 2005: Best Artistic Singer, Best Pop Singer, Best Pop Album(Akatallili Skini), Best Pop Song(Gia Sena), Best Album of the Year(Akatatallili Skini)
- Mad Video Music Awards 2005: Best Video-clip of the Year(Gia Sena)
- Status 2006:Best Male Singer of the Year
- Arion 2006: Best Artistic Song(Na Minis Edo)
- Cyprus Music Awards 2006: Best Greek Song(De Fevgo), Best Greek Single(Oniro Zo)
- Status 2007:Best Male Composer of the Year
- Cyprus Music Awards 2007: Best Male Artist, Best Album of the Year (Fili & Ehtiri), Best Single(Ola i Tipota)
- Mad Music Video Awards 2007:Best Pop Video-clip(Ola i tipota),Best Video-clip of Male Artist(Ola i Tipota),Best Video-clip of the Year(Ola i Tipota),Most Played Artist
- Arion Awards 2007:Best Folk Song(Na Ise Eki), Best Artistic Song(De Fevgo), Best Pop Album(Fili & Ehtiri), Best Song of the Year(Ola i Tipota), Album of the Year(Fili & Ehtiri),