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**Story Headline:** IOC President Thomas Bach says the Olympic Games in Rio will deliver a message of hope in troubled times.

**Event:** The lighting of the Rio 2016 flame and the start of the Olympic Games Torch Relay.

**Location:** Ancient Olympia, Greece.

**Date:** 21 April 2016

**SHOT LOG & Transcripts of sound-bytes:**

Establishing shot - Temple of Hera, Ancient Olympia
Presidential guards marching ("Evzones")
Priestess playing flute
Priestess drumming
Olympic Anthem (partially)
Olympic Flag

**SOUNDBYTE:** Carlos Nuzman, President of the "RIO 2016" Organising Committee. (English Language)
"As a proud Brazilian we stand here in this sacred place of the Olympic movement. It is our honour to live this dream. The dream of Rio Olympic Games, the first in our country, the first in South America, the first in a different region of the world."
Overview of venue

SOUNDBYTE: Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee. (English Language)
"Today marks the start of the flame’s journey to Brazil. These Olympic Games will be a message of hope in troubled times – and the flame will carry this message into all corners of Brazil and, indeed, all the world. Despite the difficulties that Brazil is facing today, the flame is a timeless reminder that we all are part of the same humanity. The flame is an ancient symbol of peace and harmony, a symbol of the power of humanity to come together despite our differences. This will be the legacy of the Olympic Games for Brazil and for the world. The torch relay will spread the message of our shared humanity to all people of the beautiful country of Brazil, a nation that is built on the idea that its strength comes from uniting all of its cultural richness. Brazil is unique in its diversity. Let the celebration of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in this vast and wonderful country show the world the true meaning of unity in diversity."

Priestesses entering the temple of Hera
High Priestess (played by actress Katerina Lehou) lights the flame
High Priestess lights the Olympic Torch of the first torchbearer, Eleftherios Petrounias.
Petrounias pays homage to the Pierre de Coubertin monument.
Petrounas hands over flame to Giovane Gavio, 2nd torchbearer.

Torchbearer facts
Eleftherios Petrounias
(Gymnast Eleftherios Petrounias, 26, who secured a spot at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, won three gold medals on rings in 2015: at the World Championship, in Glasgow, the European Championship, in Montpellier, and the European Games in Baku. Petrounias was voted the best athlete of 2015 by the Pan-Hellenic Association of Sport Press. This is
his first participation in the Olympic Games.

Giovane Gavio,

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