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Diary of Events
January - March 2018



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JANUARY



Tuesday 9 January to Tuesday 30 January - The Hellenic Centre

The Preparation An exhibition of photographs by Kostis Paraskevas. Shot in black and white the photographs enable the viewer to focus on the "behind-the-scenes" preparation and feelings of every performance by the Lykion ton Hellinidon London, rather than the magnificent costume patterns and colours. Meet the Artist: Thursday 18 January, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 11 January, 6pm to 8.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

C. P. Cavafy: The Poetics of History and the Music of Poetry A series of illustrated presentations in English, by Bettany Hughes, Anastasios Ioannis Metaxas, Nikos Tsouchlos and Stefanos Geroulanos followed by a concert with the first musical settings of Cavafy's poetry by Dimitris Mitropoulos, with Angelica Cathariou and Thodoris Tzovanakis. The event will be complemented by an exhibition of coins, posters and paintings related to the work of the Alexandrian poet, to mark the English edition of the book *C. P. Cavafy: Historia Arcana - A Hidden History* by Stefanos Geroulanos. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 12 January, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Vasilopitta Greek Celebration for the New Year organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon. Free entry; bookings and further information: enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk.

Monday 15 January, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

A Baptism of Fire: Patrick Leigh Fermor on the Greek-Albanian Border 1940 A lecture by James Pettifer, Professor of Balkan History, Oxford. Free entry but attendees are invited to make a donation in support of the Patrick Leigh Fermor Society's assistance towards the Kardamyli house; booking essential: info@patrickleighfermorsociety.org. Organised by the Patrick Leigh Fermor Society.

Friday 19 January, 7pm to 9pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton St, London SW3 2JL

Vasilopitta organised by the Ionian Society. Tickets £15; price includes food, wine and live music. Bookings and further information: 020 7589 2371, mariaandipa@gmail.com, angeliki.petropetsioti@gmail.com, stamo@btinternet.com.

Friday 19 January, 8pm - The Hellenic Centre

Vasilopitta organised by the Hellenic Medical Society UK. Booking and further information: secretary@hellenicmedicalsocietyuk.org

Saturday 20 January, 7.30pm to 9.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Hellenic Centre's New Year Celebration with the Jiannis Pavlidis Jazz Trio New Year, new beginnings and what's best than to celebrate 2018 sharing vasilopitta, the traditional New Year's cake, with our Members and Friends in an evening infused in jazz melodies. Live music by Jiannis Pavlidis, guitar; Sam Quintana, bass; Jordan Dinsdale, drums with a programme including jazz classics by Miles Davis, Ron Carter, John Coltrane. Tickets £12; concessions £10. Free for Hellenic Centre Members only, but seats have to be reserved by Friday 12 January. Price includes live music, vasilopitta and a glass of wine. Bookings: 020 7487 5060 or <https://hcnycelebration2018.eventbrite.co.uk>. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**



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Monday 22 January, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Greeks in Anatolia and the Black Sea Region Travel Photographer Dimitra Stasinopoulou takes us, through an illustrated presentation in English, to the numerous ancient Greek cities established on the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts of Turkey and to the Black Sea region. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 30 January, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Celebration of Christian and Greek Literature A lecture by Dr Michael Tzanakis organised by the Archdiocese of Thyateira. Further information on 020 7723 4787. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

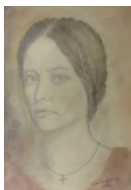
FEBRUARY

Thursday 1 February, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Crossing the Wine Dark Sea The sea was at the heart of the ancient world: it facilitated trade and cultural exchange, helping to shape an identity. But the sea was also a barrier: a dangerous crossing-point which brought death and misery to many. Paul O'Mahony recites a selection of readings from Homer's *Odyssey*, along with modern poems about refugees, homecoming and the sea. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 2 February, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Χώρος-Χρόνος (Time-Space) Konstantina Kolokythas Stamatelopoulou presents, in Greek, her poetry collection *Χώρος-Χρόνος*. Free entry; booking essential: 07973 573820, dina_ko@hotmail.com. Organised by Eteria Ellinon Epistimonon. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**



Friday 2 February to Tuesday 27 February - The Hellenic Centre

The Byzantine World of Ilias Kontozamanis An exhibition, previously presented at Sismanogleio Megaro (Istanbul Greek Consulate) and inaugurated by his Holiness, Bartholomew I, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, comprising of paintings depicting the most important personalities and protagonists of the Byzantine Empire. Meet the Artist: Monday 5 February, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 8 February, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Tsiknopempti Celebration of Greek Carnival with food, music and Greek dancing. Further information and bookings: 020 7794 1353, 020 8209 0078, soula.moraitis@morfam.co.uk, enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk. Organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon.

Monday 19 February, 7pm to 10pm - The Hellenic Centre

Kathara Deftera Celebration Carnival is at an end and we meet on this special Monday to celebrate the beginning of Greek Lent with traditional vegetarian food, live music by members of Kourelou-Greek Collective and lots of dancing. Tickets £20, concessions £18, Hellenic Centre Members £16. Price includes live music and a taster of *sarakostiana*. Bookings: 020 7487 5060 or <https://hckatharadeftera18.eventbrite.co.uk>. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**



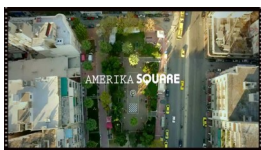
FREE CULTURAL EVENTS

Thursday 22 February, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Queen of Cities - The Story of Constantinople from Prehistory to the Present An illustrated lecture by Dr Bettany Hughes, historian, author and broadcaster. Free entry; booking essential: admin@gacuk.org. Organised by the Greek Archaeological Committee UK.

Sunday 25 February, 1pm to 2pm - The Hellenic Centre

Reminiscing the Greek Songs of the Past A lunchtime piano and voice recital with Rafaella Charalambous and Christos Fountos, presenting famous songs by Theodorakis, Hadjidakis, Plessas, Sougioul and others in an operatic form. The programme also includes songs of famous classical composers influenced by Greek music and Cypriot traditional tunes, all in unique arrangements. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**



Sunday 25 February, 3.30pm & 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Amerika Square - Πλατεία Αμερικής How do the fates of a local tattoo artist, a Syrian refugee from Aleppo and a young xenophobic man intersect? What happens when the fountain of your local square becomes the symbol of your identity, when you rediscover your neighbourhood street benches only after the immigrants start using them as beds, when you start counting how many Greeks and how many foreigners live in your block of flats? Directed by Yannis Sakaridis, and based on the book *Victoria does not exist* by Yannis Tsirbas, *Amerika Square* looks at the human side of the immigration debate and reveals the answers through a bracing and morally complex tale. Film duration: 87 minutes; language: Greek with English subtitles. Q&A with the director, producer and one of the actors after each screening. A special live music recital with Ksenia Dania, who makes her acting debut in the film, accompanied on the piano by Ioannis Christodoulou, will take place at 5.30pm; the recital can be attended by film ticket holders only. Tickets £15, Concessions £13, Hellenic Centre and OBF Members £12. Bookings on 020 7487 5060 or <https://hcamerikasquare.eventbrite.co.uk>. Supported by Argo Travel and Aegean Airlines. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre, Oinoussai Benevolent Fund and Marblemen Productions.**

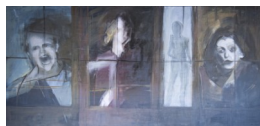
MARCH

Friday 2 March, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Coming Home to the Other: a Greek, a Turk and Stories of a Shared Past An event, in English, of family tales and music. Greeks and Turks are brought up as enemies, but when Pelin and Stella met they discovered hidden within their own family pasts, shared destinies of exile, exclusion and love. These swept away what they had been taught to believe. Join Stella Kassimati, Pelin Turgut and musicians Huseyin Alpaslan and Nazli Atlatli in a storytelling adventure beyond borders into our common humanity. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. Private reception for Members of the Hellenic Centre only to follow. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 2 March to Monday 19 March - The Hellenic Centre

Point of «You» There is always something hiding behind doors, windows and keyholes; the story of the “other” that strives to be told. Dora Constantinou tries to become the other and capture in her paintings his/her feelings. Meet the Artist: Wednesday 7 March, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**



GREEK LANGUAGE COURSES

Thursday 15 March, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Beyond Brexit: What comes next for EU Nationals? The Brexit Effect on the Status of EU Citizens A panel discussion, chaired by Professor Kevin Featherstone (London School of Economics), with Vicky Pryce, Barrister Jolyon Maugham QC and journalist Nikos Konstantaras, Kathimerini newspaper. Free entry; booking essential: 07904 086677, sec@macedonia.org.uk.

Friday 16 March 2018, 7.30pm to 11pm - Jakob's, 20 Gloucester Road, London SW5 4RB
Kantades Ionian Evening Live music by Pavlos & Co., singing, dancing and get together, as well as a four course meal and a glass of wine. Proceeds to The Children in Need, Greece. Tickets £30; bookings and further information: 020 7581 1244, 0780 877 7946, mariaandipa@gmail.com, angeliki.petropetsioti@gmail.com, stamo@btinternet.com.

Saturday 17 March, 2pm to 5pm & Sunday 18 March, 1pm to 4pm - The Hellenic Centre



Μία Ζαχαρένια Συσταγή – A Sugary Recipe, An Easter Celebration for Children Fornos Theatre brings to London the story of Sugar Renos, a very special confectioner. Renos lives in a city up in the clouds and makes the most amazing sweets for fairy tale characters. One day he decides to make something sweet for those who live on Earth. But this proves rather difficult as the three Little Pigs and the Little Red Riding Hood feel that they are left out. This interactive play is based on the book *Μία Ζαχαρένια Συσταγή - A Sugary Recipe*, a story of love and solidarity by Greek author and police officer Foteini Konstantopoulou,

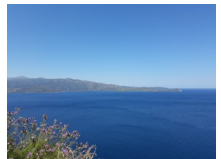
who has received an award by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The play will be followed by Easter activities such as decorating the traditional Easter candle (lampada), making Easter bunnies and Easter baskets filled with colourful eggs. Duration of play: one hour with no interval; language: Greek; suitable for children over 3. Tickets adults £15, children over three £13 ; adults admitted only if accompanying children. Further information and bookings: 020 7487 5060 or <https://hcchildren.eventbrite.co.uk>. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 19 March, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Charmed Lives in Greece: Ghika, Craxton and Leigh Fermor The close friendship between Niko Gkika, John Craxton and Patrick Leigh Fermor lasted for fifty years until the end of their lives. The lecture in English, by Evita Arapoglou, organised to mark the exhibition *Charmed Lives in Greece: Ghika, Craxton and Leigh Fermor* at the British Museum, will focus on how deeply their shared love of the Greek world influenced their work. Photographs from their lives, letters and dedications, together with images of their works of art and excerpts from evocative writings, will narrate the story of this significant friendship and of the charm of living in Greece. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre and the A G Leventis Gallery, Nicosia.**

Wednesday 21 March to Thursday 12 April - The Hellenic Centre

Impressions of the Peloponnese An exhibition of photographs by landscape and seascape photographer, Ravenna Moncreiff, with images of olive trees, flowers, mountains, the sea and historic towns of the southern Peloponnese in late Spring. Meet the Artist: Thursday 22 March, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**



SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 21 March, 7.15 - The Hellenic Centre

Μετανάστης η Ελπίδα (Refugee Hope) An event of words and music presenting the new poetry collection of Clelia Charissi, organised to mark the International Day of Poetry. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 23 March, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Greece and England Meet through Violin and Piano An established duo much in demand in London and the South east, British violinist Oliver Nelson and Greek pianist Vasilis Rakitzis, present a recital including works inspired by the folk traditions of their respective countries. The programme features Vaughan-Williams's pastoral idyll of 1914 *The Lark Ascending* as well as Konstantinidis's picturesque *Petite Suite sur des thèmes du Dodécanèse* of 1947. The recital will culminate with one of the repertoire's true masterworks, the *D minor sonata* by Brahms. Tickets £12, concessions and Hellenic Centre Members £8. Bookings on 020 7487 5060 or <https://hcviolinpianorecital.eventbrite.co.uk>. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Sunday 24 March, 7.30pm - Rudolf Steiner House, 35 Park Road, London NW1 6XT

Louis Demetrius Alvanis and Friends A recital including works by Frederic Chopin, Claude Debussy, Gregers Brinch and Christodoulos Georgiades. Tickets £20, £18, £15, Concessions £16, £14, £12. Bookings: <https://internationalconcertseries.eventbrite.co.uk>.



Tuesday 27 March, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Nasso The story of an Italian fugitive, an Anglo-German composer of Jewish origin, and a young Greek woman in the Greek island of Naxos in 1943, is unearthed 70 years later by the grandson of an Italian soldier. The author of the novel *Nasso*, Professor Franco Rampazzo discusses his work with publishing editor Frazer King, on the occasion of the novel's translation into Greek. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Deadline for submitting information for this period is **Friday 23 February 2018**

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