



THE HELLENIC CENTRE

Diary of Events **April - August 2012**



The winner of the first Modern Olympic Marathon
Spyros Louis wearing his medal on the waist-coat of his fustanella, 1896

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THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPICS, ATHENS 1896
An Exhibition of Rare Photographs

The Great Hall, 3 July– 12 August 2012

APRIL

Friday 30 March to Tuesday 24 April - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

The Changing Face of Greece An exhibition of environmental portraits by Manes Pangalos, depicting people facing their daily lives. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 20 April, 7.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

C N Hadjipateras Memorial Lecture delivered in Greek by Stelios Ramfos, philosopher and social thinker. The lecture, entitled *Something Has to be Done*, discusses the current crisis in Greece from a philosophical and historical perspective. Free entry. Further information and bookings on 07887 878719 or at secretary@eteriaellinonepistimonon.org. Organised by Eteria Ellinon Epistimonon.

Tuesday 24 April, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Why do the Aegean Islands Matter so Much? An illustrated talk by Nigel McGilchrist, looking at how and why the unusual and challenging geography of the Aegean Sea, its islands, islanders and coastal settlers were instrumental in laying the foundation of the Western genius in sculpture, scientific thinking, social organisation and commerce. Nigel McGilchrist is author of the *Blue Guide to Greece: the Aegean Islands* and of a twenty-volume series of books, *McGilchrist's Greek Islands*, covering the history, art and topography of the Aegean. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 26 April & Friday 27 April - Shakespeare's Globe, Bankside, London SE1

Pericles Shakespeare's play performed in Greek by the National Theatre of Greece. Performance times: Thursday 26 April at 2.30pm, Friday 27 April at 7.30pm. Tickets £5-£35. Further information and bookings on 020 7401 9919 or at www.shakespearesglobe.com.

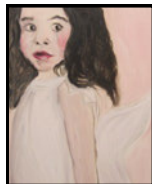
Friday 27 April, 7.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Marina Yannakoudakis, MEP gives a talk in English on her activities in the European Parliament and perspectives for the future. Attendance to be confirmed on 020 8445 8055 or at poppy@marinayannakoudakis.com by 23 April.

Monday 30 April, 7pm to 10pm - Hellenic Centre

Easter Celebration at the Hellenic Centre Bar Come and crack red eggs with us! Enjoy another Greek tradition and an evening of live Greek music. Tickets £10; price includes a plate of Greek meze and a glass of wine. Further information and bookings on 020 7487 5060. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

MAY



My Little Angel

Tuesday 1 May to Thursday 31 May - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Memories, Dreams and Fairytales An exhibition of oil paintings of children by Erene Dellaporta, inspired by memories, dreams and fairy tales from childhood. Private view on Thursday 10 May, 6.30-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Office Opening Hours Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm

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Tuesday 1 May, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Tauris-City: Crossbred Dialogues Across the Black Sea, on the shore of Tauris, a land prone to violent sacrifices, two Greeks arrive, looking for redemption on their way back to Athens. Tangled in Plato's dialogical webs, two actors construct traps and keepnets. A presentation/exploration of the realms of ancient dramatic dialogue by Maria Gaitanidi and Stéphane Poliakov followed by a discussion with the participants. Free entry. Further information at info@rawmaterial.com. Organised by Rawmaterial. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 4 May - The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St Sophia, Moscow Road, London W2

Concert by the Choir of the Ionian University, Greece. World premier of Dimitris Maragopoulos's work *Η Έλαφος εις την Πηγήν* based on St Mark's Liturgy. An additional performance by the University's Byzantine Choir will take place during the mass on Sunday 6 May. Further information on 020 7229 7260 or at www.stsophia.org.uk.

Tuesday 8 May, 7pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Κίνηση και Μουσική (Movement and Music) A presentation in Greek of the book *Κίνηση και Μουσική* by the author Orestis Rossides. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 10 May, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Mirror Images: Greek Women Through Time An illustrated talk in English by Dr Simoni Zafeiropoulou on the life of women in ancient and modern Greece based on representations of women on ancient vases, sculptures and clay figurines and on photographs by well known photographers of the 20th century. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Wednesday 16 May, 7.15pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

"Trojan Women" Performed in Post-War Greece: Approaches to Stage Presentation and Scenography An illustrated lecture in English by Dr Maria Konomis focusing on diverse currents, trends and approaches underlining stage representations -and presentations- of this popular Euripidean tragedy. Since its belated Epidaurus premiere during the mid sixties, the play has been performed around forty times in Greece. Special emphasis will be given on issues such as local cultural politics, shifts in visual aesthetics and a comparative analysis of international and Greek approaches to staging tragedy. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 18 May, 7.30-m - New Diorama Theatre, 15 Triton Street, Regent's Place, London NW1

The Greek Playback Psi Theatre Company invites you to take part, share stories and watch them performed on stage by the group's actors in a unique performance which takes place under the umbrella of the Playback Theatre Week 2012, organised by "True Heart Theatre". Artistic director and leader: Lambros Yotis. Tickets £12, £10 concessions. Further information and bookings on 020 7383 9034 or at www.newdiorama.com.

Monday 21 May

Trip to Lacock Abbey organised by the Fundraising Committee of the Hellenic Centre. Proceeds in aid of SOS Children's Charity in Greece. Departure from the Hellenic

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Centre at 9.45am promptly; departure from Lacock Abbey at approx. 4.30pm. Tickets £45; price includes return trip, entrance to the Abbey (cloisters and rooms) and grounds, Fox Talbot Museum and exhibition. Lunch not included but available at Lacock Village. Limited places available. Bookings and further information on 07768 470709 or 020 7487 5060.

Friday 25 May, 7pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

The Fellowship of Women - A History of the Success of Women Doctors into Surgery

An illustrated lecture in English by Margaret Ghilchik. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Organised by the Hellenic Medical Society and Eteria Ellinon Epistimonon. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 28 May, 7.15pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

The Town Houses of Andros (Αστικά Σπίτια της Άνδρου) Presentation of the new book, published in Greek and English, by Lia Daniolou-Polemis on these unique houses on the island of Andros. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Wednesday 30 May, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Piano Recital by Virginia Rousiamani. Programme to include *Partita No.2 BWV 826* by J S Bach and *Fantasies, Op 116* by J Brahms. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

JUNE

Wednesday 6 June, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Piano Duo Concert with Christos Marantos and Harald Ossberger. Programme to include *Overture "Die Zauberflöte"* by W A Mozart, *New Cycle of Short Pieces* by P Liakakis, *Zwei Episoden aus Lenaus Faust* by F Liszt, *...üben im horizontgewinn und traumverlust...* by H Laueremann, *Piano quintet in E flat major, Op 44* by R Schumann in transcription for piano four hands by Clara Schumann. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Organised by the Press and Communications Office, Embassy of Greece. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 8 June, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

A Tale of Two Cities: Urban Reconstruction and Identity Formation in Izmir and Thessaloniki Izmir and Thessaloniki, both being wealthy Ottoman ports until the early 20th century, were severely destroyed by fire in 1922 and 1917, respectively. This illustrated lecture, in English, by Kalliopi Amygdalou discusses their subsequent reconstruction and explores the involvement of architecture and urbanism in the process of identity formation within the context of nationalism and peripheral modernities. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 11 June, 6.30pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Anatolia College of Thessaloniki 125th Anniversary Reception Anatolia College of Thessaloniki will be hosting a celebration of the 125th Anniversary of its founding in Asia Minor. The event will include a brief presentation highlighting the institution's contribution to the education of generations of Greeks. Entry by invitation only. Further information on

Membership

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Wednesday 13 June, 6pm - Beveridge Hall, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1

The John Penrose Barron Memorial Lecture delivered by Panos Valavanis, Professor of Classical Archaeology, University of Athens and entitled *Athletics and Politics in the Ancient Greek Games*. Organised by the Institute of Classical Studies in association with the Embassy of Greece. Sponsored by the Greek Archaeological Committee (UK). Entry by invitation only.

Wednesday 13 June, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Runciman Award Ceremony organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League; sponsored by the National Bank of Greece. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7486 9410 or at info@anglohellenicleague.org.

Thursday 14 June, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Creating a New Imperial Capital - The Case of Ravenna An illustrated lecture by Judith Herrin, Emeritus Professor of Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, King's College London. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org.
Organised by the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies and the Hellenic Centre.

Friday 15 June, 7.30pm - Baity, 172 Walton Street, London SW3

Kantades Evening organised by the Ionian Society. Ticket £25; price includes dinner, a glass of wine and live music. Bookings and further information on 07808 777946 or at Anastasia.savidu@hotmail.co.uk.

Saturday 16 June, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Annual Dinner Dance organised by the Hellenic Medical Society. Further information and bookings at Secretary@hms1_UK.yahoo.co.uk.

Sunday 17 June

Marylebone Summer Fayre Further information on www.marylebonesummerfayre.com.

Sunday 17 June, 5pm to 6pm - Great Hall

Voice and Piano Recital with Spyros Antonopoulos (tenor) and Niki Yoon (piano). Programme to include *Dichterliebe* by R Schumann and selections from *Mörike Lieder* by H Wolf. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 18 June, 6pm - Council Room, King's College London, Strand, London W2

Katie Lentakis Award Ceremony organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7486 9410 or at info@anglohellenicleague.org.

Thursday 21 June, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The Thread Victoria Hislop presents her latest novel, *The Thread*, which is set in Thessaloniki during the turbulent years of the 20th century. She was greatly inspired by music while she was writing the book and the evening will also include a recital entitled *Nocturnal Confessions - A Dialogue Between Manos Hatzidakis's Music and Greek Traditional*

Conference Facilities

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Catering, Events & Friends Room Exhibitions

Christina Vagioti, 020 7563 9836 or christina@helleniccentre.org

Music, performed by Miltos Logiadis (piano) and Christos Zerbinos (accordion). Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Saturday 23 June, 10.30am to 2pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Olympic Games 2012: from Olympia to London A painting exhibition/competition for pupils (6 to 16 years old) of London Greek Schools. Further information on submissions and time of award ceremony on 020 7221 0093 or 020 8881 6982. Organised by the Greek and the Cypriot Education Missions. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

JULY



Tuesday 3 July to Sunday 12 August - Great Hall Hellenic Centre

The First Modern Olympic Games, Athens 1896 An exhibition of rare photographs from the archives of the Benaki and National Historical Museums of Athens depicting the very first Modern Olympic Games, held in Athens in 1896. These rarely seen images depict the Games, from the Stadium's restoration right through to the Winners' Parade during Award - Giving Ceremony and the Closing of the Games. Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 4pm-6pm. Morning school visits welcome; by appointment only. For late evening and weekend openings call 020 7487 5060. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre** in celebration of the 2012 Olympics. Sponsored by the Hellenic Foundation.

The Greek athlete Panayiotis Paraskevopoulos, 2nd place in the discus, 1896 - Photo Albert Meyer, © Benaki Museum

Saturday 21 July, 10am - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Homer's Iliad Day-long marathon reading and singing of the Iliad by Homer, on the occasion of the 2012 Olympics. Presented by EMMY Award Winner Yannis Simonides, the Readers of Homer in association with Elliniko Theatro (NY, USA) and the Hellenic Centre, with the participation of athletes, students and visitors from around the world. Registration will commence mid-April and will be open to all. Passages may be read or sung in Homeric or Modern Greek, English and the languages of the world. Ancient music will be played on reconstructed instruments by the Athenian ensemble Lyravlos and Homeric edibles and potables will be available. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 30 July, 7.15pm—Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Presentation by the President of the Cyprus National Olympic Committee, Hon. Professor Mr Ouranios Ioannides. Details at a later stage. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre and the Cypriot Estia of London.**

AUGUST

The First Modern Olympic Games, Athens 1896

Exhibition continues in [Great Hall, Hellenic Centre](#) until 12 August

Facilities for disabled people

Access to main venue via steps; a stair climber is available; please advise in advance

A lift provides access to all floors, except the third floor



Friday 3 August to Friday 10 August - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Ο Αθλητισμός στην Κύπρο: Μια Ιστορία Αιώνων
Sports in Cyprus: A History of Centuries

An exhibition of photographs of archaeological findings, spanning from Bronze Age to the Roman Period (2500BC-330AD), from the collections of Cyprus Archaeological Museum in Nicosia, Pierides-Laiki Group Museum and Limassol District Museum. Organised by the Cyprus Athletics Organisation on the occasion of the 2012 Olympics. Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 4pm-6pm. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

*Young Man's Head, last quarter of the 5th century BC (Cypro-Classical period)
From the sanctum of Potamia, currently at the Cyprus Archaeological Museum in Nicosia*

FORTHCOMING HELLENIC CENTRE EVENTS

Monday 3 September to Thursday 6 September

Game: RE-START

An exhibition of emerging Hellenic contemporary art
Supported by the International Comics Festival of Athens and Babelart

Tuesday 18 September

Classical Chamber Music Concert

with Vasileios Rakitzis (piano) and string players from the State Orchestra of Athens
Programme to include works by Schubert, Mozart and Schumann

Saturday 29 September

RELOAD GREECE: Innovating Our Way Out of This Crisis

A conference to explore the opportunities and possibilities for innovation and entrepreneurship with distinguished speakers including Peter Economides and George Korres

Thursday 8 November

The 6th Biennial Andrew David Memorial Lecture

Sunday 2 December

Annual Christmas Family Lunch

organised by the Fundraising Committee of the Hellenic Centre

The next issue of the **Diary of Events** will be published in August 2012
and will cover the period September-December 2012

The deadline for submitting information about events for this period is **Friday 6 July 2012**

Greek Dance Lessons organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon

every Saturday at the Crypt, St Sophia, Moscow Road, London W2

Further information on 020 7229 4086 or enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk

Information given in the Hellenic Centre Diary of Events was correct at the time of printing

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