



## THE HELLENIC CENTRE

### Diary of Events January - March 2015

*Vasilopitta*

*Carnival*

*Kathara Deftera*



*Celebrating Greek Traditions*

Embroidery from Skyros, from the exhibition *Greek Embroidery 17th-19th Century* (Hellenic Centre, 2006)

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Vasilopitta-New Year Celebration  
24 January

Children's Carnival Party  
15 February

Kathara Deftera  
23 February

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# JANUARY

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Friday 9 January, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Vasilopitta** Greek celebration for the New Year with tombola and traditional Greek dancing organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon. Free entry. Further information on 020 8343 1353 or at enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk.

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Monday 12 January to Thursday 29 January - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

**On Kurtulus Street** An exhibition of drawings and paintings by Sophie Charalambous, documenting the unique atmosphere of Skala in Larnaka and exploring the artist's memories. Private view Thursday 15 January, 6.30-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

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*View, Old Lamaka*

Friday 16 January, 8pm - Boardroom, Hellenic Centre

**Vasilopitta** organised by the Hellenic Medical Society UK. Free entry. Further information and bookings at secretary@hellenicmedicalsocietyuk.org.

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Monday 19 January, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Curating the Sir Patrick Leigh Fermor Archive** John Murray Archive curator David McClay discusses the National Library of Scotland's recent acquisition of Paddy's extensive and outstanding archives, including their recent activities and future plans. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Organised by the Patrick Leigh Fermor Society. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Friday 23 January, 7pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, SW3 2JL

**Vasilopitta** organised by the Ionian Society. Tickets £15. Further information and bookings on 020 7589 2371, 07808 777946 or at mzagoritou@hotmail.com.

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Friday 23 January, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Changing Concepts of Autism in the 21st Century** *The Asclepian Oration* organised by the Hellenic Psychiatric Association (UK) and delivered by David Skuse, Professor of Behavioural and Brain Sciences at University College London. Free entry. Further information at eleni.palazidou@doctors.org.uk

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Saturday 24 January, 5pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Hellenic Centre Vasilopitta** Come and join us in our unique New Year's Celebration with live music, vasilopitta and wine! The well-known Greek artist Giorgis Christodoulou, accompanied by the talented jazz guitarist Panagiotis Athanatos, will bring to us his critically acclaimed performance *Serenade*, with songs by Attik, Hatzidakis, Cole Porter; Greek, Spanish, French melodies and Brazilian bossa nova. Join us at 5pm for our first social meet-up (cash bar available) with concert and vasilopitta at 6pm. Tickets £18 (include concert, vasilopita and a glass of wine), £15 for Hellenic Centre Members. Bookings on 020 7487 5060 or at www.ark4art.eventbrite.com. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Sunday 25 January, 5.30pm to 8pm - Crypt, St Sophia, Moscow Road, Bayswater, W2 4LQ

**Traditional New Year Vasilopitta and Bazaar** organised by the Peloponnesian Association of Great Britain. Further information at www.peloponnesians.co.uk. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 8840 5488 or at eteria.peloponnisian@gmx.co.uk, info@peloponnesians.co.uk.

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Monday 26 January, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Greek Shipping, 1700-1821 - The Heyday before the Greek War of Independence** Round table discussion in English about Modern Greek Shipping on the occasion of the

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publication of Prof Gelina Harlaftis and Dr Katerina Papakonstantinou's book by Kedros Publications (2013). Keynote speakers: Dr Katerina Papakonstantinou, Historian; Dr Maria Fusaro, University of Exeter; Dr George Vassiadis, Royal Holloway, University of London; Ilias Bissias, Director of Naftika Chronika. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Friday 30 January, 7.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Orthodoxy, Hellenism and Christian Witness in the 21th Century** Lecture in English by Dr Petros Sarris, Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford and Reader in Late Roman, Medieval and Byzantine History. Part of the celebrations for Christian and Greek Literature organised by the Archdiocese of Thyateira. Further information on 020 7723 4787. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

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## FEBRUARY

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Sunday 1 February, 5.30pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, SW3 2JL

**Youkali-The Pursuit of Happiness** A journey through a performance of beloved and nostalgic songs with Elena Hajiafxendi and Angeliki Petropetsioti. Tickets £15 (include a glass of wine). Further information and bookings on 020 7589 2371, 07808 777946 or at [angeliki.petrou@yahoo.com](mailto:angeliki.petrou@yahoo.com).

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Tuesday 3 February to Thursday 26 February - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre  
**Mostly Cyprus** An exhibition of paintings by Janet Scott. Janet has painted every summer in Cyprus since 1980 with Cyprus College of Art. Private view Wednesday 4 February, 5.30-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Friday 6 February, 7.15pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

**An International Poetry Event** combining work from British author and poet Alan Brownjohn and Greek-Cypriot poet George Tardios. Alan Brownjohn is an established British poet and novelist and has worked extensively in Romania with the British Council. George Tardios has just completed his collection, *Buttoned-up Shapes* on characters from his mother's village in Morphou, Cyprus. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Monday 9 February, 6.30pm to 8.30pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

**Αφουγκράσου/Listen** come and join the experiencing interactive installation by Katerina Xenofontos. The work reflects the artist's interest on the internal dialogue between the island of Cyprus and the community of Cypriots through pathways that engage thoughts on tradition, culture and conceptions on identity. Katerina Xenofontos is a practicing artist and a researcher undertaking a PhD in Fine Art at University of Kent, Medway. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Thursday 12 February, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Tsiknopempti** Celebration on Greek Carnival with food, music and Greek dancing organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon. Entrance by ticket. Further information and bookings on 020 8343 1353, 020 7229 4086, 07973 752881 or at [enquiries@lykiontonhellenidon.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lykiontonhellenidon.co.uk).

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Saturday 14 February, 7.30pm - Kensington Close Hotel, Wrights Lane, W8 5SP

**Annual Dinner & Dance** to celebrate the Apokries and St Valentine's Day organised

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**FREE CULTURAL EVENTS**

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by the Peloponnesian Association of Great Britain. Further information on 020 8840 5488 or at [www.peloponnesians.co.uk](http://www.peloponnesians.co.uk), [eteria.peloponnisio@gmx.co.uk](mailto:eteria.peloponnisio@gmx.co.uk), [info@peloponnesians.co.uk](mailto:info@peloponnesians.co.uk).

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Sunday 15 February, 3pm to 5pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Children's Carnival Party** Entertainment for children up to 10 years old. Tickets at £6 (for adults and children over 3) include one drink (juice, coffee, tea) and cake. Adults admitted only if accompanying children. Further information and bookings on 020 7487 5060. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre and Lykion ton Hellinidon.**

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Monday 16 February, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**The Hospitallers (Knights of St John) in the Dodecanese: 1306-1522** An illustrated lecture by Michael Heslop, Royal Holloway, University of London accompanied by an exhibition of photographs of Medieval Rhodes as seen in the photographs of Giuseppe Gerola. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Wednesday 18 February, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Mycenaean Crete: Religion, State Authority and Royal Symbolism, New Evidence from Crete** An illustrated lecture by Dr Athanasia Kanta, Honorary Director of Antiquities, Heraklion Prefecture. Further information and bookings at [admin@gacuk.org](mailto:admin@gacuk.org), [www.gacuk.org](http://www.gacuk.org). Organised by the Greek Archaeological Committee UK.

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Saturday 21 February, 7.30pm—King's College London, Strand, WC2R 2LS

**Masquerade Ball** organised by King's College London Greek Alumni and Friends Group with variety shows, happenings, music, dance and best costume awards. Tickets £35. Further information and bookings on 07787 546542 or at [mzagoritou@hotmail.com](mailto:mzagoritou@hotmail.com).

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Monday 23 February, 12.30pm to 3.30pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

**Kathara Deftera Lunch** A traditional vegetarian lunch to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Tickets £17, concessions £15. Further information and bookings on 020 7487 5060. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Monday 23 February - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Lecture** organised by the Ionian Society. Further information on 020 7589 2371.

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Wednesday 25 February, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**The Impact of Greek Culture: Tragedy and Food - New Research Insights** Two short lectures by University of Exeter scholars which will draw on cutting-edge research to illuminate unrecognised aspects of the impact of Greek culture, both in the ancient world and beyond: Greek tragedy has long been seen as a major influence on Western literature and drama. Matthew Wright's talk, **In Search of Lost Tragedy**, draws on his recent research on fragments of lost Greek tragedies to give a taste of the wealth of dramatic material from writers less well-known than Sophocles and Euripides. Erica Rowan's lecture, entitled **Greek Food in the Roman Kitchen?**, uses new research techniques based on analysis of food remains to show how the Greek diet helped to shape Roman patterns of eating in antiquity. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by Exeter University and the Hellenic Centre.**

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Friday 27 February, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Recital with Trio Arundos** The woodwind ensemble TRIO ARUNDOS in its first visit to London. Three leading Yamaha artists from Greece (Konstantinos Giovannis, oboe;

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Grammenos Halkias, clarinet; Ioannis Evaggelatos, bassoon), all Principals in the City of Athens Symphony Orchestra, will present a demanding programme of pieces that include Beethoven, Gordon Jacob, Milhaud, Ibert and a piece written especially for them by the leading Greek composer Theodore Antoniou. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Friday 27 February, 7.30pm - Jacobs, 20 Gloucester Road, SW7 4RB  
**Kantades Dinner & Dance Evening** organised by the Ionian Society. Tickets £30 to include three course menu, live music and dance. Further information and bookings on 020 7589 2371, 07808 777946 or at [mzagoritou@hotmail.com](mailto:mzagoritou@hotmail.com).

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## MARCH

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Wednesday 4 March, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Το Λονδίνο του Γιώργου Σεφέρη / George Seferis's London** A lecture in Greek by Dr Giorgos Georgis, University of Cyprus on the impact Seferis's stay in London had on his poetry. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Thursday 19 March, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**Rami Sarieddine in a Piano Recital** featuring *Preludes and Fugues in D major, BWV 874 and D minor, BWV 875* by J.S. Bach; *L. Kirchner's 1948 Piano Sonata; Prelude in C sharp minor Op. 45 and Piano Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 35* by F. Chopin. Rami Sarieddine appeared as a soloist with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra and is a Piano Fellow at the Bard College Conservatory of Music, NY. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7563 9835 or at [press@helleniccentre.org](mailto:press@helleniccentre.org). **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Tuesday 24 March, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

**25 March Celebration** organised by the Peloponnesian Association of Great Britain with a talk in Greek by David Holton, Professor of Modern Greek, University of Cambridge entitled **Ο Πατριωτισμός του Μακρυγιάννη / Makriyiannis's Patriotism**. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 8840 5488 or at [eteria.peloponnisian@gmx.co.uk](mailto:eteria.peloponnisian@gmx.co.uk), [info@peloponnesians.co.uk](http://info@peloponnesians.co.uk).

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Friday 27 March, 7pm to 10pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

**Celebrating the Past, the Present, the Future** An evening to celebrate the creative years of Theatre Lab Company, always promoting the Greek culture beyond the boundaries of the Greek community, across the UK and Europe. A great opportunity to meet the artistic director, actors, performers, musicians, designers of Theatre Lab Company and to share a drink and our future plans. Free entry. Further information and bookings on 07958 404806 or at [anastasia@theatrelab.co.uk](mailto:anastasia@theatrelab.co.uk), [www.theatrelab.co.uk](http://www.theatrelab.co.uk). Organised by Theatre Lab Company.

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**Greek Dance Lessons organised by Lykion ton Hellinidon**  
every Saturday at the Crypt, St Sophia, Moscow Road, W2 4LQ

Further information on 020 7229 4086 or at [enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lykiontonhellinidon.co.uk)

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**Facilities for disabled people** Access to main venue via steps; a stair climber is available but must be booked in advance; a lift provides access to all floors, except the third floor

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