



THE HELLENIC CENTRE

Diary of Events **April - August 2017**



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Friday 7 July, 7.15pm

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Catering arrangements for cultural & corporate events. Information on 020 7563 9836 or at christina@helleniccentre.org.

FRIENDS ROOM EXHIBITIONS

Monthly exhibitions by Greek and Greek Cypriot artists or foreign artists whose work is inspired by a Hellenic theme. Information on 020 7563 9836 or at christina@helleniccentre.org.

APRIL

Wednesday 5 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Astero Premiered in April 1929, *Astero*, is considered one of the most famous Greek silent films of the early 20th century cinema. The film had been lost, but thanks to a search for lost European films by the European programme Lumiere, a copy was found and restored by the National Greek Film Archive. Following a successful projection at the Athens Conservatoire in 2016, the film will be shown at the Hellenic Centre - the way silent films have always been projected - with live music accompaniment by the composer Philip Tsalachouris. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 7 April, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Meet the Authors Members of the Society for Modern Greek Studies present recently published books (academic and literature). Free entry; further information and bookings: secretary@moderngreek.org.uk. Organised by the Society for Modern Greek Studies.



Tuesday 11 April to Thursday 4 May - The Hellenic Centre

The Birds and the Trees Afrodite Papadouli experiments with various materials (watercolours, ink on paper, acrylics on canvas and on wood) to create images which evoke the human need to be attached to their origins but also the need to be free and to escape. Meet the artist: Tuesday 11 April, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 11 April to Thursday 27 April - The Hellenic Centre

Pathos beyond Words Maria Fotaki exhibits her religious themed paintings. Meet the artist: Thursday 20 April, 5.30pm-7.30pm; visitors will have the opportunity to discuss with the artist and experience an interactive performance. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**



Thursday 20 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Light and Shadow An evening of Greek and French songs by the contemporary Cypriot composer Dr Constantinos Stylianou, performed by Zoe Nicolaidou (soprano) and Dr Nicolas Costantinou (piano). Under the auspices of the High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus. Free entry; booking essential: <https://concertchc17.eventbrite.co.uk> by 13 April. Organised by the Cultural Section, Cyprus High Commission.

Sunday 23 April, 7 pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL

A Musical Performance by Mezzo- Soprano Elizabeth Bond Tickets £10. Further information and bookings: mariaandipa@gmail.com, angeliki.petropetsioti@gmail.com, stamo@btinternet.com. Organised by the Ionian Society.

Monday 24 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Ταξιδεύοντας στον Κόσμο και στη Σκέψη του Μίκη Θεοδωράκη - A Journey to the World and Thoughts of Miki Theodorakis Kostas Serezis, the Cypriot journalist who lives in Athens and author of the book *The Universal Mikis Theodorakis (Μίκης Θεοδωράκης, ο Οικουμενικός-* Kastaniotis editions, Athens 2001), will give a talk in Greek about some of his experiences from the composer's performances around the world. The Greek singer Aliki Kayaloylou will participate, accompanied on the piano, performing works from a variety of song cycles composed by Mikis Theodorakis. The event will be complemented by an exhibition of photographs and documents related to Kostas Serezis's talk. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Wednesday 26 April, 7.15pm to 9.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Songs of Smyrna - HC Easter Celebration This year's celebration features Marina Deligianni (vocals), Spyros Bolovinis (bouzouki) and Maria Tsirodimitri (guitar) on a musical journey to the Anatolian taverns of Smyrna of the early 20th century with melodies that reflect the musical influence of Smyrna's Turkish, Armenian and Jewish population. In 1922 the refugees from Smyrna brought to Greece their musical tradition which took over the Athenian cafés aman and influenced Greek music. Let's meet in a cozy atmosphere, with wine and red eggs and rediscover together the joy and verve of yesterday's beloved songs. Tickets £10, Hellenic Centre Members £8; price includes a glass of wine. Bookings on 020 7487 5060 or <https://hcsongsofsmyrna.eventbrite.co.uk>. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 28 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

China Rediscovered: The Benaki Museum Collection of Chinese Ceramics In summer 2016 an exhibition at The Benaki Museum, Athens showcased 90 Chinese ceramics, a selection from a total of 800 donated by the Chiot-origin London collector George Eumorfopoulos between 1929 and 1936. George Manginis, author of the book *China Rediscovered: The Benaki Museum Collection of Chinese Ceramics* (2016), will present the history of the Eumorfopoulos donation to The Benaki Museum and will discuss the challenges, choices and outcomes of the wider project of researching and re-launching a collection of Chinese art in 21st century Greece. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**



Sunday 30 April, 5pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL

Gabriella and the Planets-Unplugged A musical performance of Gabriella's greatest hits. Tickets £10. Further information and bookings: mariaandipa@gmail.com, angeliki.petropetsioti@gmail.com, stamo@btinternet.com. Organised by the Ionian Society.

MAY

Tuesday 2 May, 7pm to 9.45pm - The Hellenic Centre

Leventis Lectures Series and Celebratory Event The Leventis Lecture Series is part of the A.G Leventis Foundation Initiative on the Impact of Greek Culture in the ancient and modern world. This year's event celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Foundation's long standing support of the University of Exeter. Exeter academics Prof Neville Morley, Classics and Ancient History and Prof Karen Ni Mheallaigh, Classics and Ancient History will both give lectures to be followed by an opportunity to network. Free event to all alumni of the University of Exeter (and guests) and Hellenic Centre Members; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by Exeter University and the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 8 May to Tuesday 16 May - The Hellenic Centre



Constantinople Greek painter Andreas Georgiadis attempts an artistic immersion in the historical landscape of Constantinople - a walk through space and time, narrating seventeen centuries of history in detail. His works present both famous and unknown places, which constitute an emotional portrait of the city. Meet the artist: Monday 8 May, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 8 May, 7.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

Beau Pluto: The Liberation A concert by the Greek-German pianist Beau Pluto to celebrate the release of his debut album. The 21 year old pianist, who studied at the Munich

FREE CULTURAL EVENTS

Hochschule für Musik und Theater and London Royal Academy of Music, has won over 30 awards in numerous national and international competitions. The concert promises an exciting and fresh approach to Classical Music, as Pluto interweaves various brilliant compositions to form a coherent narrative. Programme includes works by Bach, Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Chopin and Hatzidakis. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 12 May, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Saving Greece: Lessons from the Past, Challenges for the Future A panel discussion on the economic, political and social challenges Greece is facing. Chair: Kevin Featherstone, Professor of European Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science. Panel: Prof Stathis Kalyvas, Yale University; Vicky Pryce, Economist and Business Consultant; Simon Nixon, Chief European Commentator, Wall Street Journal; Yannis Palaiologos, Reporter of Kathimerini newspaper and author; Dr Chrysa Lamprinakou, University College London. Free entry; booking essential: 07904 086677 or sec@macedonia.org.uk. Organised by the Macedonian Society of Great Britain.

Saturday 13 May, 4pm and 8pm - Theatro Technis, 26 Crowndale Road London NW1 1TT

BLINDFOLD - The Night of the Hunt A play written and directed by Sofia Stavrakaki on the ultimate hunt: the battle to conquer all that is "different" and to combat prejudice within ourselves. Performed by THE.AM.A., a professional group of disabled actors from Greece. For the period 5-11 May the play will be on stage at the Brighton Fringe Festival (www.brightonfringe.com). Under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and the National Tourism Board (EOT). Further information and bookings: 020 7387 6617, www.theatrotechnis.com.

Tuesday 16 May, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Two Greek Museums - Perceptions of Space and Time Greek architect Avgi Tzakou delves in her vast experience in designing museum exhibition spaces and presents to us the **Byzantine Museum, Athens** and the **Herakleion Archaeological Museum, Crete** whilst showing us ways to approach and analyse two completely different historical periods of our Civilisation. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 18 May, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Among The Lemon Trees Author and journalist Nadia Marks presents her debut novel, a wondrous and enthralling story that explores long lost love and family secrets, all set in the evocative landscape of the Aegean islands. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 19 May to Monday 5 June - The Hellenic Centre

Aegean Sea Eleni Sanikou exhibits works inspired by the Aegean with a series of paintings emerging from an impulse to represent a particular moment. Meet the artist: Friday 19 May, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**



Friday 19 May, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Medical Therapies across Frontiers The Hellenic Medical Society UK and Lions Club International Greece, come together for an evening of lectures and discussion on current medical topics. Free entry; booking essential: secretary@hellenicmedicalsocietyuk.org. Organised by the Hellenic Medical Society UK.

GREEK LANGUAGE COURSES

Monday 22 May, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Greek Light through Nikos Kazantzakis In a first world screening, renowned Greek film director Iannis Smaragdis, will present scenes from his new film *KAZANTZAKIS* and together with Niki Stavrou, manager of Kazantzakis Publications will talk about the Greek Light in the author's work. This event is organised on the occasion of 2017 being a year dedicated to Nikos Kazantzakis. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 23 May, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

The battle for Crete, May 1941 - A Personal Perspective by Simon Forrester. In May 1941, Patrick Leigh Fermor and Michael Forrester, the speaker's father, had been staying near Chania. The German invasion of Crete begun on 20 May and this talk will look in detail at some of the events related to it. Further information and bookings: info@patrickleighfermorsociety.org. Organised by the Patrick Leigh Fermor Society.

June

Sunday 4 June, 5pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL

Setria III A musical performance with Edward Saklatvala, Kimon Pallikaropoulos and Colin Watson. Tickets £10. Further information and bookings: mariaandipa@gmail.com, angeliki.petropetsioti@gmail.com, stamo@btinternet.com. Organised by the Ionian Society.

Monday 5 June, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Staying on Top: the very Dangerous Life of a Byzantine Emperor A lecture by Dr Mark Whittow. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies and the Hellenic Centre.**

Wednesday 7 June, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

syn[chrono]sides Launch of a double-side book created by artists Maria Ikonopoulou and Anastasia Mina. Under the auspices of the High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus. Free entry; booking essential by 1 June: <https://synchronosides.eventbrite.co.uk>. Organised by the Cultural Section, Cyprus High Commission.

Friday 9 June, 7.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

Poetry amid Crisis: Reflections on four Years in Greece A lecture by John Kittmer, former ambassador of Britain to Greece. Free entry; further information and bookings: secretary@moderngreek.org.uk. Organised by the Society for Modern Greek Studies.



Monday 12 June to Thursday 29 June - The Hellenic Centre

Beauty: A Controversial Concept A photographic exhibition by Georgios Zampas disclosing his personal perception of beauty as he discovers it hidden in simplicity, friendship or love. Meet the artist: Tuesday 13 June, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 13 June, 6pm - King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS

Katie Lentaki Award Anglo-Hellenic League's annual award for the best undergraduate essay on a Greek topic. Free entry; booking essential: info@anglohellenicleague.org.

Thursday 15 June, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Runciman Award The annual award of the Runciman book prize organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League. Free entry; booking essential: info@anglohellenicleague.org.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday 18 June

Marylebone Summer Fayre Events include Greek Traditional Dances by Lykion ton Hellinidon. Further information on www.marylebonesummerfayre.com.

Wednesday 21 June, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Silk Roads A lecture, in English, by Dr Peter Frankopan, Oxford University, discussing the rise and fall of the Byzantine Empire and examining how the balance of power in Europe turned dramatically in the Middle Ages. Free entry; booking essential 020 8363 5054 or adk7@aol.com. Organised by Eteria Ellinon Epistimomon.

Thursday 22 June to Sunday 25 June

Marylebone Music Festival Information on all festival events at www.marylebonemusicfestival.com.

Saturday 24 June, 4.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

Everybody Can Dance An interactive dance workshop delivered by a.dd dance company. Open to anyone who loves dance and is interested in the meaning of the movement. Maximum number of participants 25. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Saturday 24 June, 6.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

Picturae Vitae a.dd dance company, the professional group of Aimon Garofallou and his collaborators Dimitra Vasilopoulou and Dimitra Papadatou, present a contemporary dance performance on painting meeting dance. The performance is inspired by the work of the Greek artist Giannis Magganaris, whose life and ideas, that are impressed on his paintings, come to life and are reproduced through the art of dancing. Free entry; booking essential: 020 7563 9835 or press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

JULY

Thursday 6 July, 11am to 4pm - The Hellenic Centre



Essential Skills in Painting and Drawing A Workshop with Marina Emphietzi Recommended for all art lovers, whether it is their first approach to art or want to move to the next level of their artistic path. Entry by fee; bookings and further information on cost and content: 07534 604854 or marina.emphietzi@gmail.com. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 7 July, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Tanguero Passion Tango 44 celebrates the explosive dance music of Argentina in a recital of tango and popular classics. Come and listen to (and dance if the mood takes you) Greek-Brazilian Pavlos Carvalho (cello), Corina Piatti (vocals), Mark Troop (piano) and Jonathan Truscott (violin) and relive the early days of tango in Buenos Aires, the tangomania of interwar Europe and the takeover of the Athenian music scenes by Greek tangos. The programme includes works by Astor Piazzolla (Libertango, Oblivion, Four Seasons) that have taken the world by storm and made Piazzolla a household name. Tickets £10, Hellenic Centre Members £8; price includes a glass of wine. Bookings on 020 7487 5060 or <https://hctangueropassion.eventbrite.co.uk>. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

AUGUST

There are no cultural events during August; our events will resume in September.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

GREEK DANCE LESSONS ORGANISED BY LYKION TON HELLINIDON

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

New term starts in April

Saturday

2.00 - 2.30pm Children Beginners

2.30 - 3.30 Children

3.30 - 4.30pm Adults Beginner

4.30 - 5.30pm Adults Intermediate

Wednesday

7.00 - 8.00pm Adults Improvers



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

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

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A copy of the Diary in larger print but different format available from our offices

The next issue of the **Diary of Events** will be published in **July 2017**

and will cover the period **September-December 2017**

Deadline for submitting information for this period is **Friday 30 June 2017**

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but must be booked in advance; a lift provides access to all floors, except the third floor

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