

THE HELLENIC CENTRE

Diary of Events April - August 2014

from Amorgos

How much I have loved you I alone know I who touched you once with the eyes of the Pleiades And embraced you in the wild hair of the moon and we danced in the summer fields On the stubble after harvest, and we ate the cut clover

Dark and great sea with so many pebbles round your neck, so many coloured stones in your hair. Nikos Gatsos translated by Sally P

Greek Poems on the Underground

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Πόσο πολὺ σὲ ἀγάπησα ἐγὼ μονάχα τὸ ξέρω

καλοκαιριάτικους κάμπους

Ένὼ ποὺ κάποτε σ' ἄγγιξα μὲ τὰ μάτια τῆς πούλιας Καὶ μὲ τὴ χαίτη τοῦ φεγγαριοῦ σ' ἀγκάλιασα καὶ χορέψαμε μὲς στοὺς

Πάνω στὴ θερισμένη καλαμιὰ καὶ φάγαμε μαζὶ τὸ κομένο τριφύλλι Μαύρη μεγάλη θάλασσα μὲ τόσα βότσαλα τριγύρω στὸ λαιμὸ τόσα



Bread Dipped in Olive Oil and Salt

Bread dipped in olive oil and salt, a glass of rough dry white.

A table beside the evening sea where you sit shelling pistachios, flicking the next open with the halfshell of the last, story opening story, on down to the sandy end of time.

The stars coming out on the life that I call mine.

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APRIL

Tuesday 1 April, 6pm - National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh **Byron's Greece, 1809-1824** A lecture by Professor Roderick Beaton and viewing of the

Byron Collection. Free entry; booking essential on 0131 623 3878 or at d.mcclay@nls.uk. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece. Organised by the National Library of Scotland and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture to mark the Greek Presidency of the Council of EU.

Wednesday 2 April, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

A Photographic Exhibition of Occupied Famagusta organised by the Famagusta Association of Great Britain. Welcome address by Dr Vassilis Mavrou, Chairman of the Association and talk in Greek by Mr Alexis Galanos, Mayor of Famagusta to be followed by a short film. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Wednesday 2 April, 7.30pm - Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, London SE1

The Fukushima Youth Sinfonieta in collaboration with the Orpheus Sinfonia in a recital organised by Keys of Change. A unique performance by young students from schools in Fukushima, Japan, with Panos Karan (piano), Zach Tarpagos (flute), Thomas Carroll (conductor). Programme to include the world premiere of Corps' *Commotio*, Chopin's *Piano Concerto in E minor*, Mozart's *Flute Concerto in D major* and Elgar's *Salut d'Amour*. Tickets £20, £10, £5 concessions. Bookings on 0844 847 9910 or at www.southbankcentre.co.uk.

Saturday 5 April - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

13 Knocking at my Door - Χτυπούν την Πόρτα Δεκατρείς A documentary by Athina Krikeli presented by Ellopia TV USA. The renowned journalist-director Athina Krikeli approaches the before and after of the fatal explosion of *July 11th 2011* at the Naval Base *Evangelos Florakis* of Cyprus in her own journalistic perspective. The film is an effort to document both the loss of 13 people and also the indifference of many others, before and after the tragic event. Screening times: 5pm & 7pm; Language: Greek with English subtitles. Ticket £5 to be paid at the door. Further information on 020 7487 5060 or at press@helleniccentre.org **Under the auspices of HE the Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain, Gregorios and supported by the Hellenic Centre.**



Monday 7 April to Wednesday 16 April - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre **Mount Athos** An exhibition of paintings of Mount Athos, one of the only places left in Europe that has kept a pristine landscape, by John Doyle. Private view on Tuesday 8 April, 6.30-8.30pm. For opening hours call 020 74987 5060. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

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Tuesday 8 April, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Terrorism in Greece: Will It Ever End? A talk by Dr George Kassimeris, placing Greek extremist violence in a broader political and cultural perspective and explaining why it has become a permanent fixture of national public life. George Kassimeris, Reader in Terrorism Studies at Wolverhampton University, is the author of *Europe's Last Red Terrorists: The Revolutionary Organization 17 November*, *Playing Politics with Terrorism: A User's Guide* and *Inside Greek Terrorism.* Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Wednesday 9 April, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

 ${\bf \hat{\Omega}}$ γλυκ ${\bf \hat{u}}$ μου ἔαρ (Thou art my sweetest Springtime) An event in Greek dedicated to the Orthodox hymns of the period before and during the Easter Holy Week. Programme to

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include hymns, songs, poetry and literature readings. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Organised by the Education Office, Embassy of Greece and the Cyprus Educational Mission in cooperation with the School of Byzantine Music of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain. Supported by the Hellenic Centre.

Thursday 10 April, 8pm - Britannia Centre, Britannia Road, London N12

Πρώτοι Κύπριοι Μετανάστες στη Βρετανία A lecture in Greek by Harris Mettis, Education Office of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain on the first Cypriot immigrants in Britain. Further information on 020 8445 9999. Free entry. Organised by the Greek-Cypriot Brotherhood and the University of Cyprus.

Wednesday 23 April to Thursday 29 May - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Ithaka Revisited An exhibition of paintings by Jane Cochrane, capturing the elements which make Ithaka an enchanted island. Private view on Sunday 27 April, 12.30-2.30pm. For opening hours call 020 74987 5060. Supported by the Hellenic Centre. Coloured Boats at Mavronas



Sunday 27 April, 12.30pm to 4pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Easter Celebration with live Greek music, dance and food! Celebrate Easter the Greek way, crack red eggs with us and enjoy a delicious lunch of lamb kleftiko! For further information and bookings call 020 7487 5060. Tickets at £22, concessions £20 include food and entertainment. Cash bar available. Organised by the Hellenic Centre and the **Peloponnesian Association of Great Britain.**

Tuesday 29 April, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The Development of Greek Shipping Dynasties: Succession across Generations A workshop organised by UClan Cyprus and www.allaboutshipping.co.uk, on the celebrated development and continuity of the legendary Greek Dynasties across generations. Dr Loukas Glyptis and Mr John Faraclas will review the 'Development of Greek Shipping Dynasties: Past, Present, Future'; Professor Panikkos Poutziouris will expound the challenges facing successors, as they navigate the inter-generational development and enlist the 10 commandments for family business continuity. The workshop will conclude with an open and panel discussion, involving Shipping Entrepreneurs. Free entry; booking essential at MThomaGeorgiou@uclan.ac.uk. Supported by the Hellenic Centre.

MAY

Friday 9 May, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Recital with Stathis Mavrommatis, saxophone and Christina Panteli, piano. The programme which is both lyrical and virtuosic will include original works and transcriptions for saxophone and piano by Mediterranean and other composers including C Caravasilis, M Hadjidakis, Y Constantinidis, T Rosopoulos, R Molinelli, J Matitia, P Iturralde, R R Benett, A Piazzolla. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Supported by Yamaha Music Europe. Organised by the Hellenic Centre.

Friday 9 May, 7.15pm - St John's Smith Square, London SW1P

Concert in honour of Europe Day and the Greek Presidency of the Council of EU with European Opera Centre Soloists and the European Union Youth Orchestra. Free entry; booking essential at comm-lon-rsvp@ec.europa.eu. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece. Organised by the European Commission Representation in London and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture.

FREE CULTURAL EVENTS

Monday 12 May, 7pm - 12 Star Gallery, Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P **Modern Greek Printmaking: Selected Works from the Yannis Papaconstantinou Collection** An illustrated lecture by Dr Yannis Papaconstantinou and exhibition opening. Free entry; booking essential at joanna.zywotko@ext.ec.europa.eu. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece. Organised by the European Commission Representation in London and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture to mark the Greek Presidency of the Council of EU .

Tuesday 13 May, 6pm - Safra Lecture Theatre, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R **Why Greece Matters Today** A lecture for the 25th Anniversary of the Centre for Hellenic Studies (CHS), by HE John Kittmer, UK Ambassador to Greece. Free entry; booking essential at johnkittmer.eventbrite.co.uk. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece; organised by the CHS, King's College London and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture.

Thursday 15 May, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Greeks in London An illustrated lecture in Greek by Professor Emeritus Nicandros Bouras to introduce his book. Discussants will include Professor Richard Clogg, Dr Victoria Solomonidou, Dr Georgios Evangelopoulos, Dr Filippos Mavroskoufis and Dr Effrossyni Gkrania-Klotsas. Free entry; booking essential on 07904 086677 or at sec@macedonia.org.uk. Organised by the Macedonian Society of Great Britain and the Hellenic Medical Society.

Thursday 15 May, 8pm - Britannia Centre, Britannia Road, London N12

Η Κύπρος σε Κρίση: Χρονικό και Νέα Πορεία A lecture in Greek by Sofronis Clerides, Assistant Professor University of Cyprus on the history of crisis in Cyprus. Further information on 020 8445 9999. Free entry. Organised by the Greek-Cypriot Brotherhood and the University of Cyprus.

Friday 16 May, 6.30pm to 9.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Sing Like Home: An evening with Music from Greece and the Mediterranean Have you missed spending an evening with loved friends, beloved Greek music and good wine, singing along your favourite tunes? Ark4Art presents Demo_Deux, a duet on a musical quest. Armed with only a piano and their voices, Anastasis Sarakatsanos (piano) and Spyridoula Baka (vocals) travel across the musical traditions of the East and West, uncovering as they go along the hidden treasures of each land. Doors and the bar will be open from 6.30pm. Let's meet up and unwind for a while, before our lovely duet from Greece starts performing at 7.30pm. Early Bird tickets £12, tickets booked after 30 April £15; bookings at singlikehome.eventbrite.co.uk. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Saturday 17 May, 4.30pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The Re-Hellenization of Greek since 1750 The Hellenic Centre Annual Public Lecture of the Society for Modern Greek Studies with Peter Mackridge, Emeritus Professor of Modern Greek, Oxford University. Prof Mackridge's research interests cover various areas in Greek language, literature and cultural history since AD 1100, but he specializes in the period since 1750. His translations of stories by Vizyenos and Papadiamandis and a collection of haikus by Haris Vlavianos are due to be published in 2014. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Saturday 17 May, 7pm - Golders Green Church Hall, Golders Green Road, London NW11 BBQ organised by Eteria Ellinon Epistimonon with live music performed by PAKAW. Tickets £18, members £15, concessions for students. Bookings on 020 8959 1654 or at adk7@aol.com.

DONATIONS WELCOME

Saturday 17 May - Grosvenor House, A JW Marriott Hotel, Park Lane, London W1K **The Greek Independence Ball 2014** organised by the Greek Orthodox Charity Organisation. Further information and bookings on 07986 245930 or at maria@hadjipateras.co.uk.

Sunday 18 May, 6pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Cypriot Folk Tradition – Κυπριακή Λαϊκή Παράδοση An event organised by the Cyprus Educational Mission in the UK and curated by Mrs Maria Papalouca, Head of the Mission. Traditional songs, poems and dances performed by Children of the Cypriot Community; exhibition of traditional Cypriot artefacts. Under the auspices of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Cyprus in London Mr E L Evriviades; dedicated to the Cypriot towns and villages under Turkish military occupation. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**



Wednesday 21 May, 6.30pm to 8pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Slaves in their Chains Konstantinos Theotokis's most ambitious novel is to appear in English, published by Angel Classics. *Slaves in their Chains* (1922), a tragicomic masterpiece, dramatically portrays the decline of the Corfiot landowning aristocracy in a society recently emerged from centuries of Venetian and British rule. Professor Roderick Beaton, King's College London will introduce the publication of J M Q Davies's pioneering translation. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563

9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by Angel Classics and the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 22 May, 6pm - Safra Lecture Theatre, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R **Power and Passion in Greek Theatre** A lecture for the 25th Anniversary of the Centre for Hellenic Studies (CHS), by the renowned playwright and translator Frank McGuiness. Free entry; booking essential at frankmcguiness.eventbrite.co.uk. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece; organised by the CHS, King's College London and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture.

Tuesday 27 May, 6pm - Senate House, Malet Street, London, WC1E

Crete on the Eve of Enosis An illustrated lecture by Sir Michael Llewellyn Smith, KCVO CMG organised by the Anglo-Hellenic league and the Friends of the British School at Athens (FBSA). Tickets £8.50, £10.50 for non Members of the FSBA booked in advance from Friends of the British School at Athens, 12 Sovereign Court, 51 Gillingham Street, London SW1V 1HS. Further information on 020 7486 9410 (answering service) or at info@anglohellenicleague.org or www.anglohellenicleague.org.

Thursday 29 May, 6pm - Safra Lecture Theatre, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R **Socrates and Athens: Why We still Need to Care about Both Today** A lecture for the 25th Anniversary of the Centre for Hellenic Studies (CHS), by Bettany Hughes, writer and broadcaster. Free entry; booking essential at bettanyhughes.eventbrite.co.uk. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece; organised by the CHS, King's College London and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture.

JUNE

Tuesday 3 June, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Hellenism in Great Britain A lecture in English by the Ambassador of Greece, HE Mr Konstantinos Bikas. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre** on the Occasion of the Greek Presidency of the Council of EU.

BECOME A MEMBER

Thursday 5 June, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The Parthenon in Poetry An illustrated lecture in English by Dr Liana Giannakopoulou, University of Cambridge, exploring the responses of Greek and non-Greek poets to the Parthenon. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7862 8730 or at office@hellenicsociety.org.uk. Organised by the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies.

Monday 9 June, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

A Lost Church of Byzantine Constantinople: The Perivleptos An illustrated lecture by Jonathan Harris, Professor of the History of Byzantium, Royal Holloway, University of London. The church of the Virgin Perivleptos, built by Emperor Romanos III Argyros (1028-1034), was one of the most splendid ecclesiastical buildings in Constantinople but has now vanished almost without trace. The lecture will recount the building's history, reconstruct its appearance and suggest how and why it finally disappeared so completely. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Organised by the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies and the Hellenic Centre.

Tuesday 10 June, 6pm - Council Room, King's College London, Strand, London WC2 **Katie Lentakis Memorial Award 2014** and launch of Vol15 in the Ashgate Series, Publications of the Centre for Hellenic Studies. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7486 9410 (answering service) or at info@anglohellenicleague.org or www.anglohellenicleague.org. Organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League.

Friday 13 June, 7pm - Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

Unthinkable Histories: The Nation's Vow and the Making of a Fantasy in Greece A lecture by Dr Dimitris Antoniou, LSE. In 1829 the participants of the 4th National Assembly voted to construct the Church of the Saviour to express gratitude for the liberation of Greece. In the 1960s Church officials presented this initiative as an unfulfilled national vow. Despite the project's long and complicated history, the endeavour is mainly remembered as a project of the 1967 military regime. The talk explains how stories of our past are produced, and describes the analytics utilized to create public narratives. Free entry. Further information at etelep@qmx.com. Organised by Eteria Ellinon Epistimonon.

Saturday 14 June - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Well-being Day An away-day at the Centre where you can try out various health-enhancing activities including Yoga and Laughter Yoga, enjoy therapeutic head massage and relax with a delicious and nutritious lunch. Hear talks on healthy living including Nutrition for the Brain, and on understanding mental challenges such as Depression and Dementia. Further details and application form to follow in May. **Organised by the Fundraising Committee of the Hellenic Centre.**

Sunday 15 June, 11am-8pm

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

Tuesday 17 June

Visit to the Ashmolean Museum Exhibition "Cézanne and the Modern: Masterpieces of European Art from the Pearlman Collection" Tickets £40 (lunch not included). The fee covers transportation on the Oxford Tube (coach), entry to exhibition and special tour by Colin Harrison, curator of the exhibition and Senior Curator of European Art at the Ashmolean. Bookings and further information on 07768 470709. Organised by the Fundraising Committee of the Hellenic Centre.

SUPPORT CULTURE

Thursday 19 June, 7pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

The Runciman Award 2014 organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020 7486 9410 (answering service) or at info@anglohellenicleague.org or www.anglohellenicleague.org.



Friday 20 June, 7.15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Fury of the Gods Presentation of Loulla Christodoulou's book by Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the European Commission. In *Fury of the Gods* the author shares with us her fascination with Ancient Greece. Theo and Leon are on a plane bound for the Olympic Games in Athens when they are hi-jacked and embroiled in an ancient Greek battle that has raged in the sky for thousands of years. Through their many adventures and their travel in time, the author succeeds in bringing to

life Ancient Greece and encourages her young readers to learn about it. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Cypriot Estia of London and the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 24 June, 7,15pm - Great Hall, Hellenic Centre

Piano Recital Michalis Tagkas performs Beethoven's *Sonata Opus 110 and* Chopin's *Barcarolle op.60, Mazurka no.4 op.17, Ballade no.4 op.52*. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Monday 30 June & Tuesday 1 July, 9.30am to 6pm - Selwyn College, Cambridge

From Cornaros to Kazantzakis: Language, Culture, Society and History in Crete A conference, organised by Cambridge and Oxford Universities, to honour Prof David Holton. Conference topics relate to Crete, its history, culture and society, to reflect the interests of Prof Holton. Further information at ag585@cam.ac.uk or kostas.skordyles@modlangs.ox.ac.uk.

June 2014 (dates to be confirmed), Louth Museum, 4 Broadbank, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 **Andreas Kalvos & George Seferis: Two Greek Poets "Meet" in Louth, Lincolnshire** Exhibition and commemorative celebration. Details will be announced in early May on www.louthmuseum.org.uk and www.facebook.com/pages/Hellenic-Foundation-for-Culture-UK. Under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece. Organised by Louth Museum and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture to mark the Greek Presidency of the Council of EU .

JULY

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

Events in Phocaea 1914 – Photographic Documents by Felix Sartiaux A presentation in Greek by art historian Haris Yiakoumis marking the 100 years from the persecution of Greeks from the coast of Asia Minor. It is complemented by an exhibition of photographs by the French archaeologist Felix Sartiaux, who witnessed and documented the expulsion of Greeks from Phocaea and a historic documentary, directed by Agnes Sklavos and Stelios Tatakis, exploring the events of the period. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

AUGUST

There will be no events during August
The Hellenic Centre cultural activities will resume in September

GIVE GENEROUSLY

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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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September-December 2014; the deadline for submitting information for this period is Friday 4 July