

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY AND THE EUROPEAN NIGHT OF MUSEUMS, 18th MAY 2013

Since 1977 the 18th of May is celebrated worldwide as International Museum Day. This day is an occasion to raise awareness on how important museums are in the development of society. Over the last years participation in the celebrations of International Museum Day seems to be breaking all records with more than 30,000 museums from approximately 120 countries joining in the celebrations with the hosting of special events.

The Cyprus National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) announces that, within the framework of International Museum Day under the theme *Museums (Memory and Creativity) = Social Change*, the following events will take place with free entrance:

WEDNESDAY, 15 – SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2013-04-23

Cyprus Postal and Philatelic Museum

(3 Agiou Savva Street, Nicosia near Laiki Geitonia)

The Museum will remain open until 21:00

FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2013

Local Museum of Kourion

(Episkopi village, tel.: 25932750, 99442458, 99419938)

18:00 - 19:00 Guided Tour of the Museum by Archaeological Officers of the Department of Antiquities

19:00 - 19:30 – Welcome note by the President of the Episkopi Local Council

- Address by Acting Director of the Department of Antiquities

- Award of honorary plaques to retired Department of Antiquities' Technicians from Episkopi

19:30 – 20:00 Lecture titled “*The Kourion Mosaics: at the borders of art and technology*” by Dr. Eleftherios Charalambous, Conservator

20:00 – 21:00 Concert by the Orchestra of Ancient Musical Instruments ‘*Terpandros*’ (ancient, Medieval and traditional compositions as well as works of contemporary composers) under the direction of Michalis Georgiou.

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Local Museum of Traditional Embroidery and Silver-smith Work, Lefkara

(House of Patsalos, Lefkara village, tel.: 24342326)

20:00 – 24:00 Musical evening

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Byzantine Museum and Art Gallery (Archbishop Makarios III Foundation)

(Arch. Kyprianos Sq., Nicosia, tel.: 22430008, www.makariosfoundation.org.cy)

19:30 – 20:30 Opening of exhibition of artwork by students who participated in the educational programme “Journey through Byzantine Art” and “Hymn to Freedom” (2012-2013) organised by the Archbishop Makarios III Foundation in collaboration with the Directorate of Primary School Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture (17 May – 17 September 2013)

- Cultural program and guided tour
- Presentation of the technique of icon painting and mosaic making by expert artists.

FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2013

Thalassa Agia Napa Municipal Museum

(14 Kryou Nerou Street, Agia Napa, 5340, tel.: 23816366, www.thalassamuseum.org.cy)

Opening hours: **9:00 – 22:00**

9:00 – 12:15: Pancyprian Ecological Day under the title “The Sea and the Environment” for Cyprus’ Ecological Schools. Part of the Agia Napa coastline will be cleaned and a “Knowledge Treasure Hunt will be organized.

SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2013

Cyprus Museum:

(1 Museum Street, Nicosia, tel.: 22865854, www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

09:00 - 23:00: The Cyprus Museum will be open and entry will be free (entry will also be free at all museums of the Department of Antiquities on this day). This year at the Cyprus Museum, celebrations for International Museum Day and European Night of Museums will be combined.

18:00 – 19:00 Guided tours of the museum (in Greek)

18:30 – 19:30: Guided tours of the museum (in English)

19:30 Opening of exhibition

“Fragments: Ceramic Finds from Byzantine and Medieval Nicosia”, Temporary Exhibition Hall (in collaboration with the Leventis Municipal Museum)

20:30 – 23:00 Reception in the Museum gardens with **live music** by *“Kind of Brass”*, a wind instrument band performing music from the Mediterranean, the Balkans, Latin America etc.

SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2013

Local Museum of Ancient Idalion

(Idalion tel.: 22444818)

10:00 – 11:00 Guided tour of the Museum (in Greek)

12:00 – 13:00 Guided tour of the Museum (in English)

SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2013

The A.G. Leventis Gallery

(40 Gladstone street, 1095 Nicosia, tel.: 22668838 | 22667277, info@leventisgallery.org)

Special presentation-tour entitled *“A Journey into 18th century Venice through the Collections of the Leventis Gallery”*.

Limited spaces available

Times: 10.30 / 12.00 / 15.30 / 16.30

For attendance applications: tel. 22668838

SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2013

The Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia

(17 Hippokratous Street, Laiki Geitonia, Nicosia, tel.: 22661475, 22671997, www.leventismuseum.org.cy)

Presentation of works by contemporary artists inspired by Medieval pottery.

17:00 – 18:00 Opening – Special guided tour

Evening meeting

The Museum will remain open from 10:00 until 22:00. The public is invited to come and meet the Museum's 'world'

18:00 – 19:00, 19:00 – 20:00 Special guided tours.

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Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation

Museum of the *George and Nefeli Giabra Pierides Collection*

(86-90 Phaneromenis Street, 1011, Nicosia, tel.: 22128157, www.boccf.org)

Exhibition "*The dancing statue at the Museum of George and Nefeli Giabra Pierides. An imaginary museum for children within the museum*". The program was prepared by artist Maria Loizidou.

The Museum of the History of Cypriot Coinage

(51 Stasinou Ave., Agia Paraskevi, Nicosia, tel.: 22677134, www.boccf.org)

Exhibition "*A Cypriot coin. Design proposals at the Museum of the History of Cypriot Coinage*"

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9:00 – 13:00: free entry

Western European Painting Hall: periodical exhibition "*Makarios and the Fine Arts*" (6 April 2013 – 19 January 2014)

SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2013

Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, Associated with the Pierides Foundation [Old Power House]

(19 Palias Elektrikis Street, 1016 Nicosia, tel.: 22797400, www.nimac.org.cy)

Opening Hours: 10:00 – 15:00 and 17:00 – 23:00. Free entry.

15:00 – 17:00 Film Workshop for teenagers

17:00 – 19:00 Engraving Workshop for children aged 6-12

19:00 – 20:00 Guided tour of exhibition *Terra Mediterranea – In Crisis*

SATURDAY, 18 MAY 2013

State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art

(Corner of Stasinou Ave. And Kretes Street, Nicosia, tel: 22458228)

19.00 Presentation by Theopisti Stylianou-Lambert, Lecturer at the Multimedia and Graphic Arts Department of the Cyprus University of Technology titled “*Η Μουσειακή Εμπειρία: Παρελθόν, Παρόν και Μέλλον*”

20.30 Concert by *Funkystraat* and reception.

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Museum of National Struggle

(Archbishop Kyprianos square, old Nicosia, tel: 22305878)

18:00 Guided tour (in Greek) and drink

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20:00 – 22:00 Music and dance event by dancing school ‘RYTHMOS’

Pottery exhibition with work of Myro Psara (until 30th June 2013)

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2013

Ethnological Museum (The Hadjigeorgakis Kornesios Mansion)

(20 Patriarchou Gregoriou Street, old Nicosia, tel.: 22305316, www.mew.gov.cy/da)

Within the framework of the exhibition “*at Maroudias*”, a collaboration between Re Aphrodite, the Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, and the Department of Antiquities, part of the international arts program Terra Mediterranea – In Crisis, the following will take place:

15:00 – 16:30 Creative Workshop “*at Maroudia’s*” for children of 7 – 12 years old.

A creative workshop for children, which aims at a reinterpretation of the children's relationship to the museum as a space and as a home during the Ottoman period in Cyprus (Workshop delivered in Greek).

Workshop development: Nikoletta Verykiou, Eva Kalomoiri, Elena Pavlidou, Evi Tselika, Maya Hadjigeorgiou. Delivery: Maya Hadjigeorgiou. (For Registrations: 22797394)

15:30 – 16:30 Guided tour of exhibition ‘*At Maroudias*’ by Chrystalleni Loizidou and Evi Tselika

17:00 – 18:00 Performance by artist Lia Lapithi, dramaturge/researcher Ellada Evangelou, and activist / social scientist Christina Kaili

18:00 – 19:00 Presentation by academic Stavros Karayannis, Associate Professor at the European University Cyprus

The Department of Antiquities is organising the following:

19:30 – 20:30 Guided tour of the Museum by an Archaeological Officer of the Department of Antiquities

20:30 – 22:30 Reception and live music by ‘NAVA’, a ten member ensemble who perform original compositions and traditional music from Central Asia.