

PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

18th MAY 2012

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. In 2011 participation in the celebrations of International Museum Day broke all records with around 30,000 from approximately 100 countries joining in the celebrations with the hosting of special events.

The Department of Antiquities announces that, within the framework of International Museum Day, all Museum's under the jurisdiction of the Department of Antiquities will have free entrance and the following events will take place:

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2012

Local Museum of Kourion

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

18:30 Guided Tour of Museum

19:30 Lecture "*Monuments and Museum of Curium*" by Dr. Demos Christou, excavator of Kourion Archaeological Site

20:00 Concert "*Love's Labors*" by the *Cyprida Voice* Music Ensemble

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2012

Local Museum of Ancient Idalion

(Idalion tel.: 22444818)

17:30 Guided tour of the Museum

18:00 Guided tour of the Archaeological Site of Ancient Idalion

19:15 Addresses at the Museum's garden

19:30 Presentation of research and projects on ancient Idalion prepared by students of Idalion Secondary School.

19:45 Screening of documentary on the making of the replica of the Idalion Bronze Tablet.

20:30 Guided tour of the Museum

An exhibition will be organized to accompany the celebrations, including projects, objects and art work by students of the schools of the Idalion Municipality.

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

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

11:30 – 13:00 Shadow theatre (*Karagkiozis*) in the Museum for primary and nursery school students, organized by the Lefkara Cultural Society in collaboration with the Municipality of Lefkara and the Department of Antiquities.

FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2012

Cyprus Museum:

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

08:00 - 23:00: The Cyprus Museum will be open and entry will be free. At the Cyprus Museum this year, celebrations for International Museum Day and European Night of Museums will be combined.

Special Exhibition Hall

“anThrOPOS: Faces of Cyprus through the Ages”

Exhibition Duration: 18 May 2012 – 18 January 2013

An exhibition entitled: *“anThrOPOS: Faces of Cyprus through the Ages”* will be organised in the Cyprus Museum’s Special Exhibition Hall. The exhibition is also organized on the occasion of Cyprus’ Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2012. The exhibition explores the human form as it is represented in the art of Cyprus from the Neolithic period until today, focusing specifically on depictions of the human face. Ancient stone and terracotta heads will be presented and emphasis will be placed on facial features, hairstyles, headdresses as well as various other mediums of body ornamentation (jewellery, tattoos etc) as depicted through the ages. Through this variety of representations the visitor will be able to trace features which highlight the concept of personal and group identity as well as trends in face representation throughout antiquity. The visitor’s journey will continue with an exhibition of unique photographic portraits of Cypriot villagers taken in the 30’s, 40’ and 50’s by Porphyrios Dikaïos during his archaeological explorations of the island. This dialogue of past and present is completed with an audiovisual installation by Haris Epaminonda, inspired by faces of the past. The artist’s 2012 project is a new addition to her ongoing work entitled ‘*Chronicles*’ (2010-ongoing).

With the opening of the exhibition the Department of Antiquities’ publication titled *“Faces and Places of Cyprus (1933-1956): Porphyrios Dikaïos’ Photographs at the Department of Antiquities”* will be launched.

18:00 – 19:00 & 20:00 – 21:00: Guided tours

19:30 (Library): The new publication of the Department of Antiquities titled: *“Faces and Places of Cyprus (1933-1956): Porphyrios Dikaïos’ Photographs at the Department of Antiquities”* will be presented by Professor Euphrosyne Rizopoulou-Egoumenidou, University of Cyprus.

20:00 - 23:00 Live jazz music with DKQ and reception in the gardens of the Cyprus Museum.