



THE HELLENIC CENTRE

Diary of Events
April - August 2016



Unnamed, Lydia Papadopoulou

**Mosaic Odysseys: An Exhibition of Contemporary Mosaics
by Mosaicists from Greece and the UK, 19-23 July 2016**

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APRIL

Friday 1 April to Tuesday 19 April - The Hellenic Centre

AKASH & RUPA Dividing SPACE and Creating FORM New work by Caterina Hadjilias. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. [Supported by the Hellenic Centre.](#)

Monday 4 April, 7pm to 8.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

C. P. Cavafy, The Historical Sense' and Hellenism Part of the lectures in English on **Modern Greece and the Classical Tradition - An Introduction to Modern Greek Literature and Culture** with Dr Polina Tambakaki (King's College London). The session will look at the ancient world in Cavafy's poetry, paying special attention to the city of Alexandria (real and imagined) and Cavafy's statement: 'I am a poet-historian'. Language: English, all texts will be read in English translation. Tickets £10, Hellenic Centre Members £8; limited availability; bookings on 020 7487 5060. [Organised by the Hellenic Centre.](#)

Thursday 7 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Recital with Omodos Duo Ippokratis Argyrou (guitar) and Marios Ioannou (violin) perform Maximo Diego Pujol, *Suite Buenos Aires*; Laurent Boutros, *Amasia*; Astor Piazzola, *3 movements of the History of Tango (Bordel, Cafe and Nightclub)*. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. [Supported by the Hellenic Centre.](#)



Tuesday 12 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Enduring Influence of Greek Culture A lecture in English accompanied by slides and given by Sir Basil Markesinis, QC, FBA. Drawing on his personal experience, his wide reading and a highly peripatetic life as a Speaker and Geopolitical Advisor in three continents, our lecturer will attempt to explain the longevity of ancient works and how Greek thought helped shape what we now call Western Culture. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. [Organised by the Hellenic Centre.](#)

Sunday 17 April, 6pm- Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Steet, London SW3 2JL

English Folk Concert with Ben Moss and Laurel Swift. Tickets £10; bookings on 07808 777946 or at angeliki.petropetsioti@gmail.com. Organised by the Ionian Society.

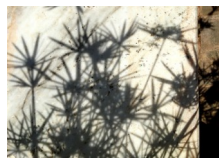
Thursday 21 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Clothes Maketh the Man: Fashion and Society in Medieval Cyprus A lecture in English by Dr Ioanna Christoforaki (Assistant Research Fellow, Academy of Athens, Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Art). Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. [Organised by the Hellenic Centre.](#)

Friday 22 April to Thursday 19 May - The Hellenic Centre

About Shadows - υπό σκιάν Photographs by Olympia Theofanopoulou-Parikaki exploring how light and shadows, in conjunction with the human presence in a specific place, strike some of our innermost chords. Meet the artist: Saturday 23 April, 5pm-7.30pm. For opening hours call 020 7487 5060. [Supported by the Hellenic Centre.](#)

Chios



Friday 22 April, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Recent Excavations of Tombs of the 11th-9th Cent. B.C. at Palaepaphos in Cyprus Prof Vassos Karageorghis talks about the excavations that have brought to light burial customs and offerings which resemble strikingly descriptions in Homeric epic (8th Cent. B.C.). These were introduced by Achaean immigrants at the very end of the Late Bronze Age, thus justifying the term 'homeric' for Palaepaphos, well before Homer. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. [Organised by the Hellenic Centre.](#)

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Saturday 23 April, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Famellos - Drogosis - Gourgiotis: Live in London Join us for a special Saturday evening concert for the European Tour of Manolis Famellos, Stathis Drogosis and Panos Gourgiotis. Further information and bookings at www.ark4art.eventbrite.com. Organised by Ark4Art. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Thursday 28 April, 6pm to 7pm - Peltz Gallery, 43 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PD
1st Edition, Opening of RELAPSE : IDENTITY An exhibition on the concept of identity presented by RELAPSE collective (Vasiliki Antonopoulou, Nikolas Kasinos and Dimitrios Michailidis) and guest artist Penelope Koliopoulou. Free entry; booking essential at <http://relapse1.eventbrite.co.uk>. Organised by the Cyprus High Commission, Cultural Section; curated by Dr. Gabriel Koureas; under the auspices of the Minister of Education and Culture of Cyprus, Dr. Costas Kadis.

MAY

Friday 6 May, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Hellenic Centre Easter Celebration - Iró "Straight to the Heart" This year's celebration features Iró who is coming to London for the first time bringing along her voice, a piano and many beloved melodies. The awarded Greek singer and pianist will be taking us on a musical journey aiming "Straight to the heart". Music is an element that unites people beyond borders and national considerations. Iró wishes to bring Greeks and friends of Greek culture together around classic songs of world famous composers, such as Manos Hadjidakis, Mikis Theodorakis and Mimis Plessas, songs that not only reflect but have also shaped modern Greek cultural identity. Iró will also be singing some of her own greatest hits, together with great songs of contemporary Greek artists and composers, specially selected to create the cozy atmosphere of a group of good old friends. Tickets £18, Hellenic Centre Members £16; price includes a glass of wine and a red egg for everyone. Further information and bookings on 020 7487 5060 or at www.ark4art.eventbrite.com. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre and Ark4Art.**

Monday 9 May, 7pm to 8.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

Odysseus Elytis, Mediterranean Sensibility and Antiquity Part of the lectures in English on **Modern Greece and the Classical Tradition - An Introduction to Modern Greek Literature and Culture** with Dr Polina Tambakaki (King's College London). The session will look at Elytis' relationship to antiquity and what has been called 'Mediterranean poetics'. Mikis Theodorakis' musical settings of Elytis' poetry (especially the *Axion Esti*) will also be examined. Language: English, all texts will be read in English translation. Tickets £10, Hellenic Centre Members £8; limited availability; bookings on 020 7487 5060. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Friday 13 May, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

Birmingham Modern Greek Translation Series An event, in English and Greek, to celebrate the twenty years of the Series marked by the launch of the book *The Last Varlamis* by Thanasis Valtinos, translated by Stathis Gauntlett. Free entry; booking essential at secretary@moderngreek.org.uk. Organised by the Society for Modern Greek Studies.

Sunday 15 May, 5.30pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL

Charity Operating Afternoon Concert with countertenor Calvin Wells accompanied by Kimon Pallikaropoulos. Tickets £10; bookings on 07808 777946 or at mariaandipa@gmail.com. Organised by the Ionian Society.

FREE CULTURAL EVENTS

Thursday 19 May, 6pm to 7pm - Peltz Gallery, 43 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PD
Identity Development Among Ethnic Minority Lesbians and Gay Men A lecture by Prof Constantinos Phellas, Vice Rector, University of Nicosia to set the closing of the exhibition RELAPSE: IDENTITY. Free entry; booking essential at <http://relapse2.eventbrite.co.uk>. Organised by the Cyprus High Commission, Cultural Section.

Tuesday 24 May, 7.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Right to Vote - Allow All Cypriot Refugees to Vote in a Cyprus Referendum
A presentation in English and Greek. Free entry; booking essential on 020 8888 2556 or at admin@lobbyforcyprus.org. Organised by Lobby for Cyprus.

Tuesday 31 May, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Shonorities The ensemble Shonorities presents music for the Japanese *koto* (Makiko Goto) and *shō* (Naomi Sato), female voice (Shie Shoji) and violin (Aisha Orzabayeva). The programme, encompasses a colourful and diverse collection of musical styles. Featured pieces include traditional Japanese music accompanied by dance in original Japanese kimonos, established repertoire by Western and Japanese composers including electronics and the premier of a work by Basil Athanasiadis composed especially for the occasion. Further information about Shonorities at www.shonorities.com. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. The performance is supported by Japan Foundation, the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, the Japanese Embassy in Greece, the Greek-Japanese Association and **the Hellenic Centre**.

JUNE

Thursday 2 June, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Hearts of Stones Book launch of Simon Scarrow's new novel. Simon Scarrow is a No.1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author: renowned for his historical novels featuring Roman army centurions Macro and Cato, *Hearts of Stones* is a departure for him as this dramatic and atmospheric novel of war, betrayal and friendship is set against the backdrop of a beautiful Greek island during World War II. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. Organised by Headline Publishers. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre**.

Friday 3 June, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

12 Préludes A concert dedicated to the music of the contemporary composer Constantinos Stylianou with Eleni Mavromoustaki (piano) and Victoria Mavromoustaki (violin), featuring a selection from the cycle *12 Préludes* for solo piano (each one inspired by a work of art) and the UK premiere of his Violin Sonata preceded by a panel discussion on the relationship between music and the visual arts with the artist Frixos Papanioniou and the pianist and musicologist Dr Nicolas Constantinou and chaired by the composer himself. Free entry; booking essential at <http://12preludes.eventbrite.co.uk>. Organized by the Cyprus High Commission, Cultural Section; under the auspices of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Cyprus in the UK, Euripides L. Evriviades.

Saturday 4 June, 4.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

A Land of Refugees: Greece in the Current Migration Crisis A lecture in English by Prof Renée Hirschon, St Peter's College, Oxford. Free entry; booking essential at secretary@moderngreek.org.uk. Organised by the Society for Modern Greek Studies.

GREEK LANGUAGE COURSES

Tuesday 7 June, 6.30pm to 8.30pm - 12 Star Gallery, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU
Of Time and Space Cypriot artists, Frixos Papantoniou and Sumer Erek, explore the impact of Time and Space on our emotions and behaviour and use a variety of approaches and media to create works influenced by the strength of their cultural upbringing. Admission free but booking essential at <http://oftimeandspace.eventbrite.co.uk>. Organised by the Cyprus High Commission, Cultural Section; under the auspices of the High Commissioner for the Republic of Cyprus in the UK, Euripides L. Evriviades

Tuesday 7 June, 7.15pm - The Hellenic Centre

Material Faith: The mosaic of the Archangel Gabriel in Hagia Sophia, Constantinople and the Angels of the Panaghia Angeloktistos, Kiti, Cyprus A lecture by Prof Liz James. 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.**



Sunday 12 June, 3.30pm - The Hellenic Centre

The History of the Greek Folk Urban Songs - Rebetiko Rebetiko is a branch of Greek urban music that was accused, censored, banned and hunted down with every means of state repression. However, Rebetiko not only managed to transcend its origins, beyond prison walls and the margins of society, but also to thrive and dominate. For more than 150 years Rebetiko music has been and remains an inspirational influence to new and emerging music genres from around the world. To what can this charm and endurance be attributed, unrelenting throughout all these years? This is one of the mysteries that this presentation and performance will explore. **Instruments exhibition and trials by the luthier Christos Spourdalakis from 3.30pm until 5pm; music at 5pm.** Tickets online £12, students £10, at the door £14 (cash only); bookings and further information at www.rebetikocarnival.co.uk. Part of Rebetiko Carnival 2016. **Supported by the Hellenic Centre.**

Tuesday 14 June, 7pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Runciman Award 2016 presented to the winner of the Runciman Award books on Hellenic Studies published in 2015. Free entry; booking essential at info@anglohellenicleague.org. Organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League.

Wednesday 15 June, 6.30pm - Council Room, King's College London, Strand, London WC2
Katie Lentakis Memorial Fund Award 2016 presented to the winner final year undergraduate of the School of Arts & Humanities at King's College on his/her essay on a topic related to any field of Hellenic Studies. Free entry; booking essential at info@anglohellenicleague.org. Organised by the Anglo-Hellenic League.

Sunday 19 June, 11am to 5pm - The Hellenic Centre

The Hellenic Centre Bazaar Join us on a day of fun at the heart of Marylebone. An opportunity to buy books, toys, homeware, silverware and plenty more. Our stall will be located inside the Centre and our Bar will be open for refreshments and delicious cakes. Visit us and help us to raise funds for the Centre! **Organised by the Fundraising Committee of the Hellenic Centre.**

Sunday 19 June, 11am to 5.30pm

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday 19 June, 6pm – The Hellenic Centre

A Folk Inspired Piano Music Stavroula Thoma interprets folk inspired solo piano repertoire, and communicates the originality and idiomatic character of this unique fusion. Programme to include Muzio Clementi, *Fantasia and Variations on Au Clair de la Lune, op.44* ; Frederic Chopin, *Polonaize op.71 in D minor, Mazurkas, op. 68* (complete set); Mikis Theodorakis, *Sonatina*; Faidros Kavallaris, *Eftrapelon a satirical lullaby*; Ernő Dohnányi, *Ruralia Hungarica op. 32a*. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

Sunday 26 June, 6.30pm - Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL

Kalia - Contemporary Music of Crete Tickets £12, glass of wine included; bookings on 07808 777946 or at angeliki.petropetsioti@gmail.com. Organised by the Ionian Society.

Tuesday 28 June, 7.15pm – The Hellenic Centre

Cyprus and the Financial Crisis - The Controversial Bailout and What it Means for the Eurozone An event in English to present the book *Cyprus and the Financial Crisis* by John Theodore and Jonathan Theodore and a discussion with the authors on the events surrounding the recent Cypriot Financial Crisis, the implications of the bail - in provisions (its impact on the Eurozone) and its successful exit from the programme. Free entry; booking essential on 020 7563 9835 or at press@helleniccentre.org. **Organised by the Hellenic Centre.**

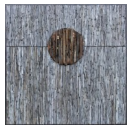
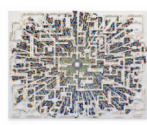
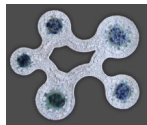
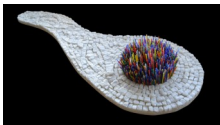
JULY



Tuesday 19 July to Saturday 23 July – The Hellenic Centre

Mosaic Odysseys: An Exhibition of Contemporary Mosaics by Mosaicists from Greece and the UK An international group of eleven acclaimed mosaic artists Artemis Klitsi, Vasso Spanou, Lydia Papadopoulou, Ioannis Touliatos, Alexandros Bassadis, Eftychia Finou, Nathalie Vin, Dugald MacInnes, Kate Rattray, Ariana Puntin and Aliyahgator have been brought together for a unique exhibition of mosaics inspired by the story of Odysseus. Part of a Summer Festival of Mosaics being held in London, Athens and Mykonos during the summer of 2016. Information on artists and their work at <http://mosaic-odysseys.weebly.com>. Free entry; opening times: Tuesday to Friday 10am- 5pm, Saturday 11am - 4pm. Meet the artists: Tuesday 19 July, 6.30pm-8.30pm.

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Friday 22 July, 7pm - 43 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3NA

The Falcon of Siam Constantinos Gerakis A presentation by Lina Molfetas. Tickets £10; bookings on 07808 777946 or at mariaandipa@gmail.com. Proceeds in aid of Children in Need. Organised by the Ionian Society.

AUGUST

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

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- 3.00 – 4.00pm Adults Beginner
- 4.00 – 5.00pm Adults Intermediate
- 5.00 – 6.00pm Adults Advanced

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

Access to the Hellenic Centre is 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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A copy of the Diary in larger print but different format available from our offices
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and will cover the period **September-December 2016**
Deadline for submitting information for this period is **Friday 8 July 2016**

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