

1st Hellenic Theatre Festival of Helvetia

Zurich, 24-25 April 2015

We gladly present the 1st Hellenic Theatre Festival of Helvetia in Zurich with the following important productions.

1. **"King Lear"** with Dimitri Papagianni in the title role, a performance played successfully at the Art Theatre Karolos Koun and "Greek World" Cultural Center of the Hellenic Foundation in Athens.

Synopsis: King Lear is a tragedy by William Shakespeare, where the titular character descends into madness after disposing of his estate between two of his three daughters based on their flattery, bringing devastating consequences for all. The dark intrigues forged for the sake of power deliver the aged and foolish king to abandonment, loneliness, but also a 'revelation' an awareness of the ordinary, but not implicit, values - such as love and human nature etc.,.

Dramaturgy - directed by Giannis Papayannis.

Link: King Lir-Art Theatre 2014-Vasilias Lear long trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9CPbzaSWUo>

2. **«I S A D O R A»** (The life of Isadora Duncan), by the internationally renowned director choreographer and composer Lucas Thanos.

Synopsis: Isadora Duncan (1877–1927) an iconic figure in dance, is renowned for her impassioned movements and her musicality. She took inspiration from ancient Greece shown in her dances, as she wears a costume of a white Grecian tunic and dances in bare feet. The act follows her life from her childhood in America, touring in Europe (and Greece), until her departure in Russia and chronicles her most important love, her tragic destiny, but also the huge successes in her life.

Music and libretto: Lucas Thanos, directed and choreographed by Lucas Thanos.

Link: Lucas Thanos ~ My Heart and My Soul (chorus) ~ Isadora Duncan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjxuKEQ_NFY

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