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Winter, 2013

CALENDAR OF GREEK CULTURAL EVENTS IN WASHINGTON DC



Big Fish, by Thomas Xenakis



TANGO ACROPOLIS

Dear Friends of Greek Culture,

The Embassy of Greece wishes everyone a wonderful winter season. Although the weather is cold, we are pleased to present many events to fascinate and warm you up.

The winter Greek cultural program includes interesting activities for all tastes. From exhibitions, theatre, movies, lectures to dance with the Greek dancers "Tango Acropolis".

Below, you will find a brief schedule of upcoming Greek cultural events, while more detailed announcements will follow in the next few days.

For 2013, we anticipate bringing to you more exciting programs that will include exhibitions on Smyrna, Constantine Cavafy – celebrating with UNESCO his 150th anniversary since his birth - and Byzantium. Also, more movies, Greek dances, a Greek literary and book festival, music, and theatrical readings. In addition, our European Union joint programs will continue bringing to the USA a memorable cultural experience without a passport.

Stay tuned and we will keep you apprised with our upcoming newsletters and announcements.

Thank you all for your continuous support and I look forward to seeing you at any of the upcoming events.

Zoe Kosmidou, Ph.D.
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Hellenic Foundation for Culture

EXHIBITION: "GOLDRUSH". Paintings by Thomas Xenakis

Seeking to reveal both beauty and spirit through painting, Thomas Xenakis creates abstract works using an unusual technique that combines oil paint and gold leaf. His paintings exude an enigmatic sense of spirituality as they explore mysterious realms, moving from two to three dimensions. Though secular in nature, their inspiration and format is derived from the icons of the Eastern Church, and Xenakis makes use of the media and techniques of the Byzantine Medieval Period. The resulting images are a unique and wholly original blend of the ancient and the contemporary.

Thurs. Jan 17-Sat. March 2

McLean Project for the Arts

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean, VA, 22101

www.mpaart.org

THEATRE: "THE MINOTAUR"

A young man with the head of a bull paces his cage and contemplates his fate. Across the sea a warrior sets sail with just one goal. Between them, a girl is ready to take on the world...as soon as she can win a Connect Four game. In this smart and sexy modern retelling of this famous myth, playwright Anna Ziegler creates a whimsical, haunting and poignant tale about the difficulty of writing your own story.

Directed by Randy Baker.

January 18 - February 17, 2013

Atlas Performing Arts Center, at Linden Ct NE

1333 H St. NE Washington, DC 20002

PHONE:202-399-7993

www.atlasarts.org

DANCE: "TANGO ACROPOLIS"

The premier tango group from Athens, Greece offers performances, classes, and their famed "Milonga Without Borders" in preparation for their first "Tango Meeting for Humanity" in July in Athens, Greece. We invite you to experience the unique synthesis of music, motion and passion of **Tango Acropolis**.

Performance/Milonga/Fashion Show

Fri. Jan 25@9:30pm-1:30am

Intensive Two-Hour Workshop

Sat. Jan 26@6-8pm

At the Chevy Chase Ballroom

5207 Wisconsin Avenue NW #6

Washington DC, 20015

For ticket information, please see:

<http://www.tangoacropolis.eu>

Film: "Backstage", The Life and work of Dr. George Papanicolaou

A Greek Public Television (ERT) production on the life and work of Dr. George Papanicolaou. In conjunction with the exhibition: "George Papanicolaou: A Pioneer in Medical Research" currently shown at the Embassy of Greece until February 29, 2013.

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 6:30-8:30pm

Embassy of Greece

2217 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

Film: "Raw Material" by Christos Karakepelis, 78min.

One Film Two screenings:

A. The Goethe Institute in Washington DC will present the film "Raw Material" as part of its program "Mapping Democracy" <http://www.mapping-democracy.org> a series of panels and simulcast conferences which focus on the prospects and viability of democracy in the future, to introduce the public to the social situation in Greece. Introduced by Dr. Zoe Kosmidou, Minister Counselor, Embassy of Greece.

Mon. Feb 4 @ 6:30 pm

Goethe-Institut Washington

812 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 289 1200



B. In its continuing program, "Panorama of Greek Cinema", the AVALON Theatre presents a documentary that charts the course of hunter-gatherers in today's Europe. It documents toil in the burning heat and freezing snow which penetrate its heroes' bodies to lodge in its viewers' minds.

Wed. Feb 6 @8-10pm

The AVALON Theatre

5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20015
(202)966-6000

Lecture: "Our Asia Minor Heritage"

Despina Skenderis-Fourniades will take us to Asia Minor, a region inhabited by Greeks since antiquity. The narrative will lead us through historic events which culminated in the 1922 catastrophe, and will proceed to the present. Despina, whose family hails from Asia Minor, will talk about the "Mikrasiates," their uprooting, their suffering, their "new" life in Greece. She will discuss treasures brought from their lost land - χαμένες πατρίδες, i.e. their music, their instruments, their songs and dances, their foods, their culture. Lecture to be followed by reception.

Fri. Feb 15 @ 8pm

At The St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Founder's Hall
7701 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD, 20817