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Spring, 2013

CALENDAR OF GREEK
CULTURAL EVENTS IN
WASHINGTON DC



Almond trees blossoming in Greece

Dear Friends of Greek Culture,

The Embassy of Greece wishes everyone a wonderful spring season. Although the weather is still cold, we are pleased to present many events to fascinate and prepare you for the blossoming season.

In the next few months, we are pleased to present many fun cultural opportunities to mark your calendars. From children's plays to once every two months, Panorama of Greek Cinema, there will be plenty of performances. Come to the opening of our Smyrna exhibition that has been postponed due to weather conditions. In addition, artists Thomas Xenakis and Athena Tacha will be exhibiting their work in local Galleries. Be sure to check Zaytinya's Greek Easter festival and Agora market. Finally, join us for our annual EU Open House as we and 27 (Croatia included) other embassies from Europe open our doors to the public on May 11th.

Below, you will find a brief schedule of upcoming Greek cultural events, while more detailed announcements will follow in the next few days. Feel free to share our calendar with relatives and friends.

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

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SOLO EXHIBITION: "NEW WORKS WITH GOLD AND PAINT". 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.

Through April 27, 2013

The Frame Factory

212 Dominion Road NE

Vienna, VA, 22180

www.xenakisarts.com

Zaytinya Hosts Greek Easter Festival

From March 31 until May 5, Zaytinya restaurant will be hosting Greek Orthodox Easter events. Celebrations will include an open-air Agora market, delicious dishes and buffets, cooking lessons, and events to honor Greek author, photographer, and journalist Aglaia Kermezi.

Sun. Mar. 31 until Sun. May 5, 2013

At Zaytina

701 9th St, NW

Washington, DC 20001

For full schedule and ticket information, visit <http://zaytinya.com>.



Film: "Nicostratos the Pelican"

A French production about a Greek story filmed in the Greek isles. Yannis is a 14-year-old boy who lives on a pristine Greek island. Still haunted by memories of his mother's death, he struggles to connect emotionally with his fisherman dad. One magical summer, Yannis rescues and befriends a young pelican that he names Nicostratos; he also falls in love for the first time, with Angeliki, a 17-year-old girl whose free-spiritedness overwhelms him and opens up unforeseen doors in his life. As the summer rolls forward, the emotional barriers between Yannis and his dad also begin to break down. Don't miss the unique story and breathtaking imagery of the Greek islands.

Wed. Apr. 3, 2013 @ 8pm

At The AVALON Theatre

5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

(202)966-6000

Epirotic Society of Washington DC presents: ANTAMOMA

Join the Epirotic Society of Washington for six intensive classes to learn Greek folk dances from across the nation. This adult program will be lasting until June, 2013, and features the talents of many extraordinary teachers and dancers. Bring your dancing shoes and be prepared to learn!

Thursdays from:**Apr. 4 until June 20, 2013****At The Hellenic Center**

6505 Bells Mill Road

Bethesda, MD, 20817

For schedule, tickets, and details, email epiroticsocietydc@gmail.com or call (301)403-6554

Athena Tacha: "Drawings: Private and Public"

Greek artist Athena Tacha will have her work on display at the Marsha Mateyka Gallery in Washington, DC. Please come and enjoy the work, and join us for the reception for the artist at the opening of the show.

Sat. Apr. 6 @4-6pm**Exhibition Apr.6 to May 25, Wed-Sat @11am-5pm****At The Marsha Mateyka Gallery**

2012 R St, NW

Washington, DC, 20009

Washington Area Greek Educational Committee presents "NIARA"

The Hippo Theatre Group from Thessaloniki, Greece, is proud to present "NIARA", an educational theatrical play for all ages. Niara is a modern story that includes live music and dancing, following an aristo-cat on her journey to the far-away land of Portucat. The actors will be performing the play in Greek, while the workshop on theatrical techniques following will be in English.

Sat. Apr. 6, 2013 @3-5pm**At St. George Greek Orthodox Church**

7701 Bradley Blvd

Bethesda, MD 20817

Purchase Tickets at:

https://www.dcgreeks.com/tickets/ticket_seat_manager.aspx?EventID=2013040602**Sun. Apr 7, 2013 @3-5pm****At St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church**

3149 Glen Carlyn Road

Falls Church, VA 22041

Purchase Tickets at:

https://www.dcgreeks.com/tickets/ticket_seat_manager.aspx?EventID=2013040701

Art Exhibit: "Smyrna: Longings for a Lost Motherland"

The Greek Embassy will be presenting a new series of mixed media collages entitled "LONGINGS FOR A LOST MOTHERLAND" by artist Annee Spileos Scott. The work illuminates three thousand years of Hellenic culture in Asia Minor (Turkey today). The title refers to the Asia Minor Catastrophe of 1922 and the Lausanne Treaty of 1923, as we acknowledge the Ninetieth Anniversary of both historical events.

Opening: Weds. Apr. 10, 2013 @ 7- 9pm**Exhibition Runs To May 3, 2013, Weekdays 11am-3pm****At The Embassy of Greece**

2217 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20008

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Annual EU Open House

This year the Embassy of Greece will be opening its doors for the annual EU Open House. Join us to see the inside of the Greek embassy. We will have many activities, including food, tourism, and industry presentations from Greece; multimedia presentations; and traditional Greek dancing. It's always an exciting day.

Sat. May 11, 2013 @ 10am-4pm

At The Embassy of Greece

2217 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20008

<http://euopenhouse.com>

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