

## PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012

Since 1977 the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Cyprus National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) announces that, within the framework of International Museum Day, 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.: 22865888, [www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da))**

**08:00 - 23:00:** The Cyprus Museum will be open and entry will be free. Entry will also be free at all museums under the jurisdiction of the Department of Antiquities. This year at the Cyprus Museum, 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 - 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)*.

**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 Ephrosyne Rizopoulou-Egoumenidou (University of Cyprus).

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

### **Leventio Municipal Museum**

**(17 Hippokratous Street, Laiki Geitonia, Nicosia, tel.: 22661475)**

The Museum will remain open to the public until 22:00

Special Guided tours: «Ένα ταξίδι στην ιστορία της Λευκωσίας»

1. 10:30

2. 12:00

3. 15:00

Limited places available. For reservations: 22661475.

#### **19:30 Fashion show: «Φουστάνι»**

The Friends of the Leventio Municipal Museum of are organizing a fashion show entitled “Φουστάνι” by the Cypriot fashion designer Tota Patsalidou (Spring-Summer Collection 2012). The collection is inspired by Cypriot Traditional Costume.

Under the auspices of the Mayor of Nicosia Mr. Konstantinos Yiorkatzis.

Entry Fee: €15, all proceeds will be used for the enrichment of the Museum’s Collection.

A reception will follow.

### **Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

**(86-90 Phaneromenis Street, 1011, Nicosia, tel.: 22128157, [www.boccf.org](http://www.boccf.org))**

The Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation will extend the opening hours of its exhibitions and museums **on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 of May 2012.**

**Opening hours: 10:00 – 21:00**

*For information, please contact 800 00 800*

#### **Temporary Exhibition Hall**

***Our Lady of Lefkosia. The Church of Phaneromeni and its Relics***

(22 March – 30 September 2012)

The Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation and the Ecclesiastical Board of Panagia Phaneromeni Church in Nicosia are the co-organizers of an exhibition entitled ***Our Lady of Lefkosia. The Church of Phaneromeni and its Relics***. More than 100 relics are presented for the first time to the public. Both the exhibition and the supplementary publication are meant to present a diachronic account of the history and contribution of the church of Our Lady Phaneromeni to the city of Nicosia within-the-walls and to the wider island.

#### **The Museum of the History of Cypriot Coinage**

**Archaeological Museum of George and Nefeli Giabra Pierides Collection (Donated by Clio and Solon Triantafyllides)**

### **SPYRA Innovative Digital Archaeological Explorer**

SPYRA is an innovative digital program, the only one of its kind in Cyprus, which serves to bring archaeological exhibits from the Museum's showcases closer to the visitor.

### **Educational Programme**

Since January 2011, the Museum's educational programme has been running. Entitled *The dancing statue*, it is intended for primary education pupils.

### **Byzantine Museum and Art Gallery (Archbishop Makarios III Foundation)**

**(Arch. Kyprianos Sq., Nicosia, tel.: 22430008, [www.makariosfoundation.org.cy](http://www.makariosfoundation.org.cy))**

The Museum and Art Gallery will remain open from 9:00 to 21:00 and entry will be free.

**19:30** Opening of exhibition organised by the Byzantine Museum and the Department of Primary Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture. The exhibition will present the art work of the students (2011-2012) who participated in the educational programme "Journey through Byzantine Art". The exhibition will be opened by His Beatitude the Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos II and the Minister of Education and Culture Mr. Demosthenous. The students will be given gifts and a tour of the exhibition will follow and specialists in the art of icon painting and mosaic making will deliver presentations.

## EUROPEAN NIGHT OF MUSEUMS,

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012

This year the “European Night of Museums” celebrates its eighth anniversary. Since 2005, when the concept of the “European Night of Museums” was first introduced, the programme effectively united all European museums around a specific subject each year and has been encouraging a diverse public, especially young people, to visit museums and enjoy their collections. In 2011, more than 4000 museums of modern art, ethnography, archaeology, history and science in over 40 European countries have participated in the “European Night of Museums” with various theatrical, film, dance and musical performances and exhibitions, bringing the public closer to museums.

The Cyprus National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) actively participates in the celebrations of the European Night of Museums with a variety of events. The Cyprus National Committee’s long-term aim is to gradually increase the number of museums that take part in these events.

The Cyprus National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) announces that, within the framework of the European Night of Museums, the following events will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of May:

### FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### **Museum of Traditional Embroidery and Silver-smith Work, Lefkara** **(House of Patsalos, Lefkara village, tel.: 24342326)**

**20:30** Traditional Cypriot musical evening in the Museum’s garden with the musical band “Mesogeios”, organized by the Lefkara Cultural Society and the Municipality of Lefkara in association with the Department of Antiquities. Small reception will take place.

### SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### **State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art**

**(Corner of Stasinou Ave. And Kretes Street, Nicosia, tel: 22800979)**

**19:00** Lecture entitled “*Redefining Art: from Duchamp to the First Cypriot Conceptual Artists*” by Art Theorist Dr Elena Stylianou (the lecture will be delivered in greek)

**20:30** Musical performance by the award winning ethnic group *Tat-tnabar*, whose members uniquely combine music, theatre and dance, using as musical instruments recycled and improvised materials.

Cocktail in the garden of the State Gallery

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

**Museum of National Struggle**

**(Archbishop Kyprianos square, old Nicosia, tel: 22305878)**

**18:00** Guided tour and cocktail

**Ethnological Museum (The Hadjgeorgakis Kornesios Mansion)**

**(20 Patriarchou Gregoriou Street, old Nicosia, tel.: 22305316, [www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da))**

**19:00 – 23:00:** Free entry

**19:00:** Guided tour

**19:30** Music, Dance and Narration by the Cultural Workshop of Agioi Omologites. The event will be structured around the theme of 'Love' as it is expressed in traditional music, dance and stories. Three basic themes of Love will be presented:

- Love and desire
- Futile love
- Love and separation (death).

Each thematic category will include stories, songs and dances from various areas (e.g. Cyprus, Asia Minor, Cyclades, Constantinople, etc).

Reception will follow in the Museum gardens.