



The Hellenic Society Prometheas

Newsletter 19

March 2003

Mark your calendars:

The Return to Origins program

The annual performance will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, Rockville Campus. For tickets get in touch with Irene Konstantopoulos at: gtkmtk@aol.com; her phone number is: **301-983-0055**

Hellenic Independence Day Celebration in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Organized by the Hellenic Society Prometheas and cosponsored by all the Hellenic Organizations and church communities. **Sunday, March 23, 4:30 PM** at the new Community Center of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church Virginia. The keynote speaker will be the distinguished novelist and short story writer **Mr. Harry Mark Petrakis**. For the complete program, please click here:
<http://www.prometheas.org/current.htm>

Haralambos Garganourakis, Saturday, March 22, 2003 at the University of Maryland

The Cretan Music Concert with Haralambos Garganourakis on Saturday, March 22, 2003 at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland at College Park.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE GREEK HERITAGE

Invites you to participate in a Lecture and Discussion on
“Greece's Important Role and Influence in the Cultural, Political and Economic Life of
the Balkans in the Past and Present”
By Professor A. Gerolymatos, Professor of History at Simon Fraser University, British
Columbia, Canada

Thursday, March 6, 2003 7:00 p.m. at The Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Ave. NW,
Washington, D.C.

By Reservation Only; Please email SPGH at classic.heritage@erols.com or call (202)
363-4337 by March 3, 2003

The Library of Congress and the Foundation of Hellenic Culture present the Life and Work of Cavafy, March 14th

The Library of Congress and the Foundation of Hellenic Culture invite you to a lecture and reception on the Life and Work of Cavafy, Greece's 20th Century Global Poet on

Dino Siotis, author, poet and book critic, will present an evening celebrating the life and work of Greece's foremost modern poet, C.P. Cavafy, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the poet's death in 1933. The presentation will include reading of Cavafy's poems in Greek and English by Ioanna Gavakou and Robert McNamara.

Friday March 14th, 6:30 – 9:00 PM at the Mumford Room, James Madison Memorial Building, The Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave SE; RSVP by March 5, FHC: 212-308-6908; or Greek Embassy: 202-332-2727

28th Anniversary Hellenic Heritage Achievement & National Public Service Awards Dinner

Saturday, March 15, 2003

The Capital Hilton • Washington, DC

Link to <http://www.aheworld.org/dinner.html> for a downloadable version of the invitation (Adobe Acrobat format), or contact AHI at (202) 785-8430 or maria@aheworld.org to request that a hard copy of the invitation be mailed to you.

The Marbles—Elgin or Parthenon? Live...from NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and The Embassy of Greece, Press Office; March 13, 2003 • 7:30 p.m.

A Case for the Restitution of Cultural Property

National Geographic Society, Gilbert H. Grosvenor Auditorium, 1600 M St. NW

In an illustrated presentation distinguished British film and television producer William Stewart will examine the controversy surrounding the famed marble sculptures removed from the Parthenon in Athens by the 19th-century British diplomat Thomas Bruce, the 7th Earl of Elgin, at a time when Greece was under the rule of the Ottoman Empire.

Mr. Stewart will discuss how the “Marbles” were removed in 1801 from the monument that symbolizes Athenian democracy and Greek cultural identity. He will also review the British Government's arguments for continuing to hold the Marbles in Britain, as well as the international campaign for their return.

Long known in Britain as the “Elgin Marbles,” and still housed at the British Museum in London, the Marbles are the subject of an international

campaign to return them to Greece, which proposes to reunify these sculptures in their historical setting. Under Greece's plan, the Marbles would be displayed in the new Acropolis Museum that is being built in time for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. Mr. Stewart's presentation will be followed by a discussion of the Parthenon Marbles and the larger questions of cultural ownership and the restitution of cultural property.

A fellow of the Royal Television Society, and a Member of its Hall of Fame, Mr. Stewart produced and presented a documentary on the Parthenon Marbles controversy on Channel Four in 1996. Since 1998 he has lectured on the issue of the Marbles at the European

Parliament in Strasburg, at UNESCO in Paris, in Athens, Washington, and New York. His visit to Washington is part of a seven-city tour of the United States and Canada.

Tickets: National Geographic Members \$8; Nonmembers: \$10

Call :202-828-5661, www.nationalgeographic.com/lectures

Other Upcoming Events:

- “**The Story of the Greek-Egyptians**” Saturday, April 12th, 2003 and “**The Library of Alexandria**”, Tuesday, April, 15, 2003. **Organized by Prometheus** with Mr. Euthimios Soulogiannis, the historian of the Greek-Egyptians, invited from Athens Greece specifically for these lectures. Both events will be at St. George Founders Hall. Detailed announcement will be issued shortly.
- The Concert at the Kennedy Center by the Experimental Choir of Athens and The Pro Arte Chamber Ensemble with Dimitri Papapostolou as its Director on Saturday, May 3, 2003

Other News of Interest

Πρόγραμμα Φιλοξενίας Ελληνοπαίδων της Διασποράς στις Κατασκηνώσεις της ΓΓΑΕ

Το Συμβούλιο Απόδημου Ελληνισμού (ΣΑΕ), Περιφέρεια Β. & Ν. Αμερικής, ανακοινώνει το Πρόγραμμα Φιλοξενίας Ελληνοπαίδων της Διασποράς στις Κατασκηνώσεις της Γενικής Γραμματείας Απόδημου Ελληνισμού (ΓΓΑΕ) κατά τον Ιούλιο και Αύγουστο του 2003.

Το πρόγραμμα στοχεύει στην διατήρηση και τόνωση των δεσμών των παιδιών με την πατρίδα των προγόνων τους και την διαφύλαξη και ενίσχυση της

εθνικής και πολιτιστικής τους κληρονομιάς.

Στο πρόγραμμα μπορούν να συμμετάσχουν παιδιά Ελληνικής καταγωγής, ηλικίας 9 έως 13 ετών. Τα έξοδα μεταφοράς, διαμονής και διατροφής καλύπτονται από την ΓΓΑΕ.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, όπως επίσης και για την παροχή αιτήσεων επικοινωνήστε με τις Τοπικές Διπλωματικές και Προξενικές Αρχές ή με τους Συντονιστές Εκπαίδευσης της περιοχής σας.

Τελευταία ημέρα υποβολής των αιτήσεων ορίζεται η 21η Μαρτίου 2003.

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