



THE HELLENIC SOCIETY PROMETHEAS

On November 12, 2023, The Hellenic Society Prometheas had the privilege to welcome 2023 Grammy-nominated artist Vasilis Kostas, world-renowned clarinetist Manos Achalinotopoulos and the highly-acclaimed Anatoliama Ensemble – George Lernis and Panagiotis Aivazidis – with guest vocalist, Aimilia Chalkia. These accomplished musicians held a very well-received master class and performance at the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church Grand Hall.

Mr. Vasilis Kostas is an acclaimed laouto player. He teaches music and is a member of the Global Messengers, a jazz group which was Grammy-nominated in 2023 in the category Best Jazz/Latin Album for their record Chrysalida. Mr. Kostas graduated with a Master's Degree from the Berklee College of Music Global Jazz Institute. Mr. Manos Achalinotopoulos is considered by critics, composers and musicologists as the best clarinet performer of the new generation in Greece. Mr. Achalinotopoulos is an associate professor in the Department of Music Science and Art at the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki. Mr. George Lernis is the president and founder of the Anatoliama INC, a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the musical traditions of Greece around the U.S. and the world. He is a world-recognized percussionist, drummer, and educator and is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music Global Jazz Institute. Mr. Panagiotis Aivazidis is a kanun player from Serres, Greece. He attended the Music School of Serres, the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki and the Berklee College of Music. Ms. Aimilia Chalkia is an accomplished vocalist, who studied music at the University of Macedonia, in Thessaloniki.

For those interested, please visit vasiliskostas.com, labyrinthcatalunya.com, anatoliama.org for music/recordings and additional information.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance showing their appreciation with a much-deserved standing ovation. The evening ended with a gourmet buffet dinner, that was prepared by Prometheas' good friend and member, chef Pantelis Firippis, who donated generously his time and expertise.