

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY AND THE EUROPEAN NIGHT OF MUSEUMS, 2016**

The Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works and the Cyprus National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), announces that, within the framework of International Museum Day, 2016 (18<sup>th</sup> May), under the theme *Museums and Cultural Landscapes* and the European Night of Museums (21<sup>st</sup> May 2016) numerous events will be organised with free entrance. The objective of International Museum Day is to raise awareness of the fact that Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples. Organised on and around the 18<sup>th</sup> of May each year, International Museum Day celebrations can last a day, a weekend or a whole week. Participation in International Museum Day is growing internationally. In 2015, more that 35,000 Museums participated in the celebrations, in around 145 countries. In Cyprus, this year's programme includes events organized by 25 Museums, from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2016.

#### **TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2016**

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

**19:30** Lecture (in Greek): “Από το RODI στο IDOR το δοχείο της ρευστότητας”, Speaker: Maria Loizidou, Artist  
(Within the framework of the exhibition: “Valentinos Charalambous. Of clay and glaze, of fire, affection and love”)

#### **FRIDAY 13 – SATURDAY 14 MAY 2016**

##### **The A.G. Leventis Gallery**

An educational sleepover for kids aged 10-13 “A night at the Museum”

Photography, painting, games and many more activities. A magical night – a magical journey!

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016**

**Cyprus Museum 9:00 - 23:00**

**11.00** Inauguration of permanent educational programme titled “A Visit to the Cyprus Museum with my Family”  
Thematic journeys with exploration kits: “Discovering Mythical Creatures” and “Discovering the goddess Aphrodite”

**20:00 – 22:00:** Live music in the Museum gardens

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016**

**State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art**

**19.00** Exhibition of works created by students within the framework of the educational programme at the State Gallery. Presentation of family activity bags based on the educational programme.

**20.30** Concert

Reception in the gardens.

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016**

**Museum of National Struggle**

**18:00** Guided tour and film screening

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016**

**Byzantine Museum & Art Gallery (Archbishop Makarios III Foundation)**

**10.00 – 12.30** Opening of exhibition of artwork by pupils who participated in the educational programmes “*Journey through Byzantine Art*” and “*Hymn to Freedom*” of the Ministry of Education and Culture (2015 – 2016).

Guided tour, presentation and application of family activities based on the educational programmes.

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016**

**Cyprus Folk Art Museum – Society of Cypriot Studies**

**10:00 – 18:00** Presentation of traditional crafts, in co-operation with Cyprus Handicraft Service, Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

**10:00, 12:30 & 17:15** Guided tours in Greek (create your own group and book).

**10:00 & 17:30** Presentation of a traditional loom (for mats), from the Turkish-occupied village of Kapouti.

**11:00** Workshop “Needle embroidery and Crochet”

**11:00** Presentation of *vroukalli*-making (traditional basketry), by Kostas Antoniou

**15:30** Cypriot tales (in Greek)

- Tasting of traditional Cypriot delicacies
- 40% discount on SCS publications and special offers on handicrafts at the Museum shop

The programme may be subject to changes

Book in Advance for the Guided tours and Workshops (tel.: 22432578, [cypriotstudies@gmail.com](mailto:cypriotstudies@gmail.com))

**SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2016**  
**Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

**11:00 - 12:30** Educational programme (in Greek): “Gods and Heroes” (for children of 10-12 years).

**16:00 - 17:30** Pottery workshop for families (under the guidance of potter Varvara Georgiou)

(Within the framework of the exhibition: “Valentinos Charalambous. Of clay and glaze, of fire, affection and love”)

**18:00 – 19:00:** Guided tour of the exhibition “Valentinos Charalambous. Of clay and glaze, of fire, affection and love”

Special prices on the Foundation’s publications.

For more info and participation, tel.: 22128157

**SUNDAY, 15 MAY 2016**  
**Ethnological Museum (The Hadjigeorgakis Kornesios Mansion)**

**15:30 & 16:30** Guided tours in Greek (Department of Antiquities)

**17:00** Guided tour in English (Department of Antiquities)

**18:00 – 19:00** Lecture (in Greek) titled “Ένας Αρμένιος, ένας Τούρκος και ένας Έλληνας: Νησιωτικότητα και τοπική εξουσία στην Οθωμανική Κύπρο”, Dr. Antonis Hadjikyriakou, Marie Curie Fellow, Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Foundation for Research and Technology (Greece)

(With an Introduction by Professor Emerita, University of Cyprus, Euphrosyne Rizopoulou-Egoumenidou)

**20:00 – 22:00** Music in the Museum garden with Giorgos Kalogirou, Marios Pavlou & Veronika Aloneftou

**15:00 – 22:00** Exhibition of artwork by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade pupils at Kaimakli B’ Primary School (within the framework of the educational programme “At Hadjigeorgakis’ or at Maroudias’? Investigating gender in a House-Museum”). Exhibition duration: 15 – 22 May 2016 (during Museum opening hours).

**MONDAY 16 MAY 2016**

**Cyprus Museum**

**9:00 & 11:00** Educational programme (in Greek) titled “Ειδώλιο το Δόλιο” for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Primary School pupils and their parents  
Organised by the Department of Primary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture

**MONDAY 16 MAY 2016**

**The A.G. Leventis Gallery**

On the occasion of the International Museum Day the three curators of the A.G. Leventis Gallery Collections, Evita Arapoglou – Greek Collection, Eleni Nikita – Cyprus Collection and Myrto Hatzaki – Paris Collection will present the publications of the three collections.

**MONDAY 16 MAY 2016**

**Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

**8:30 – 12:00** Educational programme (in Greek) titled “Of clay and glaze, of fire, affection and love” (for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade primary school pupils).

**TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2016**

**Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

**8:30 – 12:00** Educational programme (in Greek) titled “Gods and Heroes” (for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Primary School pupils)

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Archaeological Museum of the Lemesos (Limassol) District**

**10:00 & 15:00** Guided tours in Greek (Department of Antiquities)

**12:00** Guided tours in English (Department of Antiquities)

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**The A.G. Leventis Gallery**

**10:00 - 12:30** Secondary school pupils of Lefkosia create the “**Contemporary World of Cyprus**” (in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture)

**11:00 - 12:00 & 15:00 - 16:00** “A World of Gods and Heroes: Mythology and Allegory beyond the Renaissance” - A special guided tour by the Director of the A.G. Leventis Gallery Mrs Loukia Loizou Hadjigavriel

**19:00 - 21:00** Opening of exhibition “**The Contemporary World of Cyprus**”, Claude Monet Hall, Coco\_Creativity Centre

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Hambis Printmaking Museum & Archbishop Makarios III Art Gallery**

**12:00 - 13:00 & 18:00 - 19:00** Guided tours of temporary exhibition “Paper religious icons” (Archbishop Makarios III Art Gallery) with works from the Hambis Printmaking Museum Collection. The exhibition will include 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century illustrated books (tel.: 25222772)

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Centre of Visual Arts and Research**

**10:00 – 18:00** Temporary Exhibition: “Imaginary Cultural Landscapes of Cyprus”. Educational programme for children based on the exhibition.

**20:00** Theatrical performance “Eleonora of Cyprus” in collaboration with Alpha Square Theatre

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Cyprus Folk Art Museum – Society of Cypriot Studies**

Free guided tours (booking required, tel.: 22432578)

**17:00 – 19:00** Sculpting workshop “The tree of recycling”, with the sculptor P. Pasantas

40% discount on SCS publications and special offers at the Museum shop

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

**8:30 – 12:00** Educational programme “Of clay and glaze, of fire, affection and love” (for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Primary school pupils).

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**The Cyprus Wine Museum**

**9:00 – 17:00** Free guided tours every two hours

**19:30** Cello and piano recital. Brice Catherin (cello) & Annini Tsiouti (piano)

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Lemesos (Limassol) Municipal Art Gallery**

Opening hours: **7:30 – 14:30**

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Lemesos (Limassol) Folk Art Museum**

Opening hours: **7:30 – 14:30**

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Kallinikeio Municipal Museum of Athienou**

**10:30 – 11:30 & 18:30 – 19:30** Guided tours of the permanent collections by Curator Ms. Noni Papoui Papasianti

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Local Ethnographic Museum of Geroskipou**

**8:30 – 10:30 & 10:45 – 12:45** Educational programme “Περπατώ, περπατώ στο μουσείο. Όλα τα πήλινα είναι εδώ; Ψάχνω, ψάχνω να τα βρω!!”

(for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade pupils of Geroskipou Primary School).

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**The Leventis Municipal Museum of Lefkosia (Nicosia)**

**11:30 & 18:00** Special guided tours of the temporary exhibition “Threads of tradition, Embroideries and Laces of Cyprus”.

**11:00 – 14:00 & 15:00 – 19:00** In the context of the exhibition craftswomen of the Cyprus Handicraft Service will present the excellent Cypriot art of embroidery and lace-making.

**16:30** Special guided tour: “The Fortification of Nicosia through the ages”

The Museum will be open until 21.00

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Deryneia Folkloric Museum/Open Air Museum for Traditional Professions**

**19:30** Opening of exhibition “Topologies”

(Designs by students of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts of Frederick University and IDEABAR. The works focus on reinventing Cypriot tradition in the modern era)

Organisers: Deryneia Municipality & Frederick University



**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Thalassa Agia Napa Municipal Museum 8:00 - 22:00**

- **19:30** Opening of group exhibition of ceramics and photography titled “Θαλασσινές Μνήμες” Organised by Pierides Foundation. Artists will participate from Cyprus and Denmark
- 20:00** Music and dance event with “Rythmos” dance school

(Organisers: Pierides Foundation & Agia Napa Municipality)

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

**Byzantine Museum & Art Gallery (Archbishop Makarios III Foundation) 9:00 - 21:30**

Visitors will have a chance to visit the re-exhibition of stolen ecclesiastical treasures that were located abroad; the temporary exhibition of Stelios Stylianou “Mnimes 1974” and the temporary exhibition “Paper religious icons” in cooperation with Hambis Printmaking Museum

**18:00** Opening of temporary exhibition of modern painting titled “Κειμήλια Μικρασίας με σύγχρονη ματιά», co-organised with the Cyprus Asia Minor Association.

**18:00 – 21:00** Food performance “Ταξίδι Ψυχών” with Lia Lapithi and Marilena Ioannidou.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, 18 & 19 MAY 2016**

**Cyprus Postal and Philatelic Museum 9:00 - 20:00**

Guided tours

**THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2016**

**Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

**8:30 – 12:00** Educational programme (in Greek): “Gods and Heroes” (for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Primary School students)

**THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2016**

**Local Archaeological Kourion Museum, Episkopi**

**18:30 - 19:30** Guided tour (Department of Antiquities)

19:30 “The life and work of George McFadden in Cyprus”.  
Photographic exhibition on the excavations of McFadden and his life in Cyprus.

**20:00 - 20:45** Live music

**FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016**

**Local Ethnographic Museum of Geroskipou**

**18:30** Event “Traditional professions are brought to life”  
Meet traditional craftspeople and their art

**20:30 - 22:00** Cypriot music and reception with traditional delicacies

**FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016**

**Thalassa Agia Napa Municipal Museum**

**8:15 - 12:15** “Στην Αγία Νάπα τη Θαλασσοφίλητη. Καράβι άνοιξε πανιά”.

(educational programme - collaboration of Pierides Foundation and Ministry of Education and Culture)

**FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016**

**Local Archaeological Museum of Palaipafos (Kouklia)**

**8:30 & 10:30** Educational programme “Μεξ του Κάστρου τη σιγή, ιστορία ν’ ακουστεί...” for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Primary School pupils and their parents

(Department of Primary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture)

**FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016**

**Cyprus Medieval Museum (Lemesos Castle)**

**8:30 & 10:30** Educational programme “Στα χνάρια της Θεάς Αφροδίτης” for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Primary School pupils and their parents  
(Department of Primary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture)

**FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016**

**The Pancyprrian Gymnasium Museums**

**19.30** Film screening of “The Mill and the Cross” (92 min.) by Polish director Lech Majewski (dialogues and subtitles in English).  
Exhibition of cinema film posters  
(short guided tour of the Museum before the screening)  
(in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Cyprus & with the support of the Board of Greek Schools of Nicosia)

**SATURDAY 21 MAY 2016**

**Hambis Printmaking Museum, Platanisteia**

**11:00 - 13:00** Printmaking for parents and children.

Educational programme on printmaking, Cyprus myths and traditions for children of 6-12 years old (guided tour of the Museum, art projects, traditional games, music and story-telling).

**SATURDAY 21 MAY 2016**

**Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, Associated with the Pierides Foundation [NIMAC]**

**9:00 – 20:00** Conference “Cyprus Museums: Cultural Landscapes and Memory”

Organisers: Visual Sociology and Museum Studies Lab, Art + Design: eLearning Lab και Department of Multitmedia and Graphic Arts, Cyprus University of Technology/ Postgraduate programme «History of Art», Cyprus University of Technology / Postgraduate programme «Cultural Policy and Development», Open University of Cyprus/ Laboratory of **Museology, Protection**, Rehabilitation and Development of Cultural Goods (museums, monuments etc), Department of Archives, Library Science and Museology, Ionian University/ Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, Associated with the Pierides Foundation [NIMAC]/ Cultural Studies and Contemporary Arts Lab, European University Cyprus

**FRIDAY, 27 MAY 2016**

**Association of Cypriot Archaeologists**  
**(acarchaeologists@gmail.com)**

**19:00** Lecture by Dr. Nikolaos Kaltsas, former Director of the National Museum (Greece)

“Ανακαινίζοντας μουσεία με νεοκλασικό κέλυφος. Δεσμεύσεις, προβλήματα και λύσεις. Η περίπτωση του Εθνικού Αρχαιολογικού Μουσείου”

(Venue: Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation. Organisers: Association of Cypriot Archaeologists & Embassy of Greece in Cyprus).

**SATURDAY, 28 MAY 2016**

**Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

**16:00 - 17:30** Excursion to Kornos (guides: potter Varvara Georgiou and geologist Dr. George Constantinou)

(for info and booking, tel.: 22128157)

**MUSEUMS (in alphabetical order)**

**LEFKOSIA DISTRICT**

**Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**

86-90 Phaneromenis Street, Lefkosia within the walls, tel.: 22128157,  
[www.boccf.org](http://www.boccf.org)

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

Arch. Kyprianos Square, Lefkosia, tel.: 22430008, [www.makariosfoundation.org.cy](http://www.makariosfoundation.org.cy)

**Centre of Visual Arts & Research (CVAR) of the Costas & Rita Severis Foundation**

285 Ermou Street, Lefkosia, tel.: 22300999, [www.cvar.severis.org](http://www.cvar.severis.org)

**Cyprus Folk Art Museum - Society of Cypriot Studies**

Arch. Kyprianos Square, Lefkosia within the walls, tel.: 22432578,  
[www.cypriotstudies.org](http://www.cypriotstudies.org)

**Cyprus Museum**

1 Museum Street, Lefkosia, tel.: 22865854, [www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

**Cyprus Postal and Philatelic Museum**

3 Agiou Savva Street, Lefkosia, near Laiki Geitonia, tel.: 22303653

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

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

**Museum of National Struggle**

Archbishop Kyprianos Square, Lefkosia within the walls, tel: 22305878

**Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre**

19 Palias Ilektrikis, Lefkosia, tel.: 22797400

**State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art**

Corner of Stasinou Avenue and Kritis Street, Lefkosia, tel: 22458228

**The A.G. Leventis Gallery**

5 Anastasios G. Leventis Street, Lefkosia, tel.: 22668838, [www.leventisgallery.org](http://www.leventisgallery.org)

**The Leventis Municipal Museum of Lefkosia**

15-17 Hippokratous Street, Laiki Geitonia, Lefkosia within the walls, tel.: 22661475,  
[www.leventismuseum.org.cy](http://www.leventismuseum.org.cy)

**The Pancyprian Gymnasium Museums**

Corner of Agios Ioannis and Theseos Streets, Lefkosia (next to the Pancyprian Gymnasium), tel.: 22466014, [pgmuseum@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:pgmuseum@cytanet.com.cy)

**LARNAKA DISTRICT**

**Kallinikeio Municipal Museum of Athienou**

2 Archbishop Makarios III Avenue, 7600 Athienou, tel.: 24524002  
[www.athienoumuseum.org.cy](http://www.athienoumuseum.org.cy)

**LEMESOS (LIMASSOL) DISTRICT**

**Archaeological Museum of the Lemesos (Limassol) District**

Corner of Vyronos and Anastasi Sioukri Streets, 3105 Lemesos, tel.: 25305157,  
[www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

**Cyprus Medieval Museum (Lemesos Castle)**

Near the old harbour, Lemesos, tel.: 25305419, [www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

**Cyprus Wine Museum**

42 Pafos Street, 4630 Erimi, Lemesos  
Tel.: 25873808, 25873809  
[cypruswinemuseum@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:cypruswinemuseum@cytanet.com.cy), [www.cypruswinemuseum.com](http://www.cypruswinemuseum.com)

**Hambis Printmaking Museum**

Platanisteia, tel. 25222772

**Lemesos (Limassol) Folk Art Museum**

253 Agiou Andreou, Lemesos, tel.: 25362303

**Lemesos (Limassol) Municipal Art Gallery**

28<sup>th</sup> October Street, Lemesos, tel.: 25586212, [www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy](http://www.limassolmunicipal.com.cy)

**Local Archaeological Kourion Museum**

Episkopi village, tel.: 25932453, [www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

**PAFOS DISTRICT**

**Local Archaeological Museum of Palaipafos**

Kouklia, tel.: 26432155, [www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

**Local Ethnographic Museum of Geroskipou**

Geroskipou, tel.: 26306216, [www.mcw.gov.cy/da](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/da)

**AMMOCHOSTOS DISTRICT**

**Deryneia Folkloric Museum/Open Air Museum for Traditional Professions**

2&3 Demetri Liperti Street, 5380 Deryneia, tel.: 23811000,  
[deryneia.municipality@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:deryneia.municipality@cytanet.com.cy)

**Thalassa Agia Napa Municipal Museum**

14 Kryou Nerou Street, Agia Napa, tel.: 23816366, [www.thalassamuseum.org.cy](http://www.thalassamuseum.org.cy)