

Megaro Gyzi Festival 2012

One painting and sculpture group exhibition, six music concerts and one children's narrative performance are combined harmoniously again this year in the eight events included to the program of **Megaro Gyzi Festival 2012**, for the 6th year under the artistic direction of **Yannis Papaconstantinou**. The festival will be held in the 17th-century old family mansion Megaro Gyzi (near the cable-car entrance in Fira, Santorini), **from August 1st until 23rd**, with **free admission** to all events. This celebration of culture in August has been established as an institution in the cultural events of summer in Santorini, attracting the special interest of tourists and residents of the island.

Wednesday 1/8: The Megaro Gyzi Festival 2012 raises curtain on Wednesday **August 1st** with the opening of the painting and sculpture group exhibition, titled "**Memories**", which brings together eight acclaimed Greek artists. The six participating painters are: **Chryssa Verghi, Tassos Dimos, Petros Karavevas, Andreas Kontellis, Christos Pallantzias** and **Elena Papadimitriou**, while the two participating sculptors are **Aggelika Korovessi** and **Aggelos Panayiotidis**. The exhibition is organized and curated by Yannis Papaconstantinou, Artistic Director of Megaro Gyzi.

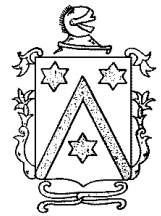
Opening of exhibition: 1st August 2012, 21:00.

Duration of exhibition: 1 - 23 August 2012.



Saturday 4/8: The festival's musical journey begins on **4/8** with the unique piano triet **AXA: One Piano, Six Hands**. Three pianists on one piano, six hands that explore the limits "of the enigmatic box with the long strings", as the composer Alfred Schnittke once described the piano. The German **Anne Salié**, the Greek **Xenia Kourkoumeli** and the Ukrainian **Alina Pronina** had each one a remarkable career with significant studies and awards, before they form the piano triet "Some handsome hands" in Germany in 2004, which has been recently renamed to "AXA: One Piano, Six Hands". The ensemble has given concerts around the world and has won major awards in related international events. The three pianists combine classical and contemporary music, providing the audience with an original experience for the eyes and the ears.





Tuesday 7/8: The festival continues on **7/8** with an unexpected music surprise from the singer **Elly Paspala** and the pianist **Takis Farazis**, a piano-voice program, titled "**Rainbows, Moons and Bicycles**", from two artists who will travel us to past and present English language love (and not only) songs, reviving the charm of another era in today's dream! The unique singer Elly Paspala, sometimes tender, sometimes explosive, along with the virtuoso pianist Takis Farazis, awakens memories of our loves that we have lived and live. The past and the present of the English language love songs by two great Greek artists!

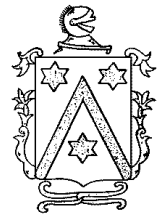


Friday 10/8: A children's narrative performance is unfolded on **10/8** by the storyteller **Sassa Voulgari**, whose style has influenced the younger generations of storytellers. Sassa is well known for her involvement with the traditional art of storytelling for the last twenty years, collaborating particularly with main museums as Benaki, Cycladic Art, Goulandri and many more. Her extensive experience leads to a different and more improvisational approach to her material, experimenting with a more modern form of performance.



Monday 13/8: **Notis Mavroudis**, celebrating five decades in the music, offers us on **13/8** a unique journey "**To the hatches of the time**"! We will enjoy timeless songs by Notis Mavroudis from different eras, driven by two guitars, with colors, thrills and whispers. His companion is **Morfo Tsaireli** and **Christos Konstantopoulos** (vocals), **George Tossikian** (guitar) and **Manos Avarakis** (harmonica & wind instruments). Seeking to communicate through songs that marked our sensitivity over time ... through the hatches of the time!





Friday 17/8: A special recital of classical music for violin and piano takes place on **17/8** by **DUO EDAN**, the two outstanding virtuoso soloists from Vienna, the Hungarian violinist **Édua Zádory** and the Ukrainian pianist **Anastasiia Dombrovska**. Édua and Anastasiia formed a duo with passion, personality and an astonishing homogeneity, where the boisterous and confident interpretation of Zádory is in perfect artistic harmony with the fiery and impetuous playing of Dombrovska.



Monday 20/8: The journey continues on **20/8** with **Takis Barberis Group** in a special coexistence between East and West, where jazz music meets magically funk and rock but also the Indian, Balkan and Greek music. **Takis Barberis** on guitar, one of the most important Greek jazzmen, interprets both older and new unreleased compositions of him accompanied by **Manos Saridakis** on piano, **Yiorgos Georgiadis** on bass and **Michalis Kapilidis** on drums.



Thursday 23/8: The program of Megara Gyzi Festival 2012 is concluded on **23/8** with "**Point Two**", a meeting of two Greek musicians "of the world", the leading internationally vibraphonist and composer **Christos Rafalides**, founder of the renowned jazz group "Manhattan Vibes", and the significant bassist and composer **Petros Klampanis**, with guest the top percussionist **Bodek Janke**. Through the prism of their experiences, they will perform their own compositions and adaptations of "The Great American Songbook". A balanced dynamic hearing between lyricism, passion, knowledge and skill is what is promised by the three jazz musicians from New York.



Free admission to all events of the festival.

Start time: **21:00**.

For more details: www.megarogyzi.gr/en

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Monday 27/8: The solo painting exhibition of **Pepos (Vaggelis Roussos)**, entitled **“My Santorini with another look”** will be launched at the Cultural Centre Megaro Gyzi on Monday **August 27th**, where more than twenty-five watercolors, works of the last five years, will be exposed. The Santorinian artist Pepos is inspired his artistic themes from the architecture and the every-day life of his island and using his own artistic language depicts with intense emotions and colors Santorini, his Muse!



Curator of exhibition: Yannis Papaconstantinou, Artistic Director of Megaro Gyzi.

Opening of exhibition: Monday 27 August 2012, 21:00.

Duration of exhibition: 27/8 - 29/9/2012.