

FESTIVE EVENTS PROGRAMME

2011-2012

Just like every year, the Nicosia Municipality is celebrating with its citizens, young and old, and invites all to the events it will organise over almost two months in various locations across the capital. Music, choirs, children's theatre, dance, mascots, trains, stilt walkers, the much loved carousel, an ice skating ring and other impressive games will once again entertain all.

Come celebrate with us, in our town!

Friday 25 November

D'Avilla Bastion

Christmas tree-lighting festivities

- 16:00 Police Philharmonic
- 16:30 Music programme with the Elementary Schools' Mixed Choir
- 16:45 Christmas Tree-lighting

Santa Claus will give treats and gifts to children attending.

Sponsor: Cyprus Airways

Friday 2 December

Eleftherias Square – Ledra and Onasagorou Pedestrian Streets

- 18:00-20:00 Story-telling for all ages accompanied by music from the group Paramythokores.
Cultural Workshop Ayion Omoloyiton

Saturday 3 December

Eleftherias Square

- 16:00-18:00 Performance by the "4/4" Music Ensemble

Goethe Institut (opposite Ledra Palace checkpoint)

- 16:00-20:00 The Cyprus-German Cultural Association, with the support of the Goethe-Institut Zypern, organises a German Christmas market offering traditional foods, a variety of gifts, and Christmas music. Net proceeds will be donated to poor children in Cyprus. Information: 22674608

Sunday 4 December

"Stasikratous Street Party"

- 13:00-20:00 Join us for the biggest Christmas party. The party includes music and choir performances, mascots and a Santa Claus that will be entertaining children, face-painting booths, a cheerleader parade, as well as the sale of various Christmas items and treats. Also, a lottery will take place, with prizes from the participating Stasikratous Street shops!

Friday 9 December

Eleftherias Square – Ledra and Onasagorou Pedestrian Streets

- 17:00 Performance by the Nicosia Municipality Choir
- 18:00 Performance by the Strovolos Municipality-European University of Cyprus Symphony Band.

Saturday 10 December

Eleftherias Square

- 16:00 Performance by the SKE Pallouriotissa Children's Club Choir.
- 17:00 Performance by the Lyrical Conservatory.
- 18:00 Performance by the Ayios Athanasios Municipality Choir and the Nicosia Municipality Multipurpose Centre Pensioners Group.

Ayia Varvara churchyard at Kaimakli

- 18:00-21:00 The Parents Association of the Kaimakli First and Second Elementary Schools organises its yearly "Christmas melodies" performance. It includes performances by the schools' choirs as well as by a group of students from the Astrinideio Conservatory of Cyprus.

Sunday 11 December

Eleftherias Square

- 17:00 Performance by Anima Music School students.
- 18:00 Performance by the Choir and Orchestra of the Astrinideio Conservatory of Cyprus

Monday 12 – Thursday 15 December

Ledra Street Information Office

Presentation of art installations utilising colourful and festive fabrics.

The exhibition will be inaugurated on Monday 12 December, at 19:00, by Nicosia Mayor Eleni Mavrou.

Organised with the support of the Nicosia Municipality.

Information: 99523715 (Maria Costi Castrillo)
Opening hours: 10:00-20:00

Wednesday 14 December

Eleftherias Square

- 16:00 Performance by the Pascal Greek School Choir
- 17:00 Performance by the Pascal English School Choir

Wednesday 14 December

Faneromeni Church

- 20:00 The Phaneromeni Church Committee organises a Christmas concert with byzantine hymns, performed by the "Leandros Sitaros" Choir of the Nicosia Spiritual House, and directed by Maro Skordi.

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December

Eleftherias Square

- 09:00-18:00 Nicosia Municipality Multipurpose Centre Bazaar

Friday 16 December

Eleftherias Square

- 16:00 Performance by the Diversity Dance School
- 17:00 Guitar performance by Andreas Nicolaou
- 18:00 Performance by the Kaimakli First and Second Elementary Schools choirs

"Pallas" Movie Theatre

- 20:00 27th Pancyprian Religious Christmas Song festival, with the participation of choirs, philharmonics, byzantine choirs, a string orchestra and a soloist.

Organised by the Nicosia Music Club with the support of the Nicosia Municipality.

Admission: €5

Saturday 17 December

Eleftherias Square

10:00 The Cyprus Red Cross – Kyrenia Branch organises its annual Christmas bazaar.

Ledra and Onasagorou Streets

15:00 The “Cyprus Morris” group presents an entertaining dance programme.

Sunday 18 December

Papadopoulou Arcade (opposite Faneromeni Church)

17:00 Christmas theatre performance “Ploumpo and Malamo”. Organised by the Cyprus Police – Drug Enforcement Unit, within the framework of its Verbal Word Prevention Programme “Stories awaken...”

Information: 22607100

Monday 19 December

Eleftherias Square

15:00 Performance by the Nicosia Special School Choir

16:00 Performance by the Ayios Maronas Elementary School Choir

17:00 Performance by the Highgate Primary School Choir

Tuesday 20 December

Onasagorou and Faneromenis Streets

17:30 Performance by the Pontiacs Progressive Club troupe

Eleftherias Square – Ledra and Onasagorou Pedestrian Streets

18:30 Performance by the Ayios Dometios Philharmonic and the Nicosia Music Club Choir

Wednesday 21 December

Eleftherias Square – Ledra and Onasagorou Pedestrian Streets

15:00 Performance by the Police Philharmonic

Eleftherias Square

16:00 Performance by the Christos Steliou Ioannou Foundation Choir

17:00-20:00 Performance by the Kaimakli 71st Scouts Troupe Choir

Thursday 22 December

Eleftherias Square – Ledra and Onasagorou Pedestrian Streets

17:30 Performance by the Nicosia Municipality Choir

18:30 Performance by the “La Strada” Percussion and Wind Instrument Ensemble

Friday 23 December

House of Europe and Culture – Eleftherias Square – Ledra and Onasagorou Pedestrian Streets

16:00 Performance by the European University of Cyprus Band

Eleftherias Square

17:00 Performance by students of the Vivi Constantinidou Music Workshop

18:00 Performance by the “La Corda” Duet

Saturday 24 December

Eleftherias Square

16:00-18:00 Christmas music performance with the “LouKas L. Jazz Quartet”.

Friday 31 December
Constanza Bastion (“Ochi” Square area)
New Year celebrations.

Other events

Thursday 1 – Friday 30 December

Municipal Centre of Arts

Exhibition of theatre sets under the general title “Scenic Affairs” by Panayiotis Michael” within the framework of the **Project Room #3** programme, organised by the Nicosia Municipal Centre of Arts in cooperation with the Pierides Foundation (Old Powerhouse).

“Scenic Affairs” and Project Room #3 are supported by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Theatrical Organisation of Cyprus and Bank of Cyprus.

Open Call #2

Untitled [N° 10] - Alkis Hadjiandreou

Project Room #4

Preparation Stage – Riccarda Roggan

Communication sponsors: Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, Phileleftheros

Duration: Until 26 February 2012

Information: 22797400

Thursday 1 – Friday 30 December

Leventis Municipal Museum

Exhibition entitled “The gifts of Friends”, an original interactive presentation of items donated to the Leventis Municipal Museum by the Association of Friends of the Leventis Municipal Museum.

Duration: Until 30 January 2012

Venue: “Pandora’s Box” and showcase on 15 Ippokratous Street

Information: 22661475

Thursday 1 – Sunday 4 December

Ledra Street Information Office

The Cyprus Family Planning Association celebrates its 40th year and organises the interactive multimedia exhibition “Sexperience”.

Information: 22751093, 1455

Friday 2 December, 15:00

Famagusta Gate

The Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts (EKATE), the Ministry of Education and Culture Cultural Services, and the University of Cyprus Law Department present an event on the topic of “Copyright and Art: Experiences, challenges, perspectives on the Cyprus legal system”. The event includes speeches and a discussion.

Translation from and to English and Greek will be offered at the event.

Information: 22466426

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December, 20:30

“Pallas” Movie Theatre

The “Asomates Dynameis” Dance Troupe presents “Kreutzer sonata”, a dance drama based on the unanimous work by L. V. Beethoven.

Information: 99360503, www.asomates.gr

Admission: €12, €10

Monday 5 – Thursday 8 December

Ledra Street Information Office

The Association for the Prevention of Family Violence organises painting and digital art exhibitions. Between 5 and 7 December artist and volunteer Jackie Bar and on 8 December artist Soteris Yiannakou will be presenting their works.

The exhibition will be inaugurated on Monday 5 December, at 18:30, by First Lady Elsi Christofia.

All proceeds will go towards the needs of the Association.

Information: 1440, 22797147

Monday 5 December, 20:00

Achillios Municipal Library

Presentation of Poland, on the occasion of the Polish Presidency of the European Union. The event includes an address by Achillios Municipal Library Officer Ms. Jenny Lambrianidou, entitled “A journey in the History and Gastronomy of Poland”.

Organised by the Achillios Municipal Library Advisory Board, in association with the Polish Embassy in Cyprus.

Language: Greek

Information: 22763033

Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 December, 20:30

“Melina Mercouri” Hall

Theatre performance of Ronald Simelpfenich’s play “The Woman from the Past”. Directed by Stefanos Kotsikou of the Limassol Theatre Development Company.

Information: 25877827

Admission: €15, €10

Wednesday 7, 14 and 21 December

Leventis Municipal Museum

Thematic tour of the museum entitled “Dragoman Land”.

For participation and information: 22661475, 07:30-14:30

Monday 14 – Friday 30 December

Leventis Municipal Museum

Exhibition of replicas of the “Antikythera Mechanism” and information material presenting its operation. The Mechanism is an analogue computer of utmost importance for the history of technology. The exhibition is organised within the framework of the Leventis Municipal Museum cooperation with the Cyprus Institute. Scientists will also present lectures on the matter during the exhibition’s duration.

Organised by the Leventis Municipal Museum, the Cyprus Institute, and the Antikythera Mechanism Study Group of the Thesalloniki Aristotelio Museum.

Duration: Until 12 February 2012

Venue: Education Programmes House
Information: 22661475

Friday 16 – Sunday 18 December

Ledra Street Information Office

The “Milia” (“Apple Tree”) Youth Group presents an exhibition recording their experiences through photographs, written works, and interactive stations, inspired by the heart of the capital.

Information: 22797147, <http://yeiamilia.wordpress.com>

Saturday 17 December, 16:00

“Pallas” Movie Theatre

The Cyprus Police – Police Headquarters presents the kids’ theatre performance “The daughter of the moon”, produced by the Satirical Theatre.

All proceeds will be donated to charity.

Organised with the support of the Nicosia Municipality.

Information: 22808025

Admission: €5

Thursday 29 December, 20:30

“Pallas” Movie Theatre

The Cyprus Cancer Association organises a concert with the talented Cypriot songwriter Nicholas Metaxas, who will be accompanied by a four member orchestra and quartet. Part of the event will be dedicated to a presentation of Nicholas Metaxas’ first album, “Square One”, which was released with great success in the United States.

Costas Kakoyiannis and Christina Metaxa are also participating, while Stelios Pissis conducts the concert.

All proceeds will be donated to the Cyprus Cancer Association.

Organised with the support of the Nicosia Municipality.

Information: 22446222

Admission: €18, €12 (students). Tickets on sale at the Theatre box office.

(The programme is subject to changes)

Christmas Toytown

Friday 18 November 2011 – Sunday 8 January 2012

Constanza Moat (“Ochi” Square area)

Ice-skating ring, carousel, fairy wheel, games and an entertainment programme for kids (Santa Claus, magicians, stilt walkers, jugglers, theatre performances, dance performances, etc).

Parking available at: D’Avilla Moat and Constanza Bastion.

Opening hours: Weekdays 16:00-22:00, Weekends 10:00-23:00

Information: 99960923

The Nicosia Municipality is organizing a series of events across the city for the Christmas and New Year period.

Eleftherias Square, the Ledra and Onasagorou Pedestrian Streets, Faneromeni and Stasikratous streeta, will serve as the main venues for the events. The range of events includes choirs, bands, orchestras, concerts and dancing, theatre and many more activities.

The festivities will be launched with the lighting of the Christmas Tree on 25 November 2011, at D' Avila Bastion, at the gardens of the Nicosia Town Hall.

A special place with a luna-park, ice-skating facilities and various surprises will operate between 18 November 2011 until 8 January 2012 at Constanza moat.

The detailed programme will be published in the press.

For more information: www.nicosia.org.cy or tel.22797004