

SUMMER NIGHTS IN NICOSIA

July – September 2010

The alternative proposal of the Nicosia Municipality will once again provide a refreshing note to summer nights in Nicosia. Various events are hosted in the neighbourhoods and squares of the town from early July until September.

Building upon the success of its summer cultural events in the past three years, the Municipality expects that this year too the residents and visitors to the city will once again embrace its activities.

The events include music, theatre and other performances with the participation of both local and foreign performers and artists.

Starting time for all events: 20:30.

Admittance to all events is free in accordance with the Municipality's policy for the event to be accessible to a wide audience.

Following three consecutive successful years of cultural activities, the Nicosia Municipality once again organizes this summer various cultural events in neighbourhoods and squares of the city of Nicosia, from early July until September

The range of events includes music and theatre performances with the participation of local as well as foreign artists.

Free Admittance.

Look for the detailed program in the press or visit our website at www.nicosia.org.cy or tel. 22797004

Programme of events

Tuesday 6 July

Phaneromeni Square

Ethnic music performance with the "Israeli Ethnic Ensemble"

The Israeli Ethnic Ensemble embodies the rich cultural mosaic that forms Israel. The Ensemble's music combines the sounds of Eastern Europe and the Balkans with gypsy Sephardic and Yemenite music. The sound is either nostalgic and melodic or passionate and upbeat.

Talya G.A.Salon - vocals

Gilad Ephrat -double bass

Gershon Waiserfirer – oud/tuba

Daniel Hoffman -violin

Ori Naveh –percussion

Monday 12 July

Ayia Varvara Square – Kaimakli

Ethnic music performance with “Arkul”

Originating from Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the band brings to its audience the music of Sephardic Jews, who for decades emigrated eastwards from Spain towards the Balkans, Greece, Turkey and north Africa. Their songs depict the stories and travels in the Mediterranean in search for a better place. The Ensemble, through its light, rhythmic and enchanting sound grasps the spirit of a musical idiom with centuries-old tradition, transports listeners through time.

Friday 16 July

Pallouriotissa Square

Ethnic music performance by the band “Van Merwijk’s Music Machine” (Drums United).

One of the most explosive and exciting groups of its kind that brings together rhythms and percussionists from all over the globe. This concert is a swinging combination of blues, latin and jazz with Cuban music in a contemporary interpretation of some of the best known Latin Soul and Boogaloo hits!

Lucas van Merwijk - drums

Roberto Vizcaino – percussion

Gianna Tam - vocals/percussion

Rik Mol - trumpet

Jeroen Vierdag –bass

Marc Bischoff –piano/keyboards

Wednesday 21 July

French Cultural Centre

Ethnic music performance with “En Chordais”

The performance embraces the musical tradition of Istanbul, Smyrna and Asia Minor. A journey through music, that crosses places and encounters authentic, knowledgeable and creative people.

Kyriakos Petras– violin

Kyriakos Kalaitzides– oud

Drosos Koutsokostas– vocals

Alkis Zopoglou– kanonaki

Petros Papageorgiou- toubeleki, bentir

Friday 23 July

Artisan Square - Kaimakli

Music night with Nasia Trachonitou and the music ensemble “Anerada”

Nasia Trachonitou and the music ensemble “Anerada” will present a tribute to Vasilis Tsitsanis, Yorgos Zambetas and Apostolos Kaldaras entitled “Magical Night.” The ensemble consists of seven musicians and performers (bouzouki, guitar, bass, keyboards, accordion, violin and drums).

The repertoire includes songs such as “Synnefiasmeni Kyriaki”, “Bakse Tsifliki”, “Apopse stis Akroglialies”, “Omorfi Thesalloniki”, “Imaste Alania”, “Nychtes Magikes”, “Archontissa”, “Pou’se Thanasi”, “Ti na ftaiei”, “Den se Krino”, “Oso Aksizeis Esy”, and others.

Tuesday 27 July

Famagusta Gate Open Air Theatre

Performance of Marivo's theatrical comedy "Glossokopana" by the Limassol Theatrical Development Company (ETHAL)

The play takes place in 18th century Paris and it deals with the aristocracy of the time. It describes the story of a poor, handsome young man, La Valet, who attempts to change his fortune through his marriage to a wealthy woman.

Direction: Minas Tigkilis

Translation: Andreas Staikos

Sets/Costumes: Edward Georgiou

Music: Demetris Zavros

Lighting: Carolina Spyrou

Actors: Costas Kazakas, Ioanna Siafakli, Monica Vassiliou, Michalis Ellinas, Katerina Kazantzi, Demetris Constantinides, Marina Vronti and Antonis Lapithiotis.

Wednesday 28 July

Phaneromeni Square

Ethnic music performance by "Kal-Urban Gypsy Band"

Kal are a young band from Belgrade formed by the Ristic brothers, Dushan and Dragan, in order to create a 21st century Gypsy band that would challenge the conventional "folkloric" rules. Their music brings together the sounds of Balkan Gypsy tradition and contemporary urban beats, placing them among the most important representatives of Roma music in the world.

Dragan Ristic –vocals/guitar

Aleksandar Cvejic - bass

Boris Kostic – vocals/accordion

Srdjan Jovanovic – violin

Goran Savic – drums

Monday 2 August

ARTOS Foundation-Ayioi Omologites

Variety music programme with the "Faltsa Onira" band

Music programme with popular rock and pop songs, performed by the youth music band "Faltsa Onira."

Stelios Matsis (vocals), Demetris Demetriou (vocals), Andreas Agapiou (vocals), Antonis Tsianides (guitar), Nicos Nicolaou (keyboards), Savvas Ioannou (bouzouki, vocals), Antonis Nicolas (drums), Petros Olympios (Bass).

Wednesday 4 August

French Cultural Centre

Concert with women's music team of "Scent of Woman"

An innovative concert with the women's music team of "Scent of Woman" ("Aroma Gynekas") adding its individual feminine sound to the music of the most important Greek and other composers, and praising the feminine entity with songs such as: "Mana mou kai Panayia", "To Christinaki", "Ah Rita", "S'agapo gia' eis'orea."

Christiana Pavlou (vocals), Sophie Karapataki (cello), Svetlana Todorova (accordion), Evgenia Karapataki (cello), Andriana Sergidou (piano).

Friday 20 August

Phaneromeni Square

Greek and Cypriot music performance with the Lollos Yorgalletos band

Performed will be select Greek and Cypriot pop and folk songs by composers such as Marios Tokas, Mimis Plessas, Yiannis Spanou, Manos Loizou, Michalis Violaris, Stavros Xarhakos, Mikis Theodorakis and Manos Hadjidakis.

With the participation of the Folk Orchestra.

Tuesday 24 August

Famagusta Gate Open Air Theatre

Theatro Ena presents Mark Comolleti's alternative comedy "Airport Direct"

The play manages through the use of consecutive twists and smart dialogue to maintain spectator interest and provoke spontaneous laughter.

Direction: Andreas Christodoulides

Starring: Sotiris Mestanas, Margarita Zachariou, Nicolas Kouroumtzis, Erica Beyeti, Yiola Klitou, Varvara Larmou

Friday 27 August

Famagusta Gate Open Air Theatre

Cypriot musical revue "Poverty wants a good time"

Script-Lyrics: D. Papademetris, R. Apostolopoulou, D. Loizia, D. Kyriakide

Direction: Takis Christoforakis

Music: Marios Economides

Choreography: Yorgos Nicolaou

Sets: Martin Meason

Lighting-Sound: Sonay Yildiz

Starring: Doros Kyriakides, Costas Schiniou, Christina Terezopoulou, Yorgos Nicolaou, Elisavet Blacky, Nicolas Ioannou

Guest Stars: Olga Potamitou and the popular singer Dakis

Wednesday 1 September

Ayia Varvara Square

Cypriot folk song concert, with Michalis Terlikkas and the ensemble "Mousa"

Information about the lifestyle, morals and values of earlier Cypriot generations emerge through the songs performed.

Michalis Terlikkas (vocals), Costas Karpasites (violin, vocals), Panayiotis Nicolaidis (lute, vocals). Nicos Souroullas (tampoutsia, vocals)

Friday 3 September

Phaneromeni Square

"Jazz Stories..." with the "Fay Morgan Band"

Jazz music originated from Africa and travelled to New Orleans where it became globally accepted and even worshiped. With improvisation and the intense 'negro' element as its main elements, jazz won over the music loving audiences of Cyprus. Travel through the improvised paths of jazz music along with five of the most significant Cypriot jazz musicians!

Iacovos Parpas (saxophone), Michalis Michael (trumpet), Marinos Neophytou (guitar), Lefteris Moutzias (contrabass), Alexandros Gagatsis (drums)

Wednesday 8 September

Chrysaliniotissa Multipurpose Centre

Musical performance by Jimmy Constantinou

An anthology of Greek music, from the nostalgic hits of old movies, to the successes of great performers such as Nicos Gounaris, Stelios Kazantzides, Tony Marouda, Gregoris Bithikotsis and Sofia Vempo.

Tuesday 14 September

Pallouriotissa Square

Mediterranean Folk Dance Festival

Under the moonlight, tradition meets a mixture of cultures and distant lands, customs and traditions come together in a festival full of colours, dancing and music. The event is a segment of the Mediterranean Folk Dance Festival organised by the Nicosia Cultural Folklore Group.

Thursday 23 September

Municipal Hall Gardens

Music performance by Doros Demosthenous entitled : “Ten-thirty on a Summer Night”, on the occasion of the last full moon of the summer

A number of songs from movies and melodies of a different era will be performed, catering to a variety of musical tastes. Performed amongst others will be songs from Doros Demosthenous' solo album “One for the road”, songs by D. Lagios, N. Kipourgou, D. Savopoulos, Tsitsanis, as well as Spanish waltzes.

-The events of 6, 16, 21 and 28 July 2010 are in cooperation with the Rialto Theatre within the framework of its Ethnic Festival.

Thursday 1, 8, 22, 29 July and Thursday 5 August

19:30-20:30

Eleftheria Square

Music and Dance Afternoons

The Cyprus Police Philharmonic will open the curtain for the event, and will be followed by dance troupes giving a different cultural stigma to Eleftheria Square every Thursday, between 19:30-20:30.

Thursday 1 July

The Cyprus Police Philharmonic will play along the Ledra and Onasagorou pedestrian streets. The performance will be concluded with a concert at Eleftheria Square.

8 July

African dances and songs by the band “Brother P”.

22 July

The dance group of the Progressive Association of Pontos Immigrants presents traditional dances.

29 July

Music and dance performance by the “St. Dominique Choir”, from Cameroon.

5 August

Music performed by a band from the Philippines.