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ATHENS DECEMBER EVENTS - DOLLI'S PICKS

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ART & CULTURE

1. HILARY PECIS & LILY STOCKMAN

When: Everyday • **Where:** Nostos (Gallery Gagosian)

Gagosian presents Nostos, a two-person exhibition of new paintings by Hilary Pecis and Lily Stockman. Nostos is loosely inspired by Emily Wilson's 2018 translation of the Odyssey. The exhibition's title is a Greek word, derived from Odysseus's ten-year journey back home after the Trojan War, which denotes a hero's return by sea. (The English word nostalgia originates in the conjoining of nostos and algos, a longing for the past.) Nostos is in part a meditation on the idea of returning home.

2. ART THEATRALS ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN EXHIBITION BY MANOS PERRAKIS

When: Everyday • **Where:** Byzantine & Christian Museum

ART THEATRALS exhibition is dedicated to Manos Perrakis, an architect whose work includes 26 theatres and some of the most important museums in Greece.

Drawings, sketches, models, posters, personal objects and photographic material from his rich archive are on display. For the first time, part of the architect's rich personal art collection and works that have accompanied his life are also on display. You are invited to move between the architect's design studio and the theatre space, giving you the opportunity to experience the creative process of the birth of a theatre scene.

3. GIORGOS SEFERIS - 60 YEARS FROM NOBLE PRIZE

When: Everyday • **Where:** Gika Gallery

With the Nobel Prize as its central exhibit, the exhibition presents a wealth of documentary and photographic material. The material of the exhibition comes from Seferis' archive which is deposited in the Gennadios library, from the collections of the Benaki Museum as well as from private collections.

4. MARIA CALLAS MUSEUM

When: Everyday • **Where:** Mitropoleos 44 (except Mondays & 26.12.2023)

The Maria Callas Museum is dedicated to one of the most important lyric singers of all time, whose performances changed the course of opera forever. Come immerse yourself in her unique interpretation of the most iconic roles of her career.

5. STELIOS' ZEMPEKIKI

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6. ALEKOS FASSIANOS MUSEUM / STROLLS

When: 16.12.2023 • **Where:** Alekos Fassianos Museum

Alekos Fassianos was a renowned Greek painter. He gained recognition for his distinctive style, which was characterized by immediacy and a deliberate departure from standardized painting techniques.

The Alekos Fassianos Museum has planned a thematic walk in the neighborhood of Agios Pavlos, where the artist grew up and lived. On the walk we will follow his steps, as he narrates them and we will discover a lively urban neighborhood full of inspirations.

7. THE IMPRESARIO FROM SMYRNA

When: 16/20/23/30 12.2023 • **Where:** National Theatre

Written in 1757, The Impresario from Smyrna demonstrates with golden wit that we will never run out of material for a spartan comedy of manners!

8. GISELLE

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9. KING LEAR

When: 20/23/30 12.2023 • **Where:** National Theatre

William Shakespeare's tragedy King Lear rises to the Central Stage of the National Theater and Yannis Houvardas invites us to a universe where power means everything and questioning it leads to nothing. Written in 1608, the darkest work of Shakespeare's drama deals with the question of power and the decay of its loss and the complexities of family relationships.

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11. CHRISTMAS SHADOW SHOW

When: 22-23/25-30 12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

Karagiozis or Karaghiozis is a shadow puppet and fictional character of Greek folklore. Acclaimed shadow player Ilias Karellas returns with a crazy, all-new musical Christmas shadow adventure, full of humor and action.

FAMILY

1. STAVROS NIARCHOS ICE SKATING PARK

When: Everyday • **Where:** Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre

December 1st marks the comeback of the Ice Rink at the SNFCC Canal, and aspiring figure skaters will once again practice on the ice against the sounds of beloved Christmas songs, while beginners have the opportunity to learn in a fairytale-like setting.

2. THE CHRISTMAS FACTORY 10 YEARS

When: Everyday • **Where:** Technopolis

The Christmas factory is richer and fun-er than ever with games and activities for all ages: amusement park, ice rink, musical events, dances , fairy tales, face painting, stilt walkers, animators, a band of elves, Christmas stories, a large Christmas market and sweet and salty corners that will satisfy even the most demanding palates (with burgers, hot dogs, skewers, pizza, sweets, chocolates, candies, waffles).

3. LIFE IN SPACE

When: Everyday • **Where:** Olymptic Center Goudi

Life in Space is the exhibition that has been and still is thrilling the world audience and that in four years has seen four million visitors coming, from Copenhagen to Tel Aviv, from Johannesburg to Warsaw and Istanbul. The space and its wonders told through the looks, objects and simulators of US Space & Rocket Center, ASI, and ESA. Over original memorabilia, spaceships, satellites, rockets, and scale models mark the path in the footsteps of astronauts, technicians and scientists. Life in Space also offers the experience of 500 square meters of pure physical and mental interactivity, the Space Camp, where visitors can experience the same sensations astronauts and cosmonauts experience during training: from the absence of gravity to the loss of the 'spatial orientation, or to engage in landing with the Space Shuttle simulator upon returning from a mission.

4. ROBINSON CRUSOE

When: 2-3/9-10/16-17/23/26-30 12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

A sumptuous theatrical production for the entire family, presenting the adventures of the famous castaway whose intelligence, ingenuity and mental strength helped him overcome all difficulties and teach us the love for life.

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6. SCROOGE & GHOSTS AND ROCK 'N' ROLL

When: 22-23/25-26/28-30 12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

Charles Dickens' Christmas story in musical form. A musical extravaganza based on one of the most beloved novels of children and adults worldwide

7. DISNEY 100: THE CONCERT!

When: 24.12.2023 • **Where:** Christmas Theater

Disney celebrates its 100 years! 100 Years of magic with the songs we've all loved. With the west end's biggest stars live on stage. With thn accompanied by a 56-member orchestra and with our magical heroes from the disney films showing on a giant screen!

FOOD & DRINK

GREEK TRADITIONAL

Avli Meze
Karamanlidika
Taverna tou Psirri
Allios kafeneio
Aster
Café avisinia
Diporto
Klimataria
Avli (ag. Dimitriou 12)

SOUVLAKI

Volvi
Hoocut
Lefteris o Politis

GREEK MODERN

Okra
Dopios
Kuzina
Proveleggios
Ex Machina
Esthio
Cherchez La Femme

HIP RESTAURANTS

Lost Athens
Sushimou
Birdman
Malconi's
Nikkei restaurant
Nolan
Tanpopo
Hasapika Central Market
Prasini tenta
Park bench

NiDo Athens
Gallina
Gorlomis
Akra

HIGH END RESTAURANTS

Spondi
Aleria
Cookoovaya
Ctc
Hytra
Matsuhisa
Papaioannou
Ithaki
Varoulko
Thanasis 1948
Base grill

WINE BARS & BARS

Pharaoh
Drupes Spritzeria
By the Glass
Clumsies
Baba au rum
Bless me father
Heteroclito
Wine o 'clock

MUSIC

1. GEORGE DALARAS - ALKISTIS PROTOPSALTI

When: Every Monday & Tuesday • **Where:** Pallas Theatre

George Dalaras and Alkistis Protopsalti, two great Greek artists, finally join their voices in a unique musical encounter, with one heart, at Pallas Theatre, from Tuesday 14 November, every Monday and Tuesday. Today, "With a heart", the two top performers will meet on stage, along with ten virtuoso solo musicians, with landmark songs from their vast discography, but also other great songs that they chose with zeal, passion and a heart!

2. GREEK YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

When: 7.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

Rachmaninoff's emotionally charged music has always the liveliness and freshness of youth. And when it is performed by young, talented musicians, the result can only be breathtaking. Eminent conductor Dionysis Grammenos leads the Greek Youth Symphony Orchestra in the performance of the Russian composer's Second symphony, his most popular symphonic work. Virtuoso pianist Vassilis Varvaresos, known for the explosiveness and depth of his performances, will take on the ageless Second piano concerto, a work whose immense popularity has not reduced its capacity to reach the depths of the human soul and evoke the strongest feelings, as if it were heard for the very first time.

3. VIENNESE WALTZES IN CHRISTMASSY ATHENS

When: 9-10.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

The magical Christmas atmosphere becomes more festive with the music of Vienna! Decorated with flowers, Megaron's stage will be ready to welcome once again the Athenian audience with authentic renderings of the melodies of the Strauss family composers, performed by the Johann Strauss Ensemble from Austria, led by its conductor Russell McGregor. In this year's edition of the event that has now become a tradition for The Friends of Music Society, they will be joined on the stage by the soprano and Greek National Opera soloist Christina Poulitsi, whose bright voice and wonderful presence will offer us moments of unique musical pleasure.

4. IASON KERAMIDIS, BENEDICT KLÖCKNER, APOSTOLOS PALIOS

When: 11.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

This year marks one hundred and fifty years since the birth of Sergei Rachmaninoff, the composer whose music speaks directly to the human soul, with ageless melodies, exciting harmonies, passionate narratives and overflowing emotions. Three eminent artists –violinist Iason Keramidis, associate concertmaster of the Munich Philharmonic, cellist Benedict Klöckner, who has been praised by artists such as Simon Rattle and Daniel Barenboim, and renowned piano virtuoso Apostolos Palios- collaborate on well or lesser-known trio works of the great Russian composer. Among them is the sublime Sonata for cello and piano, whose appeal is comparable to that of the composer's Second piano concerto.

5. HUNGARIAN NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

When: 14.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

The adjective "great" may well define every aspect of this exciting concert. The century-old Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra is one of Europe's leading orchestras, principal conductor Alevtina Ioffe stands out in recent years for her unique her unique readings of musical works, while the young pianist Alexander Malofeev began his career as a child prodigy displaying a dazzling musicianship. Equally important are the four symphonic works featuring on the concert's programme, which stand out for their imaginative orchestration and lyricism (Prokofiev), their boldness and expressionistic ferocity (Bartók), and the extreme virtuosic challenges they pose to soloists (Chopin, Liszt).

6. RUDU FEST

When: 13-15.12.2023 • **Where:** Oddity

3 different concert events, 11 motley artists, reflecting Rudu's different musical faces. Alternative, Greek, English, hip hop, guitars, beats, synths, melodies, poems, rhymes, loops...A Festival likened to the music and discussions that spread out in the bar area every week. From alternative DJ Sets to Saturday parties dawning under the bridge.

7. PAROV STELAR

When: 15-16.12.2023 • **Where:** Floyd

Floyd welcomes Parov Stelar for two nights of absolute fun and non-stop dancing! On Friday 15 and Saturday 16 December, the Austrian king of electro-swing and his amazing band will occupy the stage of the new concert venue of Athens inviting us to an endless Christmas party!

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9. CHRISTMAS WITH BACH

When: 17.12.2023 • **Where:** Municipal Theater of Piraeus

Vasilis Traiforos in the role of Bach and Penelope Chalkia in the role of Anna Magdalena take us to a Christmas baroque evening under the melodies of the time. On the piano, Marianna Spyrakou and young virtuosos. Lambrianos Kyriakides on the violin and choral parts from Cantata no 12 and Christmas Oratorio, the mixed choir "Kallitechnimata".

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11. ANDREAS POLYZOGOPOULOS TRIO FEAT. PETROS KLAM

When: 20.12.2023 • **Where:** Half Note Jazz Club

Trumpeter and composer Andreas Polyzogopoulos will present his long-awaited 5th solo album, Petrchor - a thoughtful, - composed entirely of original compositions - airy and deeply spiritual new album, on Wednesday, December 20, on the stage of Half Note Jazz Club. "Petrchor" presents Andreas on trumpet and effects with charismatic collaborators Petros Klampanis on double bass and Wajdi Riahi on piano! Without a drummer, the trio creates a warm sound, with plenty of space, but also a steady and dynamic rhythmic feel.

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13. JAZZ SABBATH LIVE IN ATHENS!

When: 22.12.2023 • **Where:** Gazarte Main Stage

It is never too late for the truth to shine through, even after 55 long years. Jazz Sabbath, the band that changed the map of music in 1968 by releasing one of the most groundbreaking groove jazz debuts in history, was destined to not find the recognition it deserved in time. The well-known usurpers from Birmingham snatched the glory that rightfully belonged to them, covered their songs in heavy metal forms and history was forever distorted. As part of their upcoming European tour, the legendary band will visit Athens and Gazarte where on December 22nd they will present some of the most famous rock n roll tracks, in their original groovy jazz form.

14. MOZART'S MAGIC FLUTE

When: 22.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

The timeless appeal of Mozart's Magic Flute has, of course, a lot to do with the universally acknowledged perfection and expressiveness of his music. Yet it is also due to the fact that Emanuel Schikaneder's libretto expresses the ever-topical humanistic ideals of the European Enlightenment and Freemasonry in an eloquent and vividly symbolic way. Under the baton of the dynamic Katia Moles', a cast of fine Greek lyric performers recreate Mozart's operatic swansong in a semi-staged version, giving a beautifully spiritual, fairytale tone to this year's Christmas celebrations.

15. OURANIA GASSIOU, VENTUS ENSEMBLE

When: 23.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

The organist of the Megaron Ourania Gassiou remains faithful to her annual Christmas appointment with the public. Special guests at this year's recital are the brass ensemble Ventus Ensemble, with whom she will perform wonderful Christmas melodies from around the world ("Silent Night", "Carol of the Bells", "Ding Dong Merrily on High" and others), as well as classical masterpieces that will provide the ideal atmosphere of devoutness and spirituality to the Christmas celebrations.

16. CAMERATA - ORCHESTRA OF THE FRIENDS OF MUSIC

When: 27.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

Handel's oratorio The Messiah is one of the most popular choral works in the world. choral works of all time. Handel's sublime music, as divine as it is underlines those passages of the Old Testament that refer to the coming of the Messiah. Librettist Charles Jennens creates a story which, without referring to Jesus himself, describes in chilling detail the events of his life in gruesome detail through prophecies that have come to light before his birth. Camerata and George Peter, having conquered the highest peaks internationally in the interpretation of baroque music, have teamed up with with an international group of great soloists. The Athens Chamber Choir was created on the initiative of Agathangelos Georgakatos on the occasion of the the presentation of Handel's opera Semeli at the International Handel Festival of Göttingen, receiving rave reviews from the international press.

17. NEW YEAR'S EVE IN PARIS

When: 30.12.2023 • **Where:** Megaron

The appointment of the Athens State Orchestra with the audience of the Megaron on New Year's Eve is an established musical institution, inextricably linked to the festive Christmas season and the joyful welcoming of the New Year. This year, the subject of the long-awaited New Year's gala is the French opera. Although less famous and widespread compared to the Italian opera, French opera is today widely recognised, with many enchanting arias and brilliant orchestral excerpts being particularly popular and loved by the general public. Many of them, among the most recognizable and entertaining, will be heard at tonight's gala, performed by four eminent lyrical singers under the guidance of seasoned conductor Myron Michaelides.