PROGRAM OF EVENTS

CARNIVAL IN ATHENS

15.02 - 02.03.2020

FREE ENTRANCE
For 17 days, 32 spots around Athens will be filled with more than 60 celebratory activities with free entrance for everyone. We’ll see our city dressed in the most happy colours inviting us to celebrate with lots of music, singing, dancing, art and creation. We’ll remember the old traditions and we’ll create new ones. Sharing joy is a serious matter for the City of Athens, that’s why everyone is included in these celebrations. Happy Carnival!

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The program may be subject to modifications.

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Entrance is free to all activities. Places are on first come first serve basis where bookings apply.
Saturday 15.02

16.00 → MUNICIPAL GALLERY OF ATHENS

Masks inspired by Pablo Picasso
Crafting a carnival mask out of recyclable materials. A visual arts workshop for children between 5 and 12 years old.

*Applications for participation: 210 5202420 (Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 14.00)

Parallel event → Traditional carnival costume exhibition from the islands and the mainland of Greece
Some of the costumes such as “Correla” from Skiros, “Boula and Gennitsaros” from Naoussa (Imathia), the “Corde-latos” from Naxos as well as the masks of the Sochos Carnival of Macedonia give us the opportunity to learn the different carnival traditions.

Exhibition duration: 9 February till 2 March, 2020
Opening Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 09.00 – 19.00
Saturday & Sunday 09.00 – 14.00
*In collaboration with the Lyceum Club of Greek Women
*For more info, please call at 210 3243987

Sunday 16.02

12.00 → ATHENS NURSING HOME

Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

12.00 → “AGGELIKI CHATZIMIHALI” MUSEUM OF FOLK ART AND TRADITION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

“Boula” and “Gennitsaros”
Crafting a carnival mask workshop

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15.00 → PLAKA - AERIDES (TOWER OF WINDS)

Strolling and singing
The Adults Choir from the Creative Learning Centers of Grava, Evelpidon and Sepolia of the City of Athens perform popular and beloved tunes

19.00 → ACROPOLIS METRO STATION

A carnival ramble with serenades by the Zakynthians Association in Athens “Saint Dionysios” choir


→ Το πρόγραμμα ενδέχεται να τροποποιηθεί
→ Σε όλες τις δράσεις η είσοδος είναι ελέυθερη.

θα τηρηθεί σειρά προτεραιότητας όπου υπάρχουν κρατήσεις θέσεων.
Monday 17.02

16.00 → LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Crafting a carnival mask workshop
For children between 7 – 12 years old

Wednesday 19.02

17:30 → HELLENIC CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

Funny glasses
Glasses here and there, I see glasses everywhere! Crafting funny and weird glasses for the Carnival!
Educational program for families with children between 3 – 12 years old.

Smoked Thursday 20.02

11.00 → VARVAKIOS MARKET

Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

12.00 → VARVAKIOS MARKET

Concert by Babis Tsertos
*With the support of the Varvakios Butchers Association

13.00 → PSIRRI SQUARE

Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

13.00 → “AGGELIKI CHATZIMIHALI” MUSEUM OF FOLK ART AND TRADITION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Reviving the Greek Carnival
Carnival gaggles around maypole, folklore happenings, traditional satirical carnival dances accompanied by guitars, mandolins,
ocarinas and bass drums played by “Vakhes” Greek Dancing Group.


14.30 → MONASTIRAKI SQUARE

Carnival concert by the Greek Music Workshop
Singers: Manolis Skoulas, Dora Loizou

17.30 → CHILDREN’S LIBRARY AT LARISSA STATION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Who’s hiding behind the mask?
Educational activity for children 11+ years old.

*Applications for participation: 210 8810884 (Monday to Friday, 11.00 – 15.00)

Friday 21.02

12.00 → SAINT EIRINI SQUARE
Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

19.00 → CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER ON NORDAU STREET

The carnival maypole
Following the maypole, we begin for an interactive journey around Greece to learn the carnival customs such as “Beis”, “Kalogeros” and the “Skopelos’s trawl” - performed by the theatrical team La strada.

Saturday 22.02

10.30 → ARTS CENTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Carnival festivities through the eyes of Pablo Picasso
Educational program for children between 6 and 12 years old.

*Applications for participation: 210 7248150 & 210 7232604 (Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 13.00)
Carnival accessories made of felt
Museum educational program for families with children between 6 and 12 years old.
*Applications for participation: 210 3452150 (Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 18.00)

Musical mischiefs in carnival mood
Mischiefs and carnival music and movement games for children between 6 and 10 years old.
*Applications for participation: 210 5284868 (Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 14.00)

Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

The great celebration
An interactive musical theatre based on Aesop’s myth “The lion, the crow and the fox” for children up to 8 years old by Morfes Ekfrasis.

Carnival festivities for our little friends
*In collaboration with Saint Paul’s Beautification Association

Karagiozis’s maypole
Shadow play by S. Charidimos

Traditional Dances & the “Two grooms, one bride” carnival happening
*By the Zakynthians Association in Athens “Saint Dionysios”

Latin concert by Athens Big Band & Martha Moreleon
Percussions by Kiki Bu

Masks inspired by Pablo Picasso
Crafting a carnival mask out of recyclable materials. A visual arts workshop for children between 5 and 12 years old.
*Applications for participation: 210 5202420 (Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 14.00)

Messing around on Tsikno-Saturday
Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

Carnival celebrations
With comedians, stilt walkers, lots of music & many surprises!
*In collaboration with the store owners of the area
Sunday 23.02

10.30 → ARTS CENTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Carnival festivities through the eyes of Pablo Picasso
Educational program for children between 6 and 12 years old.

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11.00 → ZAPPEION

Carnival celebrations for children
We celebrate the Carnival enjoying melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra along with jugglers, magicians, dancers, stilt walkers, circus artists, games, balloon crafts and face painting while wearing the most original costumes.

11:00 → “MELINA” CULTURAL CENTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Carnival accessories made of felt
Museum educational program for families with children between 6 and 12 years old.

*Applications for participation: 210 3452150 (Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 18.00)

11.30 → CHILDREN’S LIBRARY AT LARISSA STATION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Chasing the green hat
Educational program for families with children 5+ years old.

*Applications for participation: 210 8810884 (Monday to Friday, 11.00 – 15.00)

12.00 → MUSEUM OF GREEK FOLK MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

10th Treasure Hunt in the framework of the International Tourist Guide Day celebration
We learn our city's history through the monuments of Athens.

*In collaboration with the Association of Licensed Tourist Guides

Registrations: 10.00 – 12.00,
Address: 1-3 Diogenous str., Plaka

12.00 → SAINT PAUL’S AND HERAKLEIDON PEDESTRIAN STREET

Pre-Lenten Season is on!
We electrify the area of Thissio with maypoles, drum bass and violin tunes. The 50-member HOROSTASSI team takes us on a journey back in time to the old Athens through songs, serenades and dancing.

*Start: Ancient Agora Entrance (Thissio)

14.30 → ACROPOLIS METRO STATION

Latin concert by Athens Big Band & Martha Moreleon
Percussions by Kiki Bu
**Monday 24.02**

16.00 → LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Mrs Lent & other carnival customs
Educational activity for children between 7 and 12 years old.

17:30 → HELLENIC CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

Which mask are you talking about?
With ribbons, buttons, feathers, colours and lots of imagination we create a carnival extraordinary mask!

Educational program for families with children between 3 and 12 years old.

**Tuesday 25.02**

13.00 → MONASTIRAKI SQUARE

Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

**Wednesday 26.02**

14.00 → PSIRRI SQUARE

Folksinging tribute by the band “Charisma”

*With the support of NGradio*

**Friday 28.02**

12.00 → ERMOU PEDESTRIAN STREET

Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

12.00 → SYNTAGMA SQUARE

CARNIVAL LA LAND
The famous musical meets all carnival people in the very center of the city. A big carnival celebration with acro-dancing, afro-brazilian percussions, tarantella, brazilian dances, street dancers, stilt walkers, mimes and vintage carnival people electrify the city and dance around the maypole.

*In collaboration with the Athens Art Network*
17.00 → TISSISO (SAINT PAUL’S AND HERAKLEIDON PEDESTRIAN STREET)

A concert under the Acropolis “Meet me at Danceteria” by Wedding Singers
After travelling around Greece and having played in many different venues, from cubbyholes to arenas to wedding ceremonies and traditional festivals, Wedding Singers have proven that they can turn any event into a delirious party with their non-stop-covers-mix. They are coming in a carnival mood for a love “attack” full of stardust and 90’s dancing moves.

20.00 → “ANNA AND MARIA KALOUTA” MULTIPURPOSE VENUE OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

In magic islands
The composer and conductor Apostolos Kouskoumveskas presents a tribute on folk songs. A program full of beloved songs in tango, rum-ba, bolero and swing rhythms and dancing mood. Performed by Irini Toubaki & Anna Matsouka

20.00 → TISSISO (SAINT PAUL’S AND HERAKLEIDON PEDESTRIAN STREET)

A concert under the Acropolis by Michalis Rakintzis
The beloved Michalis Rakintzis comes along with his super band in a vigorous live set full of memorable hits such as “Moro mou faltsos”, the popular “Pouf”, “Prokaleis”, “Kane mia efhi” as well as “S’AGAPO” and many more...

Saturday 29.02

11.00 → “MELINA” CULTURAL CENTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS

Karagiozis disguised Shadow play by S. Charidimos

11.30 → CHILDREN’S LIBRARY AT LARISSA STATION

Around and around we go!
Interactive educational program for children between 3 and 6 years old.
*Applications for participation: 210 8810884 (Monday to Friday, 11.00 – 15.00)

12.00 → MITROPOLEOS SQUARE

Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

12.00 → PLATO ACADEMY DIGITAL MUSEUM OF CITY OF ATHENS

Carnival Painting!
We wear our costumes and paint witches, magicians, elves and fairies!
*Applications for participation: 210 5142138 (Monday to Friday, 10.00 – 14.00)
12.00 → THISSIO (SAINT PAUL’S AND HERAKLEIDON PEDESTRIAN STREET)

A concert under the Acropolis by Petroloukas Chalkias
The top clarinetist sets along with his partners an authentic festival like the ones happening in Mainland Greece. An unprecedented music festival that introduces the audience to our original folk traditions from Thrace to Crete and from Epirus to Minor Asia. A great and timeless musician that experiments in combining and improvising his music with, seemingly different, musical traditions.

He’ll be accompanied by the performers Pagona Athanassiou, Dimitris Tzoumerkiotis & Vangelitsa.

13.00 → SYNTAGMA SQUARE

Reviving the Greek Carnival
Carnival gaggles around maypole, folklore happenings, traditional satirical carnival dances accompanied by guitars, mandolins, ocarinas and bass drums played by “Vakhes” Greek Dancing Group.

*Walking Tour: Syntagma square, Ermou str., Monastiraki square, Plaka

13.00 → FOKIONOS NEGRI PEDESTRIAN STREET, KYPSELI

Carnival concert by the Greek Music Workshop
Singers: Manolis Skoulas, Dora Loizou

15.00 → MONASTIRAKI SQUARE

Concert by the band “Tzitzikes” (cicadas)
A rich program of Greek Carnival’s folk and island satirical songs coming from Thrace to Crete.
A concert under the Acropolis by Glykeria & Melina Kana
Glykeria and Melina Kana in a special musical encounter! A relationship as strong as their personal course. They share the same love for music and the same dreams. They are linked by the songs and their common musical background. The two beloved singers present a rich program that includes their hits as well as songs by great composers. They’ll be accompanied by Haris Makris and a multi-membered orchestra of exceptional musicians and soloists.

*Artistic director: Stelios Fotiadis

A concert under the Acropolis “Those were the days”
The performance that thrills our young and... not so young friends, shares smiles and fulfills our hearts! Dakis, Lakis Giordanelli, Robert Williams, Yorgos Polichroniadis, Bessy Argyraki and Katerina Adamantidou, the legends that marked an era, invite us in a delirious journey with the “Magic Bus” heading to the golden decades of the 60s and the 70s. “Trelokoritso”, “To koritsi tou Mai”, “Anthrope agapa” and other memorable greek and foreign hits in a performance that we’ll surely remember for a long time!

A Rebetiko night by... lawyers
Authentic performances of rebetiko songs from the period of anonymous creation till 1955.
By the lawyers’ rebetiko band “NOMO..telia”.

17.00 ➔ THISSIO (SAINT PAUL’S AND HERAKLEIDON PEDESTRIAN STREET)

20.00 ➔ THISSIO (SAINT PAUL’S AND HERAKLEIDON PEDESTRIAN STREET)

19.00 ➔ “MELINA” CULTURAL CENTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS
**Sunday 1.03**

**12.00 → ACROPOLIS METRO STATION**

**Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra**

**12.00 → “MELINA” CULTURAL CENTER OF THE CITY OF ATHENS**

**The Dragon of the colors**


**12.00 → “AGGELIKI CHATZIMIHALI” MUSEUM OF FOLK ART AND TRADITION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS**

**A louse on king’s beard**

by “Paramythokamomata” narration group.

**12.00 → THISSIO (SAINT PAUL’S AND HERAKLEIDON PEDESTRIAN STREET)**

A concert under the Acropolis by Nikos Fakaros & Musicaroi

Each concert by Nikos Fakaros and the Musicaroi Orchestra carries us away in a special music journey through Ikariotikos dance - in all its variations such as balos, syrto, aptaliko as well as waltz and tango. Starting from Ikaria and after a few stops in Cyclades, Evia, Crete, Northeastern Aegean islands and Minor Asia, they promise us an open air summer festival at the heart of the Carnival period.

**13.00 → DIONYSIOU AREOPAGITOU PEDESTRIAN STREET**

**Aghia Fanfara**

The multi-membered brass band performs traditional tunes and contemporary melodies of Greece, Balkan and east Mediterranean regions.
A concert under the Acropolis by Kostas Makedonas
One of the best - not only but mainly - folk singers of his generation, Kostas Makedonas, presents a touching show of all time great hits from his personal discography as well as famous songs by great artists.
He’ll be accompanied by the exceptional Epistimi Kampouroglou.

A concert under the Acropolis by Eleni Tsaligopoulou & Boğaz Musique
Within an authentic atmosphere and the magical vibes of a post-minor asian palco, Eleni Tsaligopoulou and Boğaz Musique adapt to contemporary challenges and set a magnificent music celebration full of our beloved tunes. Traditional songs, rebetiko and folk songs, songs by famous composers, great hits as well as new songs by Eleni and Boğaz from their new album “Ton filon ta spitia” (Friends' houses).
An exciting and liberating musical experience.
Kathara Deftera
(Clean Monday)
2.03

11.00 ➔ FILOPAPPOU HILL
Melodies by the City of Athens Philharmonic Orchestra

12.00 ➔ FILOPAPPOU HILL
Celebrating “Kuluma” in a traditional festival with Gogo Tsampa.
We fly our kites and celebrate the “Koulouma”. The headliner of this festival is going to be Gogo Tsampa!
The singer who managed to revive the audience’s interest for folk singing will be there and we won’t stop dancing!

11.00 ➔ CHILDREN’S AND CULTURE PARK (KAPAPS)
Traditional celebrations with music, dancing and Lent delicacies
*In collaboration with the Cultural Association of Ano Ampelokipi
“Aggeliki Chatzimichali”
Museum of Folk Art & Tradition
6 Aggeliki Chatzimichali St, Plaka - T. 210 3243972

“Anna and Maria Kalouta”
multi-purpose venue of the City of Athens
6A Timokreon St, Neos Kosmos
T. 210 9344131

Arts Centre of the City of Athens
Vas. Sofias Av., Parko Eleftherias - T. 210 7224028

Athens Nursing Home
Leof. Kifisias 137, Athina - T. 2106914006

Children’s and Culture Park (KAPAPS)
Trifilia & Lampsa St, Ampelokipoi

Children’s Library of the City of Athens
2 Domokou St, Larissa Station - T. 210 8810884

City of Athens Digital Museum of Plato's Academy
Monastiriou & 1 Kreontos St - T. 210 5142138

Municipal Gallery of Athens
Leonidou & Myllerou St, Metaxourgeio
T. 210 5202420-421

Gravas Creative Learning Center
60 Taigetou St, Athens T. 210 2011151

Hellenic Children's Museum
Rigillis & Vasileos Georgiou B' Ave 17-19, Athina
T. 2103312995

“Melina” Cultural Center of the City of Athens
66A Irakleidon & Thessaloniki St - T. 210 3452150

Museum of Greek Folk Musical Instruments
Fivos Anoyanakis' Collection
Centre of Ethnomusicology
1-3 Diogenous St, Plaka, Athens - T. 2103254119

Nordau Creative Learning Center of the City of Athens
7 Nordau St, Gyzi - T. 210 6433128

The City of Athens Library for Children & Young Adults
Lampsia & Trifyllias St, Ambelokipi
T. 210 6929736
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