

MuSifanto

**3rd Music Festival, Sifnos island
5 -11 July 2016**

**Concerts - Masterclasses - Musical Walk – Films -
Debate**

The association "*The friends of the Greek island and sea*" are organizing **MuSifanto 2016, the 3rd Sifnos Music Festival**, to be held from 5 to 11 July 2016.

The Festival is aimed at becoming an established musical event on the island so that islanders and visitors alike, being aware it will be held every July, can participate on a steady basis and come into contact with distinguished world famous artists in a unique natural environment. These artists believe in the value of musical education and the importance of artistic communication and wish to contribute to the creation and development of a musical community in which they would be partners and for whose members Sifnos would become a summer "home" of artistic inspiration, open to their musical propositions.

At the same time, the students of the Sifnos Music Workshop will be given the opportunity to have lessons with prominent musicians, hear them play at their own recitals and be inspired by their example, allowing them to pursue the study of music in a constructive and efficient way.

The word **MuSifanto** combines the muses and music with Sifanto, one of the old names for Sifnos.

The Festival is organized by the association "*The friends of the Greek island and sea*" with the support of the **Municipality of Sifnos** and in cooperation with the **Sifnos Cultural Association**.

The program comprises daily concerts with different sorts of music ranging from the Middle Ages to the 20th century, with emphasis on classical music, but also sidestepping to include soundtracks, Astor Piazzola and Manos Hatzidakis.

Admission to all concerts is free

The masterclasses are for students of classical guitar, piano and bass. Also available is a masterclass for chamber music.

Program of events

Tuesday 5 July 2016

- Inauguration, presentation of the program of **MuSifanto Festival 2016**
- Screening of film "**Playing with colors**", directed by **Yannis Vamvakas**, about the late painter **Panagiotis Tetsis**

21:00

in the courtyard of the Sifnos «Frangiski Psacharopoulou-Karori» Music Workshop

Wednesday 6 July 2016

- Chamber music concert with students of **Amalia Kountouri**
- Piano recital by soloist **Elena Ralli**

19:30

at the «Marianthi Simou» Cultural Center

Thursday 7 July 2016

- Concert by the soloists - teachers of the masterclasses
Michael Klinghoffer, Shani Inbar, Vassilis Papavassiliou, Dimitris Kourzakis, Angelos Botsis, Vassilis Tiggiridis, Alexandros Kalkos,

Performing music of: Benedetto Marcello, Franz Schubert, Stuart Diamond, Manuel de Falla, Astor Piazzolla, Giovanni Bottesini, Enrique Granados, Gabriel Fauré, Oswald Amiralis, Leo Brouwer, Michalis Travlos

19:30

at the «Marianthi Simou» Cultural Center

Friday 8 July 2016

- Musical walk in the traditional village of Artemonas.
Basses, guitars, flute and recorder will accompany us as we stroll along the alleys.
From Renaissance lute and theorbo to Sifnian violin.
From Elizabethan England to the court of the Roi Soleil and from Brazilian rhythm and Argentinian tango to the traditional music of Sifnos.
We start at the "**Marianthi Simou**" **Cultural Center** with a short recital by **Alexandros Kalkos** (Renaissance lute): **A Musical Dream**, dating back to Queen Elizabeth and William Shakespeare with music of John Dowland, Francis Cutting, Robert Johnson.

Meeting point and start of the walk:

19:00

at the «Marianthi Simou» Cultural Center

Saturday 9 July 2016

- Concert with singer **Savina Giannatou** and guitarist **Kostas Grigoreas** performing music from the court of King Alfonso the Wise (Cantigas de Santa Maria), Renaissance Spain, Elizabethan England of John Dowland, the Mediterranean and songs by Manos Hatzidakis and Lena Platonos.

21:30
in Fyrogia Monastery

- Midnight screening of film dedicated to the great bassist **Peter Kowald** and his improvisations with accompanying improvisations by musicians of the bass masterclass.

23:45
at the municipal outdoor movie theater Ciné Dragatsi in Artemonas

Sunday 10 July 2016

- Musical program with guitars and basses with the students of the masterclasses

19:30
in the square in Kato Petali

Monday 11 July 2016

- Students debate on a music subject.
- Concert by the students of the piano masterclass

20:00
in the hall of the «Marianthi Simou» Cultural Center

Masterclasses

Piano	4 to 11 July 2016.
Guitar	6 to 10 July 2016
Bass	7 to 10 July 2016
Chamber Music	4 to 11 July 2016

The musicians performing at the concerts and teaching the masterclasses are:

Savina Giannatou, whose voice has been linked with the famous children's program of the Third Program of Greek Radio Television "This is Lilipoupolis", with the songs of Manos Hatzidakis, with Greek composers such as Lena Platonos, Nikos Mamangakis and Nikos Kypourgos, but also with Primavera en Salonico and their records "Mediterranean Songs" and "Madonnas of the World". She has performed with them in numerous concerts in Greece and has participated in many festivals abroad, in Europe, America, Australia, Morocco, Taiwan and Israel.

A talented and versatile singer and composer, she has tackled many different sorts of vocal music, medieval, Renaissance and Baroque songs, songs of the Mediterranean and vocal improvisation. Her recordings have been reissued by foreign labels and have won prizes in many countries abroad. Important TV stations such as CNN have dedicated broadcasts to her art. She has also very often participated in Ethnic and World Music international festivals.

Kostas Grigoreas, "one of the most talented Greek guitarists of our time", as described by Manos Hatzidakis, a classical guitar soloist in concerts and recordings, he has interpreted major Greek and foreign composers and is collaborating with outstanding singers such as Savina Giannatou, Fleri Dadonaki and Aliki Kagialoglou. He is composing and recording his own music, mainly for guitar, and is co-founder of the site tar.gr. He has taught important new Greek guitarists, has performed in many concerts and has recorded for radio and TV in most European countries and in America, Africa and the Far East.

Dionyssi Malouchos, pianist and Coordinator of the Third Program of Greek Radio Television, the favorite collaborator of Frangiski Psacharopoulou-Karori, is always helping the Association and promoting the efforts involving the Music Workshops.

Michael Klinghoffer, professor of bass at the Jerusalem Music Academy, has worked with zeal for the musical education of the young and towards the musical collaboration between performers from different peoples and cultures. Last year he was very pleased with the second Sifnos Festival and is coming again this year, bringing along a very talented young guitarist from Israel, Shani Inbar.

Vassilis Papavassiliou, bassist and Principal A of the Symphony Orchestra of the Greek National Lyrical Scene (Opera), is a leading performer of modern music and many contemporary works have been composed for him.

Dimitris Kourzakis and **Angelos Botsis**, who are the D&A Guitar Duo, soloists and teachers of classical guitar with many prizes in international competitions, have performed in important concert halls such as the Athens Concert Hall and the hall of the Parnassos Philological Association. They participate in orchestral works as soloists and are often invited to guitar festivals both as teachers and performers.

Alexandros Kalkos, guitar, and **Amalia Kountouri**, flute, well-known to all in Sifnos since they were the first teachers of the Music Workshop and remained at the post

for 13 years. Alexandros Kalkos specializes in historical interpretation from medieval to Baroque music.

Amalia Kountouri is a many-sided musician who interprets old music, modern composers but also jazz.

Vassilis Tiggiridis, performer of theorbo, a very particular and impressive instrument, which he will introduce to the masterclass students in a special presentation.

Also participating are the teachers of classical guitar of the Association's Music Workshops in the islands: **Vassilis Lamis**, **Takis Yannopoulos** and **Vangelis Gaglias** who will make a special presentation about flamenco on Thursday 7 July in the framework of the guitar masterclass.

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