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VISIT THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT
GREEK DRAMA IN CYPRUS ANCIENT THEATRES



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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA

For the 17th year, a theatrical July in Cyprus will brighten the summer nights of theatre friends from around the world, giving them the chance to enjoy several presentations of ancient Greek drama at the Paphos Ancient Odeon and the Curium Amphitheatre in Limassol during this month-long, world-class international theatre festival.

This is a unique opportunity to see ancient Greek drama performed in its original ancient setting: the magnificent Curium Amphitheatre was originally built in the 2nd century BC, at a breath-taking seaside location, and was later enlarged by the Romans. The more intimate Ancient Odeon dates back to the 2nd century AD and is located next to the ancient city walls.

The performances, chosen for the originality of their approach, preserve the uniqueness of ancient Greek drama while also bearing the distinctive cultural traits of the country from which they come, offering to the public a multi-cultural entertainment of high aesthetic standards.

The International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama is co-organized by the Cyprus Centre of the International Theatre Institute, the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus, Cultural Services and the Cyprus Tourism Organization.

Do not miss the opportunity to discover the culture that Greek authors gave as a heritage to the world and proudly and with true love the organisers are presenting and giving you the opportunity to enjoy as a part of your holiday to Cyprus.



Photo: Greek Theatre Museum

THÉÂTRE DES QUARTIERS D'IVRY, PALESTINE

ANTIGONE BY SOPHOCLES

The performance won the CRITICS AWARD for best foreign production

Directed by **Adel Hakim with the actors of the Palestinian National Theatre.**

Music: **Trio Joubran**

Why a Palestinian Antigone?

Because the piece speaks of the relationship between human beings and the land, of the love that each individual has for his native land, of the bond with the land.

Antigone “ I am made for love, not for hate”

Oedipus was the former ruler of Thebes. At his death, his sons, Eteocles and Polynices, decide to share power between them: each will rule for one year. Eteocles becomes king, but after a year, he refuses to give up his place to Polynices. So Polynices gathers an army with the help of the Argives and attacks Thebes. The two brothers end up by killing each other. After this fratricidal war, Creon, their uncle, becomes king. He decides to give full burial rights to Eteocles and to throw Polynices' corpse to the dogs. Antigone is opposed to this decision. She wants to bury her brother Polynices, in contravention to the law laid down by Creon. So Creon condemns Antigone to death. Haemon, son of Creon and fiancé to Antigone, then tries to save the young woman he loves. The tragedy builds, and war is declared between the dead and the living, state decree and divine law, political duty and family loyalty.

TUE 2 JULY PAPHOS ANCIENT ODEON

Price for adults €20.00

Children up to 3 years free & 3 – 12 years 50% discount

Price Includes the entrance to the theatre, return transfers, escorting

Only from Paphos Hotels – Pick up time 19:30

Performances Begin at 21:00 (approximate duration 2H)

Performance in Arabic with English and Greek surtitles

TEATRO DO BOLHÃO, PORTUGAL

OEDIPUS REX

BY SOPHOCLES

Directed by **Kuniaki Ida**

The famous Japanese director Kuniaki Ida returns to Teatro do Bolhão, Porto, Portugal, to stage one of the founding texts of Western Culture – Sophocles Oedipus Rex, considered the “perfect tragedy” by Aristotle. Continuing its nuclear project to disseminate the fundamental texts of Western dramaturgy, the company proposes this new staging of Oedipus, in the desire to look at the classic text, from its timeless reality, to the reality of our time.

In a town decimated and brought to collapse by a murderous plague, King Oedipus obsessively seeks the truth that will eventually destroy him. But the legend of the man condemned by the gods at birth to murder his father and marry his mother also contains the myth of the hero who refuses to close his eyes to reality and chooses to blind himself when he finally sees the truth.

TUE 9 JULY CURIUM ANCIENT THEATRE LIMASSOL

From Paphos & Limassol €27.00

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Sales from all resorts Pick up time

From: Paphos & Limassol 19:30, Larnaca 19:15, Protaras & Ayia Napa 18:30

Performance in Portugal with English and Greek surtitles

BAUMSTRASSE THEATRE GROUP, GREECE

BACCHAE

BY EURIPIDES

Directed by **Martha Frintzila**

This performance focuses on the power of live music and the influence it has on people, and it is presented as a healing music event by a theatre group of 30 actors, actresses and musicians.

God Dionysos returns in human form to Thebes with the intention of imposing his cult. His mother's Semele's sisters, including Agaue, mother of the king of Thebes, Pentheus, at first refuse to recognize his divinity, so he drives them wild with holy frenzy. Pentheus, the young and stubborn king, arrests and imprisons the subversive and dangerous Dionysos, thinking that he is a priest of this new religion. But the god soon frees himself and manages to persuade Pentheus to disguise himself as a woman Bacchante in order to spy on the women's secret rituals in the forest. But when the women discover him hiding in a tree and spying, they tear him in pieces, with his mother Agaue leading the slaughter. Agaue returns to the city with her son's head in her hands thinking that it is a lion's head. When she comes to her senses she realizes what she has done. The play ends with the appearance of Dionysos, as a god now, who foretells the future destinies of the heroes and consolidates his worship.

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A performance in Greek with English surtitles

INDUOTEATRO, SPAIN

MEDEA FLAMENCO BY EURIPIDES

Directed by **José M. Sánchez Andreu**

A breath-taking Flamenco version of the Greek Tragedy **Medea**, with live music and dancing that has won :

The Award “Duque de Lerma” for **The Best Theatrical Event**
Special **Award of The Audience**

Award “Duque de Lerma” for **The Best Theatrical Staging**
Award “Duque de Lerma” at **The Best Performance By An Actress In A Leading Role In A Play**, to Pilar Jiménez by Medea.

Flamenco is always linked to the tragic in its deepest sense; tragedy is the source and birthplace of Flamenco music. This show is born of their union. Euripides’ words are mixed with the styles of Flamenco with music and rhythm.

An exposed, vulnerable foreigner, Medea becomes invulnerable, during the course of events that happen. Medea’s husband Jason leaves his wife for a young girl. In her despair she decides to destroy Jason. A vivid and touching play, following a woman’s pain as it becomes unbearable and leads her to revenge.

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A performance in Spanish with English and Greek surtitles

AMPHIKTIO THEATRE, CYPRUS

HELEN BY EURIPIDES

Directed by **the famous Cypriot director and actor Nicos Charalambous and interpreted by a group of celebrated Cypriot actors and actresses.**

It is impossible to resist the charm of this play, which is as captivating as Helen herself. The delightful exchanges between the characters, the strong sense of atmosphere, together with Helen’s grace and wit create a splendid work of art. A play written in a good humour which is infectious, in a poetic mood which quickens both eye and heart, yet a play full of puzzles.

The Spartan Queen Helen is in Egypt while the events of the Trojan War are in process. The exiled Greek Teucer, arriving in Egypt, informs her that her husband , King Menelaus, has drowned. The information is false, since a stranger arrives in Egypt, who is no other than Menelaus himself. It is difficult for him to believe his wife Helen is the same woman he finds in Egypt, because he thinks he has hidden Helen in a cave in Troy. As it turns out, only a phantom of Helen was in Troy, since the goddesses Athena and Hera hid Helen in Egypt and replaced the real Helen with an eidolon. Helen and Menelaus reunite and manage to escape from Theoclymenus, King of Egypt who wishes to marry Helen himself.

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