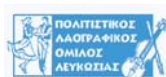


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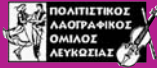
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4<sup>TH</sup> MEDITERRANEAN  
FOLKLORE DANCE  
FESTIVAL



**12, 13, 14**  
ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2009

ΩΡΑ 8.00 μ.μ.

ΕΞΕΔΡΑ ΠΑΡΑΛΙΑΣ  
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**12, 13, 14**  
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AT 8.00 p.m.

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## WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR OF LARNACA

It is with great contempt that we welcome the events of the 4th Mediterranean Folklore dance Festival in our town. A great celebration that has been established as a permanent festivity and has been embraced not only by the citizens of Larnaca but also by its visitors, local and foreigners. This embracement is proven by the massive presence of the spectators at the Larnaca Finikoudes Sea Front Stage, all through its 3days long activities.

A great bravo must be given to the Culture – Heritage Association of Nicosia, which in close cooperation with the Municipality of Larnaca achieve a successful organization and other important results. A special mention must be made to the intercultural dialogue that is achieved during these 3days and the great friendship that develop among the participants, who share the same values of our great Mediterranean Civilization.

More than 16 folkloric groups meet this year in Larnaca, which is turned into a center of Intercultural exchanges, experiences and understanding also extended to many schools of the town and the wider area since all these groups visit many learning institutions. This serious attempt of cultural exchanges and traditional knowledge develop a better understanding as music and dance talk directly to the heart and souls of people.

With this opportunity, I welcome in our town all dancers, musicians and their escorts taking part in this festivity and I urge them to enjoy the worm hospitality of their Cypriot friends and counterparts, and the attractions of our beautiful city.

Andreas Moiseos

## WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF NICOSIA

Dear friends,

This is the fourth consecutive year we welcome to this fair of joy, colors and music.

We made it, my friends, so that the Mediterranean Folklore Dance Festival has become the biggest event of its kind in Cyprus. We worked with patience and determination so that we would become known not only to Mediterranean countries, but to the whole world. We receive applications the day after the end of the festival, for the next one. We are proud because our sense of responsibility, the perfect organization and the amazing conditions of living of our groups have entitled us, as the perfect organizers.

Every participating country becomes the best ambassador of Cyprus for the next year. Numerous groups have joined the waiting list of the festival for the next five years. Moreover, it is very important to us the fact that we have managed to diminish every doubt that the countries of the West Mediterranean had. We convinced them that Dance and Arts bring people together. They do not divide them. There are no green lines, no hostile feelings. Therefore proudly we announce that Egypt, this year will be the honored country for this year. We have already invited Dr. Amir Nahib, Director of International Festival Department - Foreign Culture Relations of Egypt - author - to give a seminar with theme: "African Festivals" and address at the opening ceremony.

Noteworthy is the how much our association offers to the aspect of multi-cultural education. Thousands of students enjoy for free the visits and performances of the groups to the schools, establish relationships and become aware of other countries' culture.

Significant is the role of our volunteers, who work hard for this festival with earnestness and responsibility. At this point I would like to thank every co-worker teacher of Physical Education with whom, together we managed the success of this festival. Thank you, Eleni, Petro, Dimitri, Theoti, Pari, Maria, Georgia, Andrie, Elina, Kika, Anna, Neofyte, Chrysoula and also the army as for this years a lot of volunteers are soldiers from A. Souroukli camp.

Moreover, I would like to thank the always-willing head-officer of the Cultural Services Mr. Akis Ioannou, Antigone Perentou, Ondina, Ikaros, Georgia, Andreas and all those who work at the Municipality for their much-appreciated willingness to help. Lastly, I would like to give my special thanks and congratulations to the Mayor Mr. Andreas Moiseos and all the municipal counselors for their decision to support us every year. From our side we promise one thing: that this cultural event will eventually become the largest Cultural Event of the Mediterranean, a second "Kataklysmos" for Larnaca with all the desirable effects on local and foreign tourism.

We will always be ready for hard work, as well as voluntary work..but because a single bird does not bring the spring, we must know who sings along with us. Now, if some people do not care and are not interested in what we offer..this is their problem. If they think that we are going to be disappointed and say "Enough..no more"..they are mistaken...We proud, strong and stubborn will continue offering love to our Country..because we were born with this and are going to die with it.

At last we inform you that the President Mrs Rea Ioannidou has been reelected as a member of the board of Directors of the international dance council CID UNESCO at the world forum take place at Malaga Spain on 19th of July. Also she has been elected as a member of the board of Director of the Cyprus Theatre Organisation.

Rea Madella Ioannidou  
President

## PROGRAMME

### 4<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Folklore Dance Festival 2009, Larnaca, Cyprus

#### Saturday 12.09.2008

7:00 p.m. Parade of the Folklore troupes, Police Station along Athinon avenue, to the sea front stage – Foinikoudes Larnaca

8:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony – Sea front stage, Foinikoudes, Larnaca.

- Address by President of the Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia, Mrs Rea Madella Ioannidou
- Address by the director of Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education Dr. Pavlos Paraskevas
- Address by Dr Amir Nabih – Director of International Festival Department and Foreign Cultural Relations of Egypt
- Address by Dr Alkis Raftis - President of International Dance Council, CID Unesco
- Address by the Mayor of Larnaca, Mr Andreas Moiseos
- Honorary Award
- Address and initiation of the festival by the Minister of Tourism. Mr. Antonis Paschalides

#### Opening Ceremony – Artistic Programme

- **Maria Karapitta** and her Dancing Group
- Theme ALMIRA
- Traditional songs by Baritone **Marios Andreou** and his singing team, piano: **Annini Tsiouri**, violon: **Moisis Papamoiseos**
- Fireworks

#### Presenters: *Elia Ioannidou - Paris Evangelou*

8:45 p.m.	GREECE	THIAMIS-STIMANGAS
	CROATIA	KUD ORAC
	RUSSIA	TOPOTUSHKI
	EGYPT	AL ANFOUSHI TPOUBE
	SPAIN	GROUP DE BALLS TRADITIONALS SANTA GERTOUDIS
	ITALY	CITTA DI ACRIGENTO
	CYPRUS	NEA GENIA VOROKLINIS
	GREECE	SOUFLI
	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	KUD MLADOST
	PORTUGAL	PAULITEIROS DA CIDADE DE MIRANDA DO DOURO
	SLOVENIA	FOLKORNA SKUPINA EMONA
	BULGARIA	DOBRUDJA - SILISTRA
	CYPRUS	FAMAGUSTA Folklore Dancing Troupe

Afterwards dinner and party sponsored by the Mayor of Larnaca for all groups, volunteers, escorts reporters and VIPS.

### Sunday 13.09.2009

8:00 p.m.	ARMENIA	HAMAZKAYIN "SIPAN"
	ITALY	CITTA DI AGRIGENTO
	GREECE	THIAMIS -STIMANGAS
	SLOVENIA	FOLKORNA SKUPINA EMONA
	PORTUGUEZ	PAULITEIROS DA CIDADE DE MIRANDA DO DOURO
	CYPRUS	ATHANASIA
	BULGARIA	DOBRUDJA - SILISTRA
	SPAIN	GRUP DE BALLS TRADICIONALS SANTA GERTUDIS
	RUSSIA	TOPOTUSHKI
	BOSNIA- HERZEGOVINA	KUD MALDOST
	EGYPT	AL ANFOUSHI TROUPE
	CROATIA	KUD ORAC

### Monday 14.09.2009

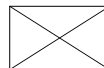
5:00-6:00 p.m. Open seminar for everybody by Dr Amir Nahib, Director of International Festival Department - Foreign Culture Relations of Egypt – author - Theme: "African Festivals"

8:00 p.m.	BULGARIA	DOBRUDJA - SILISTRA
	SLOVENIA	FOLKORNA SKUPINA EMONA
	CROATIA	KUD ORAC
	CYPRUS	AKRITES GERIOU
	RUSSIA	TOPOTUSKHI
	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	KUD MALDOST
	EGYPT	AL ANFOUSHI TROUPE
	PORTUGAL	PAULITEIROS DA CIDADE DE MIRANDA DO DOURO
	ITALY	CITTA DI AGRIGENTO
	SPAIN	GROUP DE BALLS TRADICIONALS SANTA GERTUDIS
	GREECE	THIAMIS STIMANGAS

**Closing ceremony: Exchange of presents between the leaders of the groups, the mayor and the organizers.**

During the festival there will be photo exhibitions at the Athinon Avenue.

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