

## Athens' best kept musical secret

When it comes to accessible and good classical music, Parnassos is the place



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There are few cultural venues in Athens whose history runs as deep into time as that of the **Parnassos Literary Society**. Counting 145 years of continuous presence in the cultural calendar of the

Greek capital, the Society founded by the four sons of numismatist **Pavlos Lambros** -Michael, Spyridon, Konstantinos and Dionysios- is today one of the most active actors in many areas of arts and culture, namely classical music. The first three months of Parnassos' 2009/2010 season of concerts running until the end of this year is a living proof.



Twenty nine concerts are scheduled from October to the end of December 2009 at the acoustically perfect hall at the heart of Athens, in St George Karytsi Square. With a capacity of 500, the elegant concert hall keeps the character of old Athens alive, while at the same time plays host to musicians who represent genres far beyond classical music.

See the detailed program of concerts that follows.

### Mo, Oct 5

Aiolos Wind Ensemble in a concert for the 150 th anniversary of the death of Louis Spohr (1784-1859)

### We, Oct 7

L. Van Beethoven's 32 Sonatas in 8 concerts performed by pianist Rita Bouboulides

### Su, Oct 11

**City of Athens Symphony Orchestra** with soloist and music director **Christian Lindberg** performing works by J. Sibelius, C.A. Nielsen and C. Lindberg

### Mo, Oct 12

**Cadence Ensemble** from Armenia performs music from around the world



### Facts

**When**  
5/10/2009 - 30/12/2009

20:30

### How Much

€ 15.00 VIP ticket  
€ 10.00 general admission  
€ 5.00 concessions

[buy tickets online](#) or by phone (+30-210-7234567)

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Panepistimiou St. (Stoa Pezmazoglou), Athens

### Where

**Parnassos Hall**

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**Literary Society of Parnassos**  
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**We, Oct 14**

**City of Athens Old Music Ensemble** in a concert commemorating 200 years since the death of Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809). Participating soloists: Efi Christodoulou (violin), Yorgos Peristeris (violin), Kostis Theos (cello), Michaela Panagiotopoulou (flute) and Katerina Ktona (cembalo)

**Sa, Oct 17**

In Part A, Busina Brass quintet (Croatia) performs works by Bach, Sullivan, Gershwin. Part B is dedicated to Russian music with soprano Ludmila Bondarenko, mezzo Elizabeta Klonovskaya and pianist Sofia Troizou-Gevlasvili performing works by P. Tchaikovsky, S. Rahmaninoff, A. Rubinstein, et al.

**Mo, Oct 19**

Europe-Asia for two voices with piano: Soprano Seng-Hee Yoo, mezzo Marianna Petropoulou and pianist James Vaughan perform works by Joseph Haydn, Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, Sungtae Kim, Kyuhwan Kim and Youngsup Choi.

**We, Oct 21**

Chamber music with the **Athens State Orchestra** and the Artis piano trio in works by J. Hydn, F. Mendelssohn, and J. Brahms.

**Sa, Oct 24**

Song recital with soprano Sonia Theodoridou and pianist Efi Agrafioti interpreting works by Bohuslav Martinu, Joseph Canteloube de Malaret, Maurice Ravel, Heitor Villa Lobos, Yannis Konstantinides, Antonin Dvorak, P.I. Tschaikowsky, Manuel de Falla.

**Fr, Oct 30**

Violin recital with Maria Siomou (violin), Christina Siomou (violin) and Marios Kazas (piano) in works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Yannis Konstantinides, Dorit Chrysler, Ernest Bloch, Dimitri Shostakovich, Béla Bartók, Dimitris Dragatakis, Joseph - Maurice Ravel, et al.

**Sa, Oct 31**

In Part A, Katerina Chents (flute) presents a program of polyphonic lute with premieres of works by Greek and foreign composers Gloria Coates, Bruno Bartolozzi, Mario Lavista, Heinz Holliger, Toshio Hosokawa, Salvatore Sciarrino, Manos Tsangaris, Anestis Logothetis, et al. In Part B, **D&A Guitar Duo** of Dimitris Kourzakis and Aggelos Botsis perform works by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Isaac Albeniz, William Walton, Gioacchino-Antonio Rossini.

**Mo, Nov 2**

**The Duncan Project**-Stream of Life: Original music by Dimitris Vassilakis for the piece of the **Isadora Duncan Institute**'s dance group in New York, with Dimitris Vassilakis (sax), Yorgos Kontrafouris (piano).

**Sa, Nov 7**

Chamber music with Art Variuos: A romantic evening for experienced listeners and lovers of classical music, with works by George Philip Telemann, Roberto Schumann, René Rabey, Claude Débussy, Gioachino Rossini, Luigi Arditì.

**Mo, Nov 9**

Tetraktys quartet and awarded clarinetist **Dionysis Grammenos** perform works by W.A.Mozart, J.Brahms, L.v.Beethoven.

**We, Nov 11**

Part A: ...What a Wonderful World... with soprano Sylvia Tsimbanakou and the lamvos group performing works by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Leonard Bernstein, Manos Hadjidakis, et al. Part B is a concert dedicated to Spyros Papikinos with works by Yorgos Minas. Admission is free.

**Sa, Nov 14**

From Mozart to Ravi Shankar: A voyage for flute and harp with Natalia Geraki (flute), Angela Madjarova (harp), performing works by Mozart, Debussy, Tournier, Bozza, Francaix, Corigliano, Borboudakis, Shankar.

**Sa, Nov 21**

In Part A, the program *Time-Space* includes works for flute and piano with influences from jazz and latin music (J. Racine, P. Schoenfield and M. Mower), with Amalia Kountouri (flute) and Myrto Akrivou (piano). Part B is a cycle of Female Portraits that presents Clara Schumann, a musical performance with Magda Mavrogianni (narrator) and Alexandra Nomidou (piano).

**Mo, Nov 23**

Part A: Travelling to the music paths of the Orient with the Haran trio.

Part B: Haran trio and Urania Liarmakopoulou (cello, percussions) joined by Christos Tsiamoulis interpret traditional songs from eastern Greece.



**We, Nov 25**

Guitarist **Eva Fampas** presents 23 works for guitar (by Dimitris Fampas, Luc Vanneschi, Carlos Peron Cano, Maurizio Opazo Muñoz, Nikos Harizanos, Eduardo Morales Caso, Jose Antonio Guerrero Ortiz, Kazakis Heracles, Vissarion Balatsoukas, Apostolos Darlas, Fernando Schulmeier) in a concert dedicated to her father, **Dimitris Fampas**. Eva is accompanied by guitarists Dimitris Kasfikis, Aggelos Agyranopoulos, Aris Balatsoukas and Stavros Xydas.

**Sa, Nov 28**

Counter bass recital with Vassilis Papavassiliou and pianist Leto Thomou in works by L. Boccherini, G. Bottesini, G. Verdi, Dimosthenis Agrafiotis, D. Kamarotos and St. Vassiliadis.

**Mo, Nov 30**

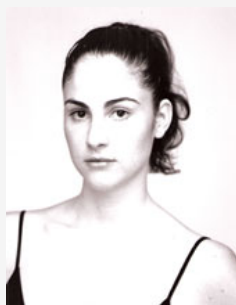
Tribute to **Luciano Berio** with Folk songs/Sequenzas, performed by the **ARTefacts ensemble**.

**We, Dec 2**

Second concert dedicated to **Dimitris Fampas** by his daughter **Eva Fampas** and guitarists Yorgos Mavroidis, Kostas Tseregov, Maria Anagnostopoulou, Thanassis Georgiadis, Nikos Athanassakis, Aggelos Aggynaropoulos, Guitarte Ensemble, Uros Dojcinovic and flutist Pepo Salem, interpreting works by Dimitris Pothitos, Marion Arts Scott Gilles, Vassilis Mouskouris, Petros Fragistas, Joe Rosochacki, Annette Kruisbrink, Nicholas Kouvardas, Ákos Petik, Gerassimos Messinis, Uros Dojčinović, Dimitris Fampas. Admission is free.

**Mo, Dec 7**

Part A includes works for violin and piano by Edvard Grieg and Béla Bartók, with Pantelis Stamatelos (violin) and Yannis Michailidis (piano). Part B includes works for two pianos by Darius Milhaud and Sergei Rachmaninov. Participant artists are Yannis Michailidis and Efi Papatomaidis.



**Sa, Dec 12**

Winter cabaret: Soprano Laura Mamakos interpret songs by Gershwin, Weill, Satie, Tosti, et al, accompanied by Dimitris Vezyroglou in the piano.

**Mo, Dec 14**

Opera evening: Domenico Cimarosa's *Il Matrimonio Segreto* with a libretto written by Giovanni Bertati, conducted by Anastassios Symeonides. Dimitris Anoussis plays the piano in a performance directed by Spyros Kotsopoulos. Cast: soprano Maria Lymperopoulou as Carolina, tenor Anastassios Stellas as Paolino, Kally Lambaditi as Eliseta, mezzo soprano Miranda-Kalomoira Georgaki as Fidalma, baritone Dimosthenis Stavrianos as Conte Robinson and bass Michalis Hatzis as Geronimo.

**Th, Dec 17**

The Quartet of the **Orchestra of Colours**, with Odysseus Korellis (violin), Franc Shestani (violin), |Elias Sdokos (viola), Vangel Nina (cello), Vicky Stylianou (piano), performs works by Antonin Dvorak and Robert Schumann.

**Sa, Dec 19**

Children's Choir Rosarte, conducted by Rozy Mastrossava, interprets Christmas songs and melodies from around the world, as well as Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, with Thanos Marietis in the piano.

**Mo, Dec 21**

Byzantine Christmas hymns by post-Byzantine composers in a concert conducted by Athanassios Paivanas. Participants: Demosthenis Paikopoulos as soloist.



**We, Dec 30**

A farewell to 2009 with music by the Beatles and Greek Rock of the 70s in a Beapop-Jazz evening with the Quintet of **Dimitris Kalantzis** (piano), Takis Paterelis (saxophone), Manos Theodossakis (trumpet), Yorgos Georgiadis (bass), Alexandros-Drakos Ktistakis (drums) and Lucia Paleologou (vocals).