

“HELLAS! ALL AROUND IS LIGHT”

A spectacular show presented by :

KNOW THYSELF INITIATIVE

with Estudiantina of Nea Ionia

Artistic director : Andreas Katsigiannis

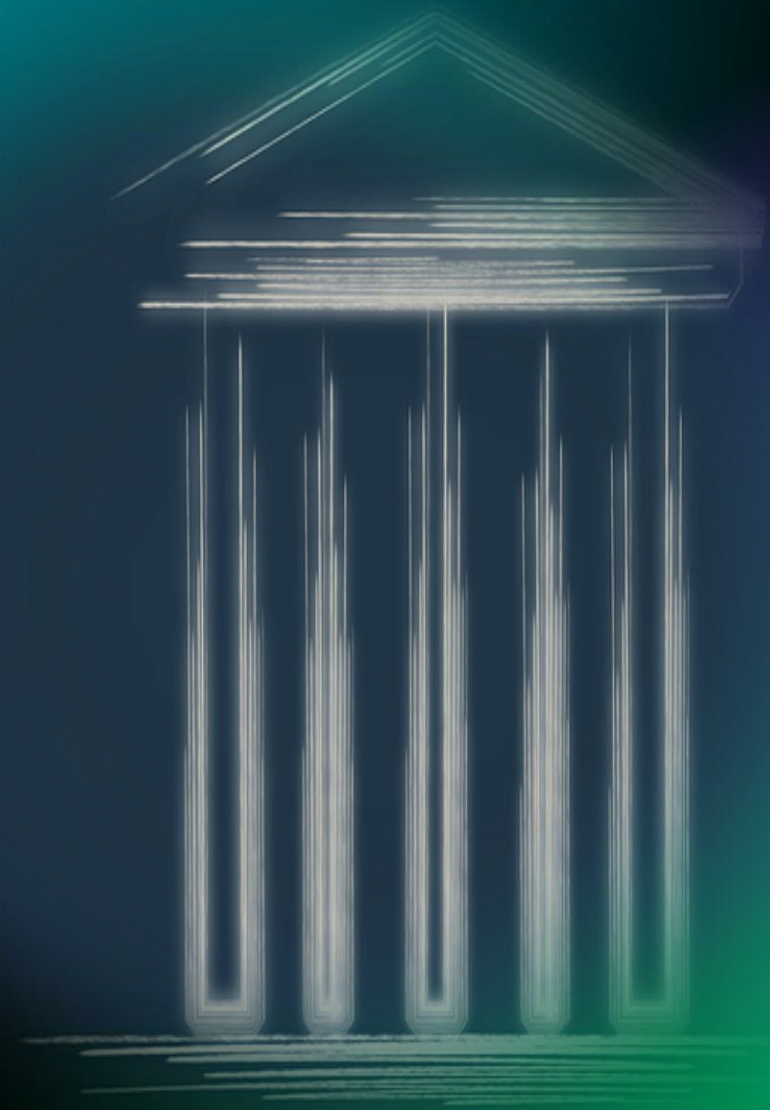
Directed BY : Mimi Denisi

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March 23 , 2024

KINGS THEATRE – BROOKLYN, NY

The Grand opening show for the celebration of Hellenic spirit, independence, culture. Honoring the memory of heroic Hellenes and the supreme virtue of freedom.

The historic event that aims to be a reference point in the modern history of Hellenism will take place at the iconic KINGS THEATRE in Brooklyn, viewed by 3.200+ spectators.



The momentous evening of March 23, we will experience a celebration of the Hellenic ideal reviewing major events in our modern history starting with the revolution of 1821.

Through mystical musical experiences, narratives of important texts, overlaid with archival visuals throughout the performance, the audience will travel through time, celebrating national anniversaries, honoring fallen heroes ,shedding light on the living presence of the Hellenic nation worldwide.

HELLENIC HOMELANDS

How many homelands, do we Hellenes, have? We have Hellas as our homeland, which has branches in Pontus, in Cappadocia, in Asia Minor, in Cyprus, in Northern Epirus, reaching as far as Southern Italy. Estudiandina Orchestra collects elements of many different Hellenic traditions, from the West to the East and will guide the audience on this journey. A great musical celebration, full of emotions and memories from the Pontic songs, the songs of Minor Asia and the Aegean, to the songs of Stelios Kazantzidis and the popular composers V. Tsitsanis, M. Vamvakaris, and their successors M. Theodorakis and M. Hatzidakis, up to today's songwriters.

1821 - Hellenic Rebirth, memorializing the war of Independence and the inauguration of the modern state of Hellas.

1822 - Massacre of Chios: it shocked the world and gave rise to a massive wave of Philhellenism around the globe.

1922 - Asia Minor catastrophe: the end of Smyrna, one of the greatest cosmopolitan metropolises of the Mediterranean. The end of the 3.000-year Hellenic presence in Asia Minor.

28 October 1940 OXI DAY– “Heroes fight like Hellenes” and they defeat Fascism and Nazism.



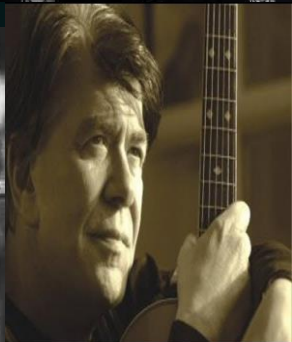


The originality of the show lies in the abundance of distinguished personalities, from Greece and the Diaspora, artists, musicians, dance groups, choir, and Estudiandina orchestra of Nea Ionia. Estudiandina is an ambassador of Hellenic culture, has given more than 1000 performances on five continents, cooperating with the most distinguished performers and leading soloists from all over the world.

The orchestra will be conducted by its founder, artistic director and composer Andreas Katsigiannis.

Mimi Denisi, a distinguished artist and producer is the director of the show.

The audience will experience unique footage from the blockbuster film “Smyrna my beloved”, the film that brought the destruction of Smyrna on the world cinema based on the script by Mimi Denisi and original music by Andreas Katsigiannis.



The first part of the performance is dedicated to Hellenic folk and popular traditional music.

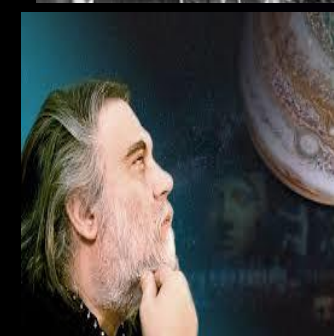
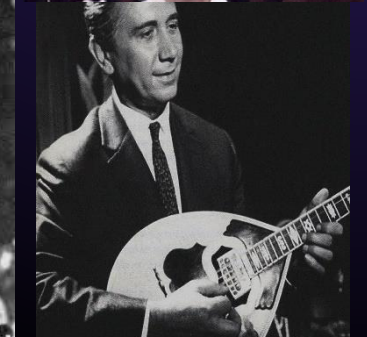
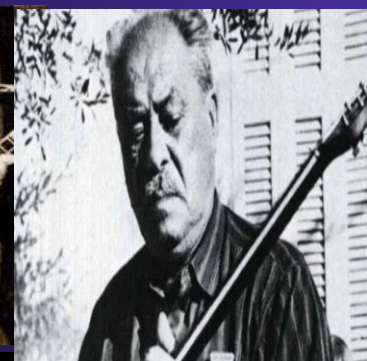
The second part of the performance is dedicated to renowned composers.

First thematic section: Manos Hatzidakis, Mikis Theodorakis, Stavros Xarchakos, Yiannis Markopoulos.

Second thematic section: Vassilis Tsitsanis, Markos Vamvakaris, Yiannis Papaioannou, Manolis Chiotis, Apostolos Kaldaras.

Third thematic section: Manos Loizos, Dimos Moutsis, Stavros Kougioumtzis, Yiannis Spanos and the younger creators.

The Fourth thematic section: includes moments and excerpts from songs that are included autonomously in song cycles, with the poets capturing the common feeling and the social will, through important events in our modern history, reaching today and the current exponents of the Greek music scene





The show **“HELLAS! ALL AROUND IS LIGHT”** is presented by **“Know Thyself “ initiative**, that aims to be an artistic, cultural and educational organization, based in New York. Its main mission is to present original documentation of the history and culture of Hellenism. Through artistic events, lectures, research platforms and awards in the fields of philosophy, art, and education the new initiative will bring Hellenes and expatriates around the world closer to their cultural roots and Philhellenes closer to their ideals.

Artists participating
in the performance:

Singers:
Maria Farantouri
Vasilis Lekkas
Sofia Papazoglou
Dimitris Ifantis
Kostas Ageris
Midia Hoursoulidou

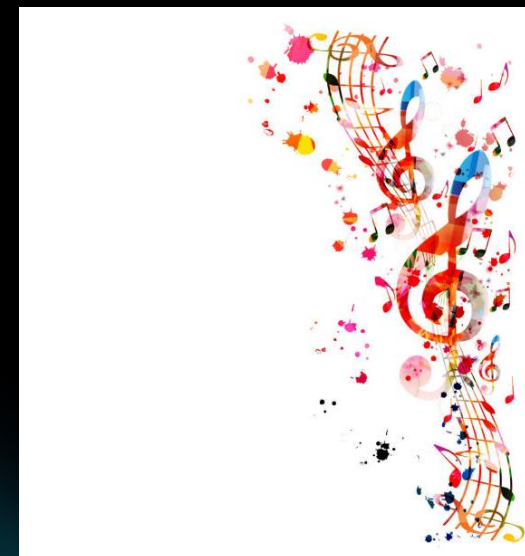
Masters of ceremony:
Mimi Denisi
Actress, Director, Screenwriter
Ioannis Melissanidis
Olympic Gold metalist
Katerina Moutsatsou
Actress, Activist

Estudiandina Neas Ionias
Artistic Director
Andreas Katsigiannis

Dance groups:
Cretans,
Pontian's,
Folklore.

Polyphonic
traditional chorus

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Curation of archival material:
Mimi Denisi
Andreas Katsigiannis

