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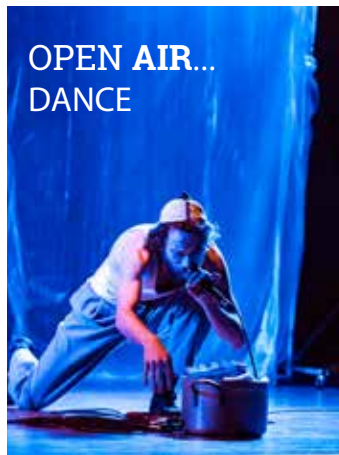


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OPEN AIR... DANCE



The Open Air Factory will showcase dance forms and dancers from all over the world in streets and squares, in halls and theatres.

MIND YOUR STEP

March 2017

A project in collaboration with the Limassol Municipal Dance Centre, which involves partners from Italy, Ireland and Cyprus, and builds bridges of dialogue between urban space and modern dance. It will involve – among other actions – a symposium with artists and urban development experts, as well as a series of dance performances in the city centre, creating a choreographical narrative of the city.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE FESTIVAL

June 2017

This Festival presents a series of contemporary performances by major European dance companies and will be premiered in the official programme of Pafos2017 under the motto Linking Continents, Bridging Cultures. It will be presented at the Pafos Castle Square.

SPATIAL COUNTERPOINT

June -July 2017

In the spirit of the Open Air Factory, site-specific contemporary dance performances, created by known choreographers from abroad with dancers from Cyprus will be presented. In high summer, the urban landscape of Pafos will be the source of inspiration for choreographers and dancers who will participate in a programme of spontaneous performances on unusual locations.

PASSIONATELY PAFOS

The Pafos2017 Community Involvement Programme encourages the spectacle of collective creation and participation by bringing together the diverse cultural groups which compose the Pafian society. Planned or impromptu events and projects create platforms for social and cultural groups with themes related to music, dance, games, customs and traditions, actively involving people, schools and the communities of Pafos.

OPEN AIR... INVOLVEMENT



OPEN AIR... ART

The Open Air Factory presents a tribute to art and artists from across the world, from painting to sculpture, from contemporary to interactive.

ON TARGET

July to September 2017

A target is a universal and dynamic image. For this contemporary art exhibition artists from past and present war zones from the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Cyprus will be invited to Pafos for 10 days to create original artwork including performances, video art and interactive activities with the audience. This art show will take place at the Pafos Municipal Art Gallery.

ECO ART

May to August 2017

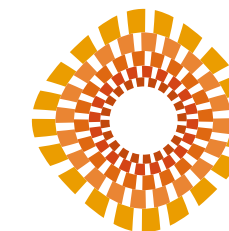
An amazing open air art show, a combination of ecology and art in one of the most beautiful areas of the Island: the Akamas Peninsula. Artists from Cyprus, Europe and the Middle East will be invited to Pafos to work together in the Akamas area and produce site-specific artwork from sculptures and paintings, to videos and installations, free and open to all nature lovers.

THE MANY FACES OF VENUS

September to December 2017

An international exhibition, organized by the A.G. Leventis Gallery in Nicosia in collaboration with Pafos2017, will bring art-treasures from leading European Museums to the island for the first time, illustrating myths and legends intimately linked with Venus, goddess of love, and her birthplace, Cyprus. The exhibition will dwell on the multi-faceted stories surrounding Venus as they are told in the West, through art and text, after the Renaissance and through to Modernism.

**AND MANY MORE EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR...**



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**WELCOME TO THE
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“ PAFOS2017 WILL BE CREATING AN ECLECTIC CULTURAL PROGRAMME BASED ON THE THEMES OF MYTHS & RELIGION, WORLD TRAVELLERS & STAGES OF THE FUTURE ”



Pafos will host a multinational, multi spectacle open air celebration filled with world class performers, groups, artists, shows and events, with more than 300 cultural activities throughout the year.

IN 2017 PAFOS WILL BE THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Pafos will celebrate the spirit of cultural creativity in all its manifestations: theatrical and dance performances, music concerts, art & design exhibitions, poetry & literature, cinema on the beach, street shows, local wine and cuisine fusions, traditional artistries, guided tours around the regional communities and many more.

The Open Air Factory will host wonderful events in all parts of the city and region, with open and mostly with free participation for all, entertainment and festivities for visitors and citizens for one whole year!

IN 2017 PAFOS WILL BE THE OPEN AIR FACTORY OF CULTURE

The concept of Pafos2017, THE OPEN AIR FACTORY, is based on traditions spanning thousands of years when culture was enacted out in the open air, under the clear sky of its Mediterranean setting.

Strengthening European and international ties and striving for artistic excellence are the main elements of Pafos2017, as well as diversity through the engagement of artists and institutions from Pafos, Cyprus and beyond. This yearlong programme will present themes, events and high level projects that meet the expectations of an international audience.

IN 2017 PAFOS IS LINKING CONTINENTS, BRIDGING CULTURES

As a crossroad of the Eastern Mediterranean, a sanctuary for travellers, a multicultural tapestry of people, traditions and influences, Pafos is a European Capital of Culture, which will link East and West.

DISCOVER PAFOS...
JOIN THE CELEBRATION IN 2017



OPENING CEREMONY

28th & 29th January 2017

Inspired by the programme thematic Myth & Religion, invoking narratives from the history of Pafos, the Opening Ceremony will convert the heart of Pafos into an OPEN AIR FACTORY. Music, dance, theatre, shows and many other parallel events will take place throughout the city, giving locals and visitors a taste of what will follow throughout the year.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHT

1st July 2017

Inspired by the programme thematic World Travellers, the event will take place at the harbour area where travellers arrived in Pafos throughout history. Fleets of boats, fire in the sea, underwater surprises, light shows, digital media and music are just a few of the activities that will take place during this spectacular event.



OPEN AIR... GASTRONOMY

Savour the World - Pafos will have an open-air celebration of food and wine from the Mediterranean region that is renowned around the world and throughout the ages, as an art, as an experience and as a creative process.

BRIDGING TASTES

May 2017

Students from various countries studying at the Hotel Institute in Pafos will exchange their local recipes, memories and taste experiences. The students will also meet important chefs working in Pafos and create with them new dishes. The results of this interactive process will be presented to audiences in various open-air celebrations of food and wine on a variety of locations in Pafos.

PAFOS, GARDEN OF TASTES

February 2017

A culinary project for locals and visitors will convert Pafos into a Garden of Taste, culminating in a vast open-air gastronomic festival in various locations in Pafos with banquets of flavors and local delicacies, based on the traditional Mediterranean cuisine and century-old combinations of ingredients from Greece, Turkey and the Middle East.



OPEN AIR... MUSIC

World music, every month, everywhere...

THE TRAVELLING STAGE

January to December 2017

A multicultural Pafos2017 legacy programme, that symbolically and literally bridges continents, cultures and music. Presenting an extensive series of mainly musical events from around the world, combining high artistic quality with the freedom and spontaneity of street shows.

ONE TOUCH OF VENUS & OTHERS

May 2017

A show inspired by Ogden Nash's famous musical One Touch of Venus and other compositions by Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht, performed by the famous German singer and actress Ute Lemper and the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra. The concert will take place at the Pafos Castle Square.

MOON & STARS

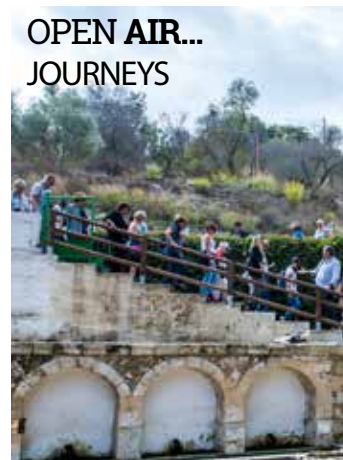
August 2017

A platform of high profile performances and events. World famous artists will perform in evocative open-air locations of the Pafos region, like Petra tou Romiou, the birthplace of the mythical Aphrodite and other historical or heritage sites.

TOURS & TRACES

January to December 2017

A programme of excursions filled with knowledge, innovation and adventure for all the inhabitants and visitors of the Island. With the collaboration of the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and the Cyprus Hotel Association, special walks through the city and the smaller communities will be organised, including narrations, exhibitions and events dedicated to gastronomy, archaeology, folklore and other traditions.



The city and region of Pafos is a treasure trove of past stories and cultural heritage.



OPEN AIR... THEATRE

From ageless to contemporary, the Open Air Factory revives the ancient tradition when theatre was enacted in the open air spaces of the Agora.

LYSISTRATA

May 2017

A theatrical performance inspired by the comedy of Aristophanes that gives prominence to the cultural heritage of Pafos as it will take place in the space of a Roman period villa with beautiful mosaics situated in the famous UNESCO Archeological Park of Pafos.

MONODRAMA FESTIVAL

May 2017

The first official International Monodrama Festival of Pafos will take place in May 2017 and will include internationally acclaimed performances, as well as local productions resulting from the Monodrama Platform of 2016. The Monorama Festival is destined to become a legacy programme of Pafos2017 that will position Pafos on the international map.

TROJAN WOMEN

July 2017

A contemporary play inspired by the ancient Greek drama "Trojan Women" by Euripides. A production directed by the famous Greek director Theodoros Terzopoulos and performed by a multinational group of actors. The set design is by the famous Greek artist Jannis Kounelis and the play will be staged in the Pafos Ancient Odeon.

SEE FEST - CINEMA ON THE BEACH

August 2017

An innovative platform of summer open-air cinema on the beach. Open and free for all, locals and visitors screening quality films from all over the world. All one needs is a lounge chair, a swimsuit and a bag of popcorn.



From feature films to documentaries with themes related to the contemporary world.