

JUNE | JULY

Music of the world in the Garden!

Classical, jazz with an Indian, African, and Asian touch, music with gypsy influences (*manouche*), Brazilian bossa-nova, American blues, classical rock and roll, Portuguese fados, Greek songs—*éntekhno*, folk, popular—in the most musical corner of the city!

5.6 WEDNESDAY, 21:00 (free entrance)

Olia Lazaridou – Melina Tanagri

'Dedication', In memory of Vikos

Poetry and music in the Megaron Garden

An evening of poetry and music dedicated to the memory of Vikos Nachmias, a friend of Olia Lazaridou and Melina Tanagri. Poems by Persian poet Jalaluddin Rumi and Rainer Maria Rilke in Greek translation by Vikos Nachmias, and favourite songs of Vikos.

Guitar: **Dimitris Papalambrou**

7.6 FRIDAY, 21:00

Leon of Athens – Irene Skylakaki

Summer Opening

Two Greek artists based in London return to Athens, bringing with them favourite indie pop and new folk melodies, songs from their discography as well as new compositions in a Greek premiere.

Co-produced by **MINOS EMI** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**

13.6 THURSDAY, 21:00

Nana Simopoulos

World Jazz

Internationally acclaimed world fusion interpreter Nana Simopoulos (vocals, sitar, guitar, bouzouki) and her group, World Jazz Music of Nana, take us to India, South America, Africa, Asia, and, of course, around Greece, combining sounds from all over the world, and creating a unique musical blend with influences from different cultures.

World Jazz Music of Nana

Caryn Heilman vocals, keyboards

Sam Marlieri saxophones

Manos Loutas bass

Solis Barkis percussion

George Polychronakos drums

21.6 FRIDAY, 20:00 (free entrance)

A Celebration of Music

For the past 37 years, the Worldwide Celebration of Music unites millions of people through thousands of events in hundreds of European towns. Amateur and professional musicians fill public squares, streets, train stations, parks, concert halls, etc., in a magical exploration of different genres of music. Megaron participates once more in the Celebration with a mosaic of musicians and ensembles representing a variety of genres.

The Athens State Orchestra

Conducted by **Konstantinos Diminakis**

In works of the international and Greek repertoire, in a dancing mood!

Christos Marantos and **Harald Ossberger** piano

In a programme with compositions for piano four-hands

Polyphonica Choir

Mottet

Orchestral works: from romantic Paris to Rome, the Eternal City, and from the atmospheric New York bars to the passionate tango of the Buenos Aires neighbourhoods.

Sotiris Kastanis guitar-programming

Dimitris Kouzis violin

George Schinas accordion

Special guests:

singer **Xenia Gargali** and tenor **Stavros Salambasopoulos**

SECOND LIFE PROJECT No empty clothes!
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22.6 SATURDAY, 21:00

Eleni Peta – Yannis Mathés

Syggéneia project

Eleni Peta, one of the most important interpreters of her generation, and talented interpreter-composer Yannis Mathés meet for the first time in the Megaron Garden. A continuous onstage dialogue where a foreign and a Greek bossa nova, a Portuguese fado and an Epirote song, a tarantella and a Thracian tune are intertwined, while Piazzolla's rhythmic melodies coexist with the atmospheric charm of Hadjidakis.

Yannis Kafetzopoulos piano-keyboards

Kostas Smonos guitars

George Pappas oud, lute, mandolin

Christos Kyriazis saxophone

Yannis Playannakos double bass

Vasilis Giaslakitotis drums

George Pappas & Yannis Mathés orchestrations

Manos Sagris & Yannis Mathés programme supervision

George Papageorgiou sound engineer

Co-produced by **AKANTHOS** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**

27.6 THURSDAY, 21:00

Glykeria – Melina Aslanidou

Wherever You May Take Me, I'll Take You...

A joint appearance by two gifted singers. Glykeria and Melina Aslanidou, accompanied by a large orchestra, unite their voices in a special concert featuring their greatest hits as well as landmark songs by famous Greek songwriters.

Artistic director **Stelios Fotiadis**

Co-produced by **GEFYRA POLITISMOU 440** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**

28.6 FRIDAY, 21:00

Gadjo Dilo – 10 Years

Gypsody

Gadjo Dilo, the band that introduced manouche jazz to the wider public, are celebrating their 10th anniversary with us in the Megaron Garden! After two albums of ingenious arrangements, Gadjo Dilo will present, among other things, pieces from their third album, which will be released this summer, featuring mainly their original compositions.

Co-produced by **IN ART** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**

2.7 TUESDAY, 21:00

Angelika Dusk – Ian Stratis

I Need a Hero

The girl with the enchanting stage presence and the edgy-sexy rock sound invites versatile singer/performer Ian Stratis to the Garden. The two artists choose songs of their musical 'heroes', Toto and Phil Collins, Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi, as well as Pyx Lax and Trypes, in a skilful combination of rock with blues and pop, of the Greek repertoire with pieces from their personal discography. They are accompanied by a six-member band (bass, guitar, drums, violin, keyboard, and vocals).

Co-produced by **SNOWCAGE** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**

5.7 FRIDAY, 21:00

Maria Papageorgiou

What the Birds See

Maria Papageorgiou in the Megaron Garden for the first time, with a personal collection of favourite songs: Mikis Theodorakis converses with Tracy Chapman, Nikos Papazoglou, and Portishead, while the folk rhythms of Lesbos and Pontos are combined with Maria's songs from her existing discography as well as some of her new unreleased songs.

Stavros Roumeliotis electric & acoustic guitar

Sophia Efklidou cello

Konstantinos Manos double bass

Maria Papageorgiou guitar, stompbox, davul

Eftychis Yannakouras sound engineer

Co-produced by **MINOS EMI** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**

9.7 TUESDAY, 21:00

Rita Antonopoulou – Thodoris Economou

Untitled...

A voice and a piano. A thrilling musical journey. The fragile melodies of Manos Hadjidakis alternate with the rock ballads of Angelakas and Pavlidis. The world of Thanos Mikroutsikos joins the universe of Leonard Cohen; the songs of Édith Piaf meet the lyrics of Thanasis Papakonstantinou; and the great works of Mikis Theodorakis coexist with the familiar melodies of Stamatis Kraounakis, and also with the work of new songwriters Thodoris Economou and Stavros Siolas.

Co-produced by **GEFYRA POLITISMOU 440** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**

12.7 FRIDAY, 21:00

Doros Dimosthenous

'Elvis' in the Garden

Doros Dimosthenous, in the role of Elvis Presley, brings the hottest rock 'n' roll party to the Megaron Garden, in the heart of the summer! Accompanied by his seven-member band, he breathes new life into the King's most familiar dance hits and his romantic love songs, transforming the most musical garden in town into a vast beach full of colour and rhythm.

Co-produced by **AKANTHOS** and **Megaron-The Athens Concert Hall**