

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

The Acropolis Museum celebrates

On the occasion of **International Museum Day** on **Saturday 18 May 2013**, the Acropolis Museum continues the minting of commemorative medals, so as to acquaint visitors with small but beloved objects in its collection. This year's medal displays a fighting rooster; the impetuous and persistent rooster was the competitive prototype for athletes and fighters in ancient Athens. As early as the beginning of the 5th century BC, *alektryonon agones* (cock fights) were performed every year in the Dionysos theater on the south slope of the Acropolis.

On this day, the Acropolis Museum will be open **from 8 a.m. until 12 midnight**, with free entry for its visitors. Museum Archaeologist-Hosts will present various programs for children and adults related to the rooster.

At **9 p.m.**, in the Museum's entrance courtyard, the **Orchestra of the Center of Arts and Culture of Dion** will perform songs by great composers from the rich repertoire of traditional and Greek art music.

Moreover, **from 16 to 19 May, 2013**, the Acropolis Museum will participate in the International Contemporary Art Fair, **Art Athina**, held at the TaeKwonDo Stadium in Paleo Faliro, with a presentation of high quality reproductions of original exhibits.