



## ACROPOLIS MUSEUM 10 years

The Acropolis Museum celebrates 10 years of operation and throughout this period over 14,5 million local and international visitors have passed through its doors and enjoyed its exhibits. The Museum publicly expresses its thanks to all of them. On the occasion of its ten years anniversary, the Museum invites visitors to the following celebrating events:

### **Temporary exhibition ‘CHISEL AND MEMORY. The contribution of marble craftsmanship to the restoration of the Acropolis monuments’**

**11.06.2019 – 31.10.2019**

Since opening its doors ten years ago, the Acropolis Museum has highlighted the close relationship between the famous sculptures it displays and the monuments from which they originate. It is with great pleasure that the Museum is hosting an exceptional exhibition of photographs of the marble craftsmen of the Acropolis at work. Imbued with a new curatorial spirit, the exhibition was initially organised by the Committee for the Conservation of the Acropolis Monuments and the Acropolis Restoration Service. The exhibition takes place in the ground floor Temporary Exhibition Gallery. Entrance will be free.

### **Lecture “The true colors of the Parthenon sculptures: evidence for traces of original polychromy and its interpretation”**

**Thursday, 13 June 2019, 7 p.m.**

The Acropolis Museum will host a lecture of the Italian professor Giovanni Verri on the polychromy of the Parthenon sculptures, which has long been the subject of scholarly research and this debate has continued now for almost two centuries. Giovanni Verri is a Reader at the Courtauld Institute of Art, London. He holds a PhD in Physics from the University of Ferrara in Italy, and an MA in Conservation of Wall Paintings from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. Throughout his career, he has endeavored to develop scientific techniques for the analysis of color, in particular on Greek and Roman antiquities. **The lecture will take place in the ground floor Auditorium and entrance will be free.**

### **Music concert ‘Stavros Xarchakos – Instrumental’**

**Wednesday, 19 June 2019, 9 p.m.**

The Acropolis Museum invites its visitors to a unique instrumental concert by the great Greek composer Stavros Xarchakos and an orchestra of eight renowned Greek soloists. Stavros Xarchakos and the orchestra will take visitors on a musical journey comprising familiar compositions of Stavros Xarchakos, Mikis Theodorakis, Vasilis Tsitsanis, Markos Vamvakaris and Manos Hadjidakis. **On this day the Museum will extend its opening hours until midnight. Entrance will be free from 8 p.m. onwards.**

### **10 Years Acropolis Museum Celebration**

**Thursday, 20 June 2019**

On Thursday 20 June 2019, the Acropolis Museum’s birthday, entrance to the exhibition areas will be free from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Friday, 21 June 2019**

From Friday 21 June 2019 onwards, the archaeological excavation will be open to the public with the general admission fee ticket. The excavated area of 4,000 sq. meters comprises houses, workshops, baths and streets of an ancient Athenian neighborhood that existed from the classical to the byzantine years, in successive phases. This impressive archaeological site will soon be enriched with the most representative findings of the excavation. Architectural ruins will be organized in a unique exhibition set that sheds light on the everyday life of an ancient neighborhood that existed in the shadow of the Acropolis. **On this day the Museum exhibition areas will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.**