



ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

International Museum Day and European Night of Museums

The Acropolis Museum celebrates International Museum Day on Thursday 18 May 2017 and European Night of Museums on Saturday 20 May 2017, with a series of events for visitors:

Thursday 18 May 2017

On International Museum Day, the Museum will be open **from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with free entry to its visitors.**

For the first time fragments of a statue depicting the “*Polos Kore*” (young woman with a high head dress) will be put on display inside the Archaic Acropolis Gallery, together with the exceptional head 696. These fragments are currently in the Museum's store rooms. Visitors will be able to view these artifacts arranged in a special showcase in order to get the complete picture of the statue before its destruction by the Persians.

On the occasion of this year's International Museum Day, the Acropolis Museum produced, in collaboration with the Hellenic Mint, commemorative medals dedicated to the boar. Massive and ferocious, the wild boar inspired both awe and dread in the ancient Greeks. Boar hunting required a well-coordinated team of hunters, capable of tracking down and fatally wounding an aggressive and potentially deadly prey. These medals will be available for purchase at the Acropolis Museum Shops from Thursday 18 May 2017.

Friday 19 May & Saturday 20 May 2017

The Acropolis Museum and the Faculty of Archaeology and Art History of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens organize the international conference “*From Hippias to Kallias. Greek Art from 527 to 449 B.C.*” which will be hosted in the Museum's auditorium.

Saturday 20 May 2017

On European Night of Museums, the Museum will be open **from 8 a.m. until 12 midnight with free entry from 8 p.m. onwards.**

On this day, a piano recital will take place inside the Parthenon Gallery **from 8:30 p.m. until 11 p.m.** Pianist Theodoros Economou will improvise and perform compositions based on well-known Greek classical and traditional motifs, inspired by the theme “*The Acropolis Museum at sunset*”.