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The National Hellenic Museum proudly announces a night of philanthropy and festivities at the NHM Gala 2017 on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Navy Pier in the Aon Grand Ballroom.

Gala 2017, Stories of our Journey, will feature Elli Kokkinou and Christos Menidiatis as entertainment for what is sure to be an unforgettable evening. Elli Kokkinou is one Greece's most celebrated recording artists and has released five original albums including double platinum, platinum and gold hits.

Christos Menidiatis, son of the famed artist Michael Menidiatis, has had multiple successful albums including one of the top albums in Greece, *Στ' Αστέρια Κάνω Μια Ευχή* (I Make a Wish on the Stars).

Dr. Laura Calamos Nasir, President of the National Hellenic Museum (NHM), says "Gala 2017 will be our most exciting yet, with a unique opportunity to share the amazing work of the Museum and how we portray and celebrate our Greek heritage and the Hellenic legacy through dynamic educational outreach for all ages." Dr. Calamos also explains that now, more than ever, "we need our community to join the Museum in raising awareness and funds for important preservation work on Greek American history. NHM has made this conservation commitment to our community, particularly in the areas of building archives, gathering oral histories, and the digitization of our memories."

Tickets are still available for a night of dinner, dancing until dawn and amazing food and cocktails. Live and Silent Auction items include one of a kind trips, food and experiences. Guests may

purchase tickets online via www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/gala2017 or by calling (312) 655-1234 ext 21.

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The [National Hellenic Museum](http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org) (NHM) portrays and celebrates Greek heritage and the Hellenic legacy. With a growing and rich depository of over 20,000 artifacts, the Museum highlights the contributions of Greeks and Greek-Americans to the American mosaic and inspires curiosity about visitors' own family journeys through cultural expression, oral history and experiential education. Located in Chicago's Greektown, the Museum provides lifelong learning for the whole community through classes, exhibitions and programs that spark inquiry and discussion about the broader issues in our lives.

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