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THE NATIONAL HELLENIC MUSEUM TO HOLD ANNUAL GALA - PROJECTING INTO THE FUTURE - MAY 11

A Night of Festivities and Philanthropy, the 2019 Gala Will Benefit the National Hellenic Museum's Classes, Field Trips, Tours, Programs, Community Memories and More

CHICAGO (April 2019) – Dedicated to collecting, preserving and portraying the legacy of Greek history and culture in America, the **National Hellenic Museum** (NHM), 333 South Halsted Street, has announced it will hold its Annual Gala, *Projecting into the Future*, on Saturday, May 11, starting at 5:30 p.m., at The Geraghty, 2520 S. Hoyne Avenue in Chicago. An opportunity for hundreds of Greek Americans and friends from across the country to gather together for a night of philanthropy, the Gala features spectacular auctions, live music, dinner and cocktails, and dancing while celebrating and supporting the legacy of Hellenism.

Philanthropic support from NHM 2019 Gala will benefit the tens of thousands of children and adults who visit the NHM every year through field trips, tours and dynamic cultural and historical programs. The National Hellenic Museum is dedicated to preserving the important memories of the Greek experience in America and showcasing the Hellenic legacy. With the largest collection of its kind in the world, the Museum uses artifacts and oral history traditions to teach about significant moments in Greek and American history. The Museum will be unveiling the NHM Collections & Archives Portal, which will allow anyone to access the Museum's catalogs online from anywhere by viewing digitized artifacts and archival materials.

Founded in Chicago as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center (HMCC) in 1983, the HMCC moved to the city's Greektown neighborhood in 2004 and opened its current location on Halsted Street as the National Hellenic Museum in 2011. The contemporary four-story building is home to extensive collections, rotating exhibitions, classrooms, and a stunning rooftop view of

Chicago. Three floors of galleries explore ancient and modern themes and provide multi-use spaces to host tours, public programs, and private events. The NHM boasts a rich repository of 20,000+ artifacts, photos, historic newspapers, books and an archive of 450+ recorded histories. The NHM Collections & Archives serve as a central repository of Greek American history, now many generations strong. The Museum celebrates the mosaic of the Greek diaspora, immigrant journeys, and the breadth of the American experience.

Individual NHM Gala tickets are \$350 and tables of 10 are \$3,200. To purchase tickets or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/nhmgala19> or call 312-655-1234 x28. Guests may also choose to take advantage of a hotel block at a downtown Chicago hotel, The Gwen, the weekend of Gala by making reservations [online](#) with a group rate available through April 12.

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Hotel Block Info

Location: The Gwen
 521 North Rush Street
 Chicago, IL 60611

Reservations: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1551376656812&key=GRP>

Press Passes

Working press wishing to attend the event must contact Heron Agency at gianna@heronagency.com or call 773-969-5200.

About the National Hellenic Museum

The National Hellenic Museum (NHM) portrays and celebrates Greek history, culture and the impact of Hellenism in America through educational classes, exhibits and programs. With a growing repository of over 20,000 artifacts, the Museum catalogs and 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 NHM provides lifelong learning for the whole community using artifacts and stories to spark inquiry and discussion about the broader issues in our lives.

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org> or call 312-655-1234. Follow NHM on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).