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National Hellenic Museum Gala Celebrates Greek Culture

Greek Singing Sensation Anna Vissi headlines epic fundraiser on May 14 in Chicago

CHICAGO, IL - Don't miss the National Hellenic Museum's Gala on May 14 at the Hilton Chicago, where you'll experience a night of fabulous food, dancing, a spectacular live auction, and a concert by Greek pop star Anna Vissi.

Bid on the opportunity to spend a week in a private oceanfront villa in Costa Rica, explore Italy with your own private driver, or experience a star-studded day in Hollywood with "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" star Nia Vardalos.

"This is the most important and meaningful fundraising event of the year," says Elizabeth Martin, Executive Director of the National Hellenic Museum.

The museum's mission to document and present the legacy of Greek Americans and their contributions to the American mosaic is funded entirely through private donations and grants.

"We are so grateful to our wonderful members, donors, and sponsors," says Martin. "Their donations make it possible for us to continue our important mission.

Here's a sneak peek at some of our spectacular live auction trips and experiences:

Sonoma Valley Weekend Getaway for Six: Enjoy a three night wine adventure in a modern rustic

home with breathtaking views of the Alexander Valley Vineyards. Explore Northern California with private wine tastings, barrel samples, and a seven-hour tour of Napa Valley.

In-Home Greek Feast For 12: A five-course gourmet Greek meal prepared in your home by acclaimed chef Peter “Kalofagas” Minakis. The evening includes wine pairings by an expert sommelier, servers, floral centerpiece, and an autographed copy of Peter’s cookbook.

Oceanfront Villa in Costa Rica for Ten: Seven days in a prestigious villa perched on a high bluff, overlooking the Pacific on the beautiful Osa Peninsula. Enjoy a tropical paradise with an infinity pool, movie theater, fully stocked wine cellar, and private chef.

Golf at Rich Harvest Farms with John P. Calamos, Sr.: An ultimate day of golf alongside the Founder, Chairman, and Global Chief Investment Officer of Calamos Investments at Rich Harvest Farms, an elite and luxurious Sugar Grove, Illinois golf course. The day ends with lunch and a tour of a vintage automobile museum.

Private Chateau in France for 12: Enjoy seven nights in a luxurious private chateau in France with daily breakfast and a private chef. Unwind in the beautiful interior spaces, your own three-acre walled park, and large heated swimming pool.

Big Fat Greek Lunch for Two: Experience a star-studded day in Los Angeles with “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” star Nia Vardalos. Enjoy lunch with Nia at the famous Ivy Restaurant, shop on Rodeo Drive, and spend the evening at a Beverly Hills Hotel.

Eight days in Breathtaking Italy for Six: An eight-day journey through Rome, Venice, Cortona, and to a private villa in Tuscany. Your adventure includes a personal driver and chef, historic walking tours, and an exhilarating visit to the Ferrari Museum and Factory where you will get to test-drive a Ferrari.

Tickets for the Gala are available online: www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/gala, in the Museum store, or by calling 312-655-1234.

Photo 1: Anna Vissi headlines the NHM Gala. Other entertainment includes the Chris Sarlas Orchestra.



Photo 2: Bid on a live auction package that includes lunch in Los Angeles with “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” star Nia Vardalos.



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Located in Chicago’s Greektown, the sleek 40,000-square-foot National Hellenic Museum at 333. S. Halsted St. is both contemporary and timeless, connecting all generations—past, present and future—to

the rich heritage of Greek history, culture, art and the Greek American experience. The National Hellenic Museum, previously known as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, has been fulfilling this mission since 1983.

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org> or call 312-655-1234.

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