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CULTURAL SERVICES

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Poetic encounter and art photography exhibition «Stone and Sea» with Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot poets**

The Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Organization European Capital of Culture Pafos 2017 are organizing a poetic encounter and art photography exhibition under the theme "Stone and Sea". The event is taking place within the framework of the institution European Capital of Culture Pafos 2017, during which Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot poets will read their own poems in Greek and Turkish. During the readings, there will be projections of the translation of the poems into Greek/Turkish and into English.

#### The basic concept:

*The stone being so inextricably linked to the fate of the Cypriot people and the sea, as a fundamental element forming its idiosyncrasies will constitute the basic theme of this exhibition and poetry gathering. The naked plastic artistic beauty of the rocky landscape encounters the fluidity of the sea. A meandering into the multitude of stones deeply rooted inside the earth, the statues or pebbles on this easternmost island in the Mediterranean. The sea as a cultural value, as a place of ideal-wellbeing, a eutopia open to otherness.*

*A dialogue between pictures and words through an encounter of Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot creators.*

#### Selection of poems by Greek Cypriot poets:

Nadia Stylianou, Senior Cultural Officer

Yiannis Ioannou, Professor of French and Comparative Literature at the University of Cyprus

Stefanos Stavridis, author

#### Selection of poems by Turkish Cypriot poets:

Ibrahim Aziz, author

Mehmet Kansu, author

Photograph exhibition curator: Platon Rivellis

Concept and planning: Nadia Stylianou

**The event will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at 19:00, at the Municipal Gallery of Paphos.**

**The event will be addressed by the Minister of Education and Culture Mr. Costas Kadis and the Chairman of the Board of the Organization European Capital of Culture Pafos 2017 Dr Christos Patsalides.**

For those interested, there will be a bus at Ledra Palace to Paphos and back (to reserve a sit please contact: [mthoma@culture.moec.cy](mailto:mthoma@culture.moec.cy)). Departure time: 17:00.

Free entrance

(Photograph by Platon Rivellis)

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