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PRESS RELEASE

**State Gallery of Contemporary Art – Majestic**

**International Museum Day**

**(18, 19 and 20 May 2023)**

The **International Museum Day** (18 May) is celebrated again this year, under the theme “**Museums, Sustainability and Well-being**”. The general Museums Programme in Cyprus is coordinated by the National ICOM Committee, under the responsibility of the Antiquities Department.

**The State Gallery of Contemporary Art – Majestic** participates in this year’s celebrations with a programme of events, taking place on **18, 19 and 20 May 2023**, which are **dedicated to the life and work of Cypriot painter Giorgos Skotinos (1937–2022)**.

The programme includes exhibitions and art workshops for children and families, contemporary dance and sound performances, creative movement and live music workshops and interactive art/paleontology workshops.

**1.Thursday 18 May 2023, 9:30 - 10:45 and 11:00 - 12:15**

Educational program "The Children's World of the Gallery" for children of the 4th grade of Lykavitos Primary School in Nicosia, with the participation of their families.

*Design-Implementation: Efi Pilava (Museum Education, Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth - Primary Education).*

**2.Thursday 18 May 2023, 20:00-20:30**

**“ONCE THERE WAS A FOREST II” – Contemporary dance performance:**

How does my body remember nature?  
How deep is its imprint on my existence?  
How do I surrender to a world that is vulnerable?

In a distant time and place, two performers engage with what remains of nature: some pieces of ice, stones, and animal bones. As they move along with these fragments, they become elements, fossils of a lost world, imprints of their own memory of it. Before surrendering to their own ephemerality, they raise questions about life and death, and our world today. An adaptation of the original work "Once there was a forest II" (2021) for the State Gallery.

Concept/direction: Konstantina Skalionta

Performers: Konstantina Skalionta, Belinda Papavasiliou

Sound: Dimitris Savva

Dramaturg: Rodia Vomvolou

*Duration: 30 mins*

*The performance will move from the outdoor space towards the indoors.*

*Limited number of participants (25), by order of priority.*

*Reservations required, via the link: <https://forms.gle/vaTHJCyM8AZPSUaf7>*

*Contact Information: 99883150*

### **3. Friday 19 May 2023, 10:00-19:00**

Exhibition of artworks by children who participated in the educational programme "The Children's World of the Gallery" of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth - Primary Education. The exhibition will last until Tuesday, 23 May 2023 during the opening hours of the State Gallery of Contemporary Art-Majestic.

### **4. Friday 19 May 2023, 17:00-19:00**

#### **"TRANSFORMING" - A creative movement and live music workshop for children 6-12 years:**

The workshop was inspired by the work *Metabolism* (1969) by Giorgos Skotinos, on permanent display at the State Gallery. The children participating will have the opportunity to think creatively, share ideas and experiment through movement and improvisation. They will recreate patterns from the artwork, both in relation to their bodies and through the use of materials, in order to create a story of movement within the spaces of the Gallery.

Design and facilitation: Maria Kamberi (dance educator, choreographer)

Flute: Eva Stavrou

*Limited number of participants (10), by order of priority.*

*Reservations required, via the link: <https://forms.gle/BcCPnbfS4ANxCpiFA>*

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### **5. Saturday 20 May 2023, 10:30-12:30**

**“EXPLORING THE FOSSILS!”- Interactive Paleontology and Art workshop for children 6-11 years:**

Impressions of bones and fossils, captured in the work *Metabolism* (1969) by Cypriot artist Giorgos Skotinos, at a moment when their original form is altered by time, inspiring children to approach the science of paleontology and engage in artistic experimentation.

In the first part of the workshop, children will be playing the role of a paleontologist and will have the opportunity to engage in a simulated excavation/fieldwork by discovering replicas of fossilized bones of animals that lived in Cyprus thousands of years ago. At the same time, they will participate in the preparation, observation, identification and assembly of their finds and in the process of making and verifying hypotheses. In the second part of the workshop, the children will explore shapes, forms and outlines of the fossils they have discovered and capture them on a large paper surface through drawing. The aim is to activate their imagination and interact with each other in order to create their own surrealist and imaginary landscapes.

Paleontology activities: Elena Houloudi and Chrysta Soteriou (educators)

Art activities: Elena Panagiotou (museum educator).

*Limited number of participants (12), by order of priority.*

*Reservations required, via the link: <https://forms.gle/o3icYaqJnJTawV2H7>*

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**6. Saturday 20 May 2023, 20:23 & 21:00**

**“REFRACTING STYGIAN SURFACE” – Sound performance:**

An interpretation of Giorgos Skotinos' work *Metabolism* (1969), through sound fragments/field recordings and prepared music recordings by Panagiotis Mina.

Two sound performances, at 20:23 and 21:00.

Duration: 23 mins each

*Limited number of participants (23), by order of priority.*

*Reservations required, via the link: <https://forms.gle/WGnPkAHXmfQgnHk4A>*

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