



CUSTODIA TERRÆ SANCTÆ



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Organ & Music Festival Rhodes

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Sept. 28 & 29 , Oct. 1,4 & 6 _ Church of St. Francis
28, 29 Σεπ., 1, 4, & 6 Οκτ. _ Εκκλησία Αγίου Φραγκίσκου
Oct. 2_ Church of Our Lady of Victory “Santa Maria”
2 Οκτ. _ Ιερά Μονή Παναγίας της Νίκης Σάντα Μαρία
8.30 p.m. || Admission Free || 20.30 μμ || **Ελεύθερη είσοδος**

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Press release

From September 28 to October 6, 2018 the eight season of "**Organ & Music Festival Rhodes**" will take place in Rhodes in St. Francis' church and in the church of Our Lady of Victory “Santa Maria” with six concerts organized by the **Custody of the Holy Land - Catholic Church in Rhodes**. Chris Paraskevopoulos, organ teacher at the Conservatory "Filippos Nakas" of Athens, is the artistic director. The Organ & Music Festival Rhodes for five years has become part of the broader **Terra Sancta Organ Festival**, the largest international festival for pipe-organ in the Middle East and Levant also organized by the Custody of the Holy Land.

Concerts will be held **at 8:30 pm on September 28 and 29, October 1, 4, & 6 in St. Francis'** (28 Dimokratias st.- St. Athanasios Gate) **and October 2 in “Santa Maria”** (45 Kathopouli st.): **admission free**. The program features international, national and local artists. In Greece opportunities to listen to the sound of the organ are few and rare. The pipe organ installed in the Church of St. Francis in Rhodes, where most of the concerts will be performed, is the largest church organ in all of Greece. All information and detailed programs can be found on the website www.catholicchurchrhodes.com.

The **Organ & Music Festival Rhodes** has come to constitute a celebrated tradition for the island of Rhodes. This year the Festival will be running for its eight consecutive time and will be featuring more concerts than ever. Choirs, musicians, soloists and conductors from Rhodes as well as from other places in Greece and abroad will be happy to present beautiful music, from religious and classical repertoire, providing residents of the island and visitors with a unique listening experience.



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THE PROGRAM

All concerts take place in St. Francis' church, except October 2 in "Santa Maria".

The inaugural evening of Friday September 28 (**in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute in Athens**) presents the international career organist Silvano Rodi Official organist of the St. Devote Church of Monaco, Honorary Inspector of early organs for the Italian Ministry of Culture and the Environment and Director of the Commission for the Care and Restoration of Historic Organs in the Diocese of Ventimiglia-San Remo and the Greek violinist, Elias Gyftonikolos, first violin of the Athens Symphonic Youth Orchestra and violin professor. Next concert will be on Saturday 29 September with Children, Mixed Choir and Mandolin Orchestra of the City of Petaludes, with Margaret Vainnio, organ, Flora Pelekanou, conductor.

The next concert is on Monday 1st of October with the Choir "Rodion Emmelia" which is the choir of the Private School "Rodion Paidia". The Choir is conducted by the soprano Evanthia Kritikos who will perform as well various sacred songs at the same concert with Chris Paraskevopoulos as organist.

Zoe Kokkala, soprano and Elpidoforos Raisakis, baryton with Emmanuella Pipi at the organ, will have a concert on Tuesday 2 October at «Santa Maria» church, which will have subject the Italian Sacred Music.

The Choir "St Cecilia Singers" will perform choral music on Thursday 4th of October. The choir "Musica Sacra" comes from Athens Saturday, October 6th with Sacred Music of the French Romantic Era . The choir is conducted by Chris Paraskevopoulos and the international career organist and organ professor Dr. Eleni Keventsidou (London) will play the organ.

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