

PROGRAMME

HOLIDAY EVENTS 2008

Nicosia is celebrating the holiday season and invites all, young and old, at the events organized for the entire month across the city. Music, children's theatre, puppet shows, the carousel which was so loved, and other games and events. This year, residents and visitors will also have the opportunity to enjoy an open-air ice skating ring. Come celebrate with us.

Monday 1 December

Costanza Bastion ("OCHI" Square)

- 16:30 -17:30 Musical programme with the Joint Elementary Schools Choir, the Nicosia Municipality Choir and the Cyprus Police Philharmonic
- 16:45 Lighting of the Municipality's Christmas Tree

Saturday 6 December

Onasagorou and Phaneromeni Streets

- 11:00 -12:00 Performance by the Nicosia Musical Club
- 12:00 -13:00 The Cyprus Police Philharmonic will play along Ledra and Onasagorou Streets and will conclude its programme with a concert on Onasagorou Street
- 12:00 -13:00 Face painting for kids

German Cultural Centre, Goethe-Zentrum

- 16:00 -20:00 Christmas Bazaar, with traditional German dishes, music, and other surprises. Information, tel 22674608.

Saturday 13 December

Onasagorou and Phaneromeni Streets

- 11:00 -12:00 Puppet theatre show by students of the School of Education of Frederic University
- 12:00 -13:00 The Cyprus Police Philharmonic will play along Ledra and Onasagorou Streets and will conclude its programme with a concert on Onasagorou Street
- 12:00 -13:00 Face painting for kids

Saturday 13 December 16:00-20:00 and Sunday 14 December 12:00-19:00

Stasikratous Street

«2nd Stasikratous Street Party»

Festive events include the lighting of a Christmas tree, music, puppet shows, magicians, stilt-men, "statue" actors, kiosks, and various dishes on offer.

Monday 15 December

Eleftherias Square

- 16:00 -16:30 Performance by the 1st Pallouriotissa Elementary School (Upper School) Choir
- 16:30 -17:00 Performance by the 3rd Kaimakli Elementary School (Upper School) Choir
- 17:00 -18:00 Performance by the Lykavitos Elementary School (Upper School) Choir
- 18:00 -19:00 Performance by the 2nd Pallouriotissa Elementary School (Upper School) Choir
- 19:00 -20:00 Performance by the Egomi Municipality Choir

Tuesday 16 December

Onasagorou and Phaneromeni Streets

- 17:30 -18:30 Performance by the Phaneromeni Elementary School Choir
- 18:30 -19:30 The Cyprus National Guard Philharmonic will play along Ledra and Onasagorou Streets and will conclude its programme with a concert on Onasagorou Street

Wednesday 17 December

Eleftherias Square

- 16:00 -17:00 Performance by the Highgate Primary School Choir
- 17:00 -18:00 Performance by the Morfou Archdiocese Youth Choir
- 18:00 -19:00 Performance by the Acropolis Gymnasium Choir

Thursday 18 December

Laiki Geitonia – Traditional Pedestrian Quarter

- 12:00 -13:00 Performance by the Phaneromeni Gymnasium Choir

Eleftherias Square

- 15:00 -16:00 Performance by the Nicosia Special Education School Choir
- 16:00 -17:00 Performance by the Agios Maronas Elementary School Choir
- 17:00 -18:00 Performance by the Pallouriotissa Gymnasium Choir
- 18:00 -19:00 Performance by the Aglangia Municipal Choir

Friday 19 December

Laiki Geitonia – Traditional Pedestrian Quarter

- 12:00 -13:00 Performance by the Eleneo Elementary School Choir

Onasagorou and Phaneromeni Streets

- 17:30 -18:00 Performance by the St. Lazarus (Larnaca) Elementary School Choir
- 18:00 -18:30 Performance by the Constantinoupoleos Elementary School Choir
- 18:30 -19:30 Performance by the Nicosia Municipality Choir

Saturday 20 December

Onasagorou and Phaneromeni Streets

- 11:00 -12:00 Show with magician Christos Sfikouris and balloon animals formed for kids
12:00 -13:00 Performance by the Wind Instrument Group “Fysalida”
12:00 -13:00 Face painting for kids

Eleftherias Square

- 11:00 -13:00 Live link with radio stations Klik FM, Kiss FM & Mix FM
16:00 -18:00 Performance by the Astrinidio Conservatory Choir
18:00 -19:00 Performance by the European University Cyprus Musical-Educational Club
19:00 -20:00 Performance by the Pancyprion Gymnasium Choir

Sunday 21 December

Eleftherias Square

Cyprus Red Cross

- 10:00 -18:30 Choirs performing as part of the established philanthropic event organized by the Cyprus Red Cross

Monday 22 December

Laiki Geitonia – Traditional Pedestrian Quarter

- 12:00 -13:00 Performance by the Strovolos Municipality – European University Cyprus Symphony Band

Eleftherias Square

- 16:00 -17:00 Performance by the Pallouriotissa COOP Community Children’s Choir
17:00 -18:00 The Cyprus Police Philharmonic will play along Ledra and Onasagorou Streets and will conclude its programme with a concert on Onasagorou Street
18:00 -19:00 Performance by the Bluesette Music School Children’s Choir

Holy Cross Catholic Church (close to Pafos Gate)

- 20:30 German-Cypriot Christmas concert, in collaboration with the ARTE Music Academy. Free entrance. Information, tel 22674608.

Tuesday 23 December

Onasagorou and Phaneromeni Streets

- 17:30 -18:30 Concert by the musical ensemble “Two small Nefeles”
18:30 -19:30 Performance by the Nicosia Municipality Choir

Makarios Avenue – Laiki Tower

- 14:00 -16:00 Live link with radio stations Klik FM, Kiss FM & Mix FM
17:00 -18:00 Performance by the Cyprus European Conservatory Choir and Orcherstra
18:00 -19:00 Performance by the “Musicano” Orchestra

Wednesday 24 December

Makarios Avenue – Laiki Tower

17:00 -18:00 Performance by the Nicosia Artistic Orchestra
18:00 -19:00 Performance by the band “The Usual Muppets”

Eleftherias Square

18:00 -19:00 The Lakatamia Municipality Philharmonic will play along Ledra and Onasagorou Streets and will conclude its programme with a concert on Eleftherias Square
19:00 -20:00 Performance by the Lakatamia Municipality Choir

Saturday 27 December

Eleftherias Square

12:00 -13:00 Performance by the European University Cyprus Saxophone Quartet
13:00 -14:00 Performance by the Wind Instrument Group “Fysalida”

Monday 29 December

Eleftherias Square

16:00 -17:00 Performance by the Arte Nuova Choir
17:00 -18:00 Performance by the Astrinidio Conservatory Acapella Ensemble
18:00 -19:00 The Cyprus Police Philharmonic will play along Ledra and Onasagorou Streets and will conclude its programme with a concert on Eleftherias Square

Tuesday 30 December

Makarios Avenue – Laiki Tower

17:00 -19:00 Performance by the Musical Ensemble “The Stars”

Onasagorou and Phaneromeni Streets

17:30 -18:30 Performance by the European University Cyprus Musical Ensemble
18:30 -19:30 Performance by the “Musicano” Orchestra

Wednesday 31 December

Costanza Bastion (“OCHI” Square)

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The Ledra, Onasagorou, Phaneromeni and Nicosia Sidestreets Shopkeepers Association will be taking part in the festive events, organizing traditional Christmas songs along the pedestrian streets of the Old Nicosia Quarter, daily from Saturday 13 until Wednesday 31 December. The Association will also contribute to festive street decorations with the installation of natural trees, which will be planted at Municipal parks following the holiday season.

The Nicosia Municipality expresses its warmest thanks to all event contributors and sponsors.

For more information, tel 22797000

Play-town luna-park – Christmas on Ice

Saturday 29 November 2008 - 7 January 2009

Costanza Moat (“OCHI” Square)

Ice skating ring, carousel, various games and entertaining programme for kids (including Santa Clause appearances, shows with magicians and clowns, story telling, theatrical and dancing performances). Information, tel 99637665, 99433095.

Opening Hours: 10:00 – 22:30 and on weekends 10:00 – 23:30

Other events

Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 December

Famagusta Gate

The Cyprus Photographic Society – Nicosia Branch – organizes a photographic exhibit with submissions to the Cyprus Photography Competition 2008. The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday 2 December, at 19:30.

Wednesday 3 December – Sunday 15 February

Municipal Centre of Arts

The Municipal Centre of Arts in cooperation with the Pierides Foundation, organize and exhibit of works by Glafkos Koumides entitled “Reticent Stagma” The exhibit will be inaugurated on Wednesday 2 December, at 20:00.

Information, tel 22797400

Monday 8 – Sunday 21 December

Famagusta Gate

Exhibit of drawing, painting and sculpture works by Andreas Ioakim-Kaimaki. The exhibit will be inaugurated on Monday 8 December, at 19:30, by the Director of Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture Eleni Nikita. The event will be addressed by the Dean of the School of Philosophy and director of the University of Cyprus Cultural Centre Michalis Pieris. The event will be followed by a presentation of the book “Visual Poems – Andreas Ioakim- Kaimakis.” Organized by the University of Cyprus Cultural Centre.

Information, tel 22434801

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Monday 1 – Wednesday 31 December

Famagusta Gate

Photographic exhibition “Nicosia historic centre, the last dividing wall in Europe.”
The exhibition comprises of 54 black and white photographs, by photographer-artist Stelios Skopelitis, which depict the historic centre of the divided capital.

Visitors have the opportunity to experience the cultural heritage of the city through the architecture of different eras, the traditional life through the daily activities of people in the heart of Nicosia, and also through the buffer zone within the old city walls.

Organized by the Nicosia Municipality Cultural Services.

The exhibition is open to the public. Visiting hours: daily 10:00-13:00, 16:00-19:00, except Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

Monday 1 – Wednesday 31 December

Achillios Municipal Library

With the opportunity of the French Presidency of the European Union, the Achillios Municipal Library organizes a programme for kids entitled “Meet France.” The programme includes a children’s book exhibit, poster exhibit and speeches. The programme is directed towards all educational grades.

Information, tel.22763033.

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Keeping with tradition the Nicosia Municipality is organizing a series of events across the city for the Christmas and New Year period (1-31 December). Three areas will serve as focal points for the events, Eleftherias Square, the pedestrian street Onasagorou – Phaneromeni, as well as Makarios Avenue. Events include dance, choir, band and orchestra performances as well as other concerts and puppet shows. A special place with a luna-park, ice skating facilities and various surprises will be operating between 29 November 2008 and 7 January 2009 at the Costanza Moat. The festivities will be launched with the lighting of the Christmas Tree on 1 December, at Costanza Bastion (“OCHI”Square). Look out for the detailed schedule in the press, or visit our website at www.nicosia.org.cy, tel.22797000.

Famagusta Gate Cultural Centre, tel. 22430877, 22797004

Opening Hours: 10:00-13:00, 16:00-19:00

Athena Avenue, Nicosia

Municipal Centre of Arts, tel. 22797400

Opening Hours: Wednesday-Saturday: 10:00-15:00, 17:00- 23:00

Sunday: 10:00-16:00, Monday-Tuesday: Closed

19 Apostolou Varnava Street, Nicosia

Achillios Municipal Library, tel. 22763033

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-16:00

30 Constantinos Paleologos Str, Nicosia

(Opposite “Ochi” square open-air market)

The Library operates as a lending library

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