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THE DANISH INSTITUTE AT ATHENS



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009

**In our newsletter you can read about current and coming events at the Institute, and relevant useful information and news**

### **Piraeus – A Sea of Moments**

The photo exhibition *Piraeus – A Sea of Moments* with works by the Danish photographers Ture Andersen, Jørgen Borg, Krass Clement, Jannik Seidelin, and Sofie Svare Fischer, as mentioned in our previous newsletter, was opened at The Danish Institute on 1<sup>st</sup> April, and will be on display until 30<sup>th</sup> April. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Cultural Vice-Mayor of Piraeus, Katerina Anagnostou, in the presence of, among others, Ioannis Roussos, Director of the Piraeus Art Museum (Pinakothiki), where the exhibition will be on display in January 2010 as a co-operation between The Danish Institute and the Municipality of Piraeus.



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Piraeus is a fascinating town where the Danish Institute at Athens during the past nine years in collaboration with the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities, The 26th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities has carried out archaeological investigations, The Zea Harbour Project.

The city of Piraeus and the Danish excavations led to the suggestion of creating a cross-disciplinary project. Five Danish photographers were introduced to the archeologists' scientific surveys in Piraeus. Their task was not to document the Zea Harbour Project, but to have the freedom to create their own photos in an artistically free interpretation. The photographers were therefore not to focus on one thing or place in particular, but to have Piraeus as their base for association and inspiration.

*1-30<sup>th</sup> April: The Danish Institute at Athens*

*18<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> August: Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Copenhagen, Denmark*

*10-30<sup>th</sup> January 2010: Piraeus Pinacotheca (preliminary dates)*

## Book fair in Thessaloniki

Διεθνής έκθεση βιβλίου Θεσσαλονίκης  
Thessaloniki book fair



Within the framework of the close co-operation of the Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden participate with a common stand at this year's International Book fair in Thessaloniki, taking place on 28-31<sup>st</sup> May.

The international book fair is organized by the Greek National Book Centre and has taken place in Thessaloniki every year since 2004. The fair takes place at the Helexpo exhibition centre, and offers visitors an opportunity to get acquainted with the latest releases of publishers from around the world.

The theme of the book fair this year is history. On display will be recent releases of history-related books from Greek publishers: Greek and foreign literature, historical novels, essays, studies and large-format illustrated volumes on history. The Danish Institute contributes with a display of all its publications; a list of which can also be found at [www.diathens.com](http://www.diathens.com).

The book fair also programs book presentations, talks by writers and historians from Greece and abroad, screenings of films and documentaries, as well as numerous parallel events. For further information about program for the fair, please see the website:

[www.thessalonikibookfair.com](http://www.thessalonikibookfair.com)

As a parallel event, Dr. Erik Hallager, Director of The Danish Institute at Athens, will be speaking about Danes in Greek archaeology at an event at the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki. Besides Dr. Hallager, the directors of the Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish institutes will deliver speeches. The event will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. at the museum at 6, M. Andronikou Str., 546 21, Thessaloniki ([www.amth.gr](http://www.amth.gr)).

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## 9<sup>th</sup> European Jazz festival in Athens

The Danish Institute has been co-operating with the European Jazz festival in Athens, organized by the municipality of Athens, for a number of years, each year contributing with established Danish jazz artists.

This year, the Danish Institute has invited *Benni Chawes*, who, among other things, came out with his first album "Up Close" in 2006 with the participation of great Danish jazz artists such as Chris Minh Doky and Malene Mortensen.

A brief biography of Benni Chawes says:



"Benni Chawes was surrounded by music from a very early age. He graduated from the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Chawes' style is soft and intimate jazz/soul/pop. And with his warm crooner voice, Chawes and his unplugged band sends ones thoughts drifting to contemplative conversation and stolen kisses. Chawes' catchy songs and cool grooves open up the road to a rare live experience, inviting the audience to embrace the vibe...!

Chawes has toured worldwide, was awarded "Outstanding Musicianship", won three recording awards, and got the remark "You made my night" from no less than Ray Charles. Besides

singing, Chawes developed his unique concept of sounding like real instruments with his voice with such virtuosity not heard before.”

Read more at: [www.chawes.net](http://www.chawes.net)

*\*Benni Chawes, with band: Rasmus Lund (drums), Kasper Tagel (contra bass)*

***When: Wednesday 27 May at 10 p.m.***

***Where: Technopolis, 100 Pireos Str., Gazi. The festival takes place on 27-31<sup>st</sup> May. Entrance is free. For a preliminary festival program please call +30 210 34 60 981.***

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### **Upcoming events at The Danish Institute**

**\*Monday 4 May at 8 p.m.:**”Theophilus Hansen as furniture designer”.

Lecture in English by chief librarian at the Danish Museum of Applied Arts, *Mirjam Gelfer-Jørgensen*

**\*Monday 11 May at 7 - 9 p.m.:**“The Work of the Hellenic Institute of Marine Archaeology, 2005-2008”. Presentations on underwater surveys and excavations. Contributors: *Yannos G. Lolos, Christos S. Aguridis, George Koutsouflakis* in English; *Elias Spondylis* in Greek

**\*Wednesday 13 May at 8 p.m.:** “New music for saxophone and piano”.

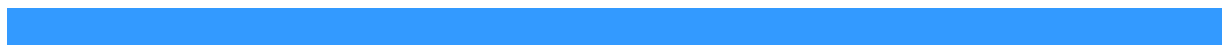
Concert for piano and saxophone by pianist *Manolis Papisifakis* and saxophonist *Giorgos Daravelis*

**\*Monday 25 May at 8 p.m.:**”Sect and the city: emperor worship in Athens”.

Lecture in English by project manager ph.d. *Rubina Raja*, University of Aarhus

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### **Cultural calendar and announcements**

- The official opening of the new Acropolis Museum will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
  - At the archaeological museum in Thessaloniki ([www.amth.gr](http://www.amth.gr)) an exclusive exhibition of Macedonian coins from the Alpha Bank collection opened on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The exhibition ends on 8<sup>th</sup> June.
  - On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, a new archaeological museum opened in Lavrio. Contact: 1, Andrea Kordella Str., Lavrio. Tel: 2292022817. Opening hours 10-3 p.m., Mondays closed.
  - The Benaki Museum (138, Pireos Str.) shows the exhibition “E. Averoff Gallery Collection: The portrait of a museum”. The exhibition was opened by the Greek Minister of Culture Antonios Samaras on 30<sup>th</sup> March, and lasts until 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
  - On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April the Benaki Museum (138, Pireos Str.) inaugurates the exhibition “UPSIDE DOWN” with works by the Art group AFI. The group AFI was established in 1979 and initially comprised 10 artists who were involved in the applied arts. Today the group has eight members: Maria Grigoriou, Judith-Allen Efstathiou, Inger Karlsson, Korina Koutouzi, Despina Pantazopoulou, Yiannis Papadopoulos, Eva Heiladaki and Theodora Horafa.  
The exhibition by the group AFI at the Benaki Museum will present integrated proposals / creations, inspired by the objects of the Museum's permanent collections. Their works can stand on their own as exemplary artistic entities, and project publicly and provocatively their aesthetic integrity. The exhibition will be on display until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
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