

## **PRESS RELEASE**

We are delighted to announce the **1st Paros Festival**, a series of cultural events that aim to elevate the tangible and intangible cultural heritage and to showcase the unseen side of the place and its people.

The festival will be held on **13, 14 and 15 July** in the old settlement of Parikia, where exhibitions, concerts and tours will creatively blend the present and the past of the island. A rich program of cultural activities around the emblematic Kastro will give to the participants the opportunity to uncover the capital of the island through the memories of the locals. Parikia has been constantly changing over recent decades to meet the modern needs of its residents, while preserving the memories of the past. Paros Festival aspires to bring forward those memories. History, architecture, religious and other traditions, music and literature have been the starting point for the design of the program, which doesn't does not overlook the presence of the people who live on the island.

The Paros Festival aspires to actively involve the local community in promoting and emphasizing culture. This year it is cooperating with a series of local institutions, including the Municipal Library, the Art Workshop of the Municipality of Paros, the Aegean Centre for Fine Arts, the Holland Tunnel Art Gallery, the Benaki Museum and the Cyclades Ephorate of Antiquities.

*All the events of the Festival are free for the public.*

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