Programme of events from May to August on the occasion of the Olympic Games in Athens

May 2004

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Also on Sunday 18 July.

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Also on Monday 31 May, Sunday 13 June and Sunday 18 July

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June 2004

Thursday 3
Lecture: “Ancient Greece, Modern Greece… 2,500 years of day-to-day history”. With Takis Theodoropoulos, writer and chronicler, author of *Feline Philosophers of Athens*, whose main theme is the impact of the 2004 Olympic Games on the Attican city. At 6.30 p.m. in the Museum auditorium. Free.

Saturday 5
Mask workshop for children (aged 10 and up). With a presenter/actress, create the accessory indispensable for actors in Antiquity. From 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Cost: SFr 15. Registration required: call 021 621 6511.
Also Saturday 24 July

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Also on Saturday 14 August.

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Every Sunday until 29 August.
Tuesday 22

Thursday 24
The Olympic Flame passes by the Olympic Museum.
Experience and share an exceptional moment. For the first time, the Olympic Flame will pass through all the five continents, crossing 33 cities throughout the world, and the main cities of every department in Greece. A journey covering 78,000km in 78 days. **The Museum and its terrace restaurant will, exceptionally, remain open until 8.30 p.m.**

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Saturday 10
**Mosaic workshop** for children (aged 8 and up). Come and discover this ancient technique and create little mosaics on the theme of sport. From 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Cost: SFr 15. Registration required: call 021 621 6511. Also on Saturday 17 July.

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Children (up to 16 years old) – SFr 10
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The plot is based on the strong personality of Olympiada, mother of Alexander the Great, and whose reputation left many marks on the history of Ancient Greece. The piece is characterised above all by the mastery of classical language, the originality of the melodies and the orchestral colour, enriched by an in-depth knowledge of Greek musical culture. The combination of traditional, present and future values at the service of dramatic art. The image of the woman in Antiquity is compared to that of the woman of today.

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Tuesday 27
Thursday 29
Saturday 31

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Thursday 5
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Friday 13 to Sunday 29
Big screen broadcast of the events, in the Museum auditorium, in line with the normal opening hours (every day 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) Free.

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Presentation of musical instruments in Ancient Greece. Come and bathe in the musical atmosphere of a gymnasium in Antiquity. Information and demonstrations by specialists. From 2.30 p.m. onwards, in the Museum entrance hall. Included in the price of the entry ticket.

Concert: “Pindar’s Odes”. At 4 p.m., in the Museum auditorium: a world first!

Performance by the group Melpomen. Created and directed by Conrad Steinmann, a specialist in ancient music. The work was inspired by the verses of Pindar (520-432 B.C.), which were dedicated to the victors of the Olympic Games, and set to music thanks to the reproduction of instruments from Antiquity.

Giovanni Cantarini, vocals and zither.
Massimo Cialfi, salpinx, tympanon and krotala.
Conrad Steinmann, aulos and seistron.
Choir, six tenors and counter-tenors.