



THE HELLENIC INSTITUTE

25 March 2018

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Hellenic Institute I would like to cordially thank those of you who made donations and honoured us with your presence at our 25th Anniversary event *"Ruins of Athens": ancient modes re-imagined*, a piano recital by the eminent pianist Carlo Grante of classical works with links to ancient and modern Greece, held in the Picture Gallery of Royal Holloway, University of London on 6 March 2018. Carlo Grante's superb performance of Beethoven's thrilling *Variations on "The Ruins of Athens"*, followed by some of the best-loved works in the classical repertoire, including Chopin, Satie, Debussy, and Bartók, was warmly received by an enthusiastic audience of 160 students, staff, donors, sponsors and supporters.

I am also pleased to report that our ongoing fundraising campaign towards the Scholarship in Modern Greek History and Diaspora Studies is bearing fruits. The sum of £68,000 has been raised so far and we are very hopeful that we shall be able to meet our target (£82,000). We are deeply grateful to our Fundraising Committee and all of our Friends and donors for their most generous support.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to our next event, which will close the 25th Anniversary celebrations with the premiere of the commissioned choral piece *Odyssey* composed by our College alumna and Friend of the Hellenic Institute [Lydia Kakabadse](#). Her composition is conceived as a musical journey through centuries of Greek history, literature and culture, from the Homeric times to modern Hellenism. It will be performed by The Choir of Royal Holloway under the direction of Rupert Gough in the Chapel of Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey TW20 0EX on Saturday 27 October 2018 at 7pm. The concert will be followed by drinks in the Picture Gallery. We very much hope you and your family and friends will join us on this special occasion. If you wish to reserve places please contact me at: Ch.Dendrinis@rhul.ac.uk.

With your help and support we are confident that we shall be able to increase the range of scholarships and grants available to our students, and raise funds for our Centre for Greek Diaspora Studies. For this reason we should be grateful if you would renew your annual subscription to the Friends of The Hellenic Institute for 2018 by contributing the modest sum of £15. Any additional donation, for which gift aid is available, would be most welcome and deeply appreciated.

On behalf of The Hellenic Institute please accept our grateful thanks for your continued support and our warmest wishes for a happy and peaceful Easter.

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