



Papakaliatis' Worlds Apart Debuted in NYC with Director, Cast Present



A scene from the 'World's apart.'

The U.S. debut of the Greek film *Worlds Apart*, which was the highest grossing film in the Greek market since 2009 opened for three weeks Friday, January 13 at the Village East NYC. *Worlds Apart* is the second feature film by celebrated actor/writer/director Christopher Papakaliatis, who acts in the film which also stars Academy Award winner * J.K. Simmons, Andrea Osvar, Maria Kavoyianni and Tawfeek Barhom, amongst others.

Both Christopher and J.K. were in attendance at the 7:30pm show and answered questions about the film!

SYNOPSIS: Set in modern day Greece, *Worlds Apart* is comprised of three separate narratives each following a love story between a foreigner and a Greek. Each story represents a different generation falling in love during a time of socioeconomic turmoil that dominates Southern Europe overall, only to connect as a single story in the end. Almost like a triptych work of art where each painting stands alone, yet its true impact lies when viewed as a whole.

Watch Creativity Sizzle, and That's The Onassis Promise

Delve deeper to watch the *Antigone Now* performances, the fascinating *I Stand for Stage* discussions, the Onassis Symposium 2016 on the Role of the Artist in Society, and on a final high note, the beautiful Balkan music of the Martha Mavroidi Quartet. Check out our Photo Gallery for a wide range of colorful images from our many events. Jumping into 2017, we are excited to announce our next exhibition—A World of Emotions:

Ancient Greece 700 BC – 200 AD —opening March 9 through June 24. Bringing to vivid life



Alicia Hall Moran:
Antigone Now Festival

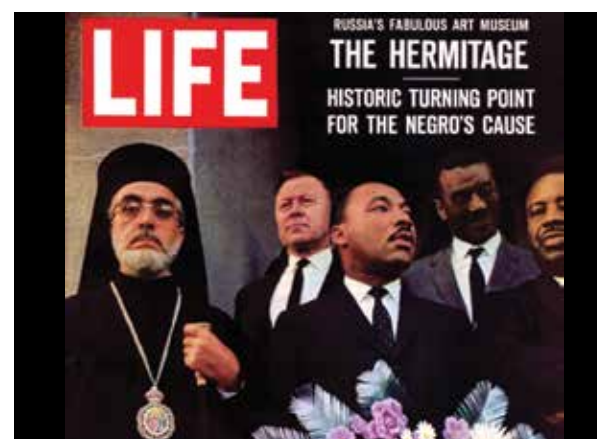
the emotions of the people of ancient Greece, and prompting questions about how we express, manipulate, or interpret feelings in our own society, this path-breaking exhibition brings together more than 130 masterpieces from leading museums. They include the Acropolis Museum, the National Archaeological Museum of Athens, the Louvre, the British Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Vatican Museums, and many others. These priceless works

of art offer pathways to a wide, wide world of emotions in classical Greece and now.

Interesting Discussion on Investment Ideas

The Officers & Directors of the Hellenic American Association of Professionals in Finance cordially invite you to join us for a discussion with Patrick Baune Founder of 1859 Cloud. Come and learn about a new way to source outstanding investment ideas with a new model for the old investment club. This complies with regulations, leverages the buy-side community and uses technology to drive results that benefit all

of us. This event will discuss the outlook for 2017, the results for 2016 and how technology and new social media lessons are changing how to think about investing, on Thursday, January 26, 2017, 6:00-8:00pm at the Wells Fargo Connections 150 East 42nd Street - Concourse Level (Between Third & Lexington Aves) New York, NY 10017. Please check in at the Wells Fargo security desk upon arrival. Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Reception



An image every Greek American Had to See on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sen. Gianaris Introduces Legislation Protecting Immigrants from Discrimination and Abuse

(New York, NY) – Senator Michael Gianaris introduced legislation that would add immigration status to the list of protected classes in the state's Human Rights and Civil Right Laws. Senator Gianaris's proposal would make it a violation to discriminate against a person based on immigration status and would expand current civil remedies for bias-related crimes to include those targeted due to their immigration status.

"Immigrants are under siege like never before and we have an obligation to ensure the safety and well-being of those who came to our country seeking a better life," said Senator Gianaris, whose own parents came to the U.S. from Greece.

New York's Human Rights Law protects people from a wide range of discrimination on the basis of age, race, sexual orientation and gender, among other categories. The law provides a remedy for those discriminated against in the provision of several services including but not limited to housing, employment and public accommodation. Current Civil Rights Law, which would also expand to include immigration status under this legislation, provides the opportunity for victims of hate crimes to bring civil actions against their attackers. NYCLU Executive Director, Donna Lieberman said, "With our president-elect threatening to deport millions of immigrants who came to America to build a better life for themselves and their



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families, this bill is one way to resist the hate and stand up for a free New York."

Steven Choi, Executive Director of New York Immigration Coalition said, "We commend State Senator Gianaris on introducing this bill calling to include "immigration status" in the definition of "national origin" in anti-discrimination law. Given the current political climate that has been marked by an increase in hate crimes, it is more important than ever that we ensure that New Yorkers, including undocumented New Yorkers, legal permanent residents, visa holders, and others, are equally protected."

Following the election, documented incidents of hate crimes, harassment and intimidation soared throughout the country including here in New York. Senator Gianaris joined civil rights groups to condemn local hate crimes as well as the overall hostile climate.

'One More Coat' Drive Is on Through March 5

The St Irene Philoptochos of St Thomas G.O church in Cherry Hill, NJ will be collecting coats for 'One Warm Coat' and you can help! 'One Warm Coat' is a National non-profit organization that works to provide a free warm coat to any person in need and raises awareness of the vital need for warm coats.

The coats they collect will be distributed in the local community free of charge to any person that needs one, without discrimination or obligation. You can help spread the warmth by simply going through your closet and pulling out your slightly worn out coats, place the coats in the large bins located in the St Irene Philoptochos Hall. For information visit www.onewarmcoa.org or contact st.irenephiloptochossociety@gmail.com

Agapi Stassinopoulos Signs Book at A.G.A.P.W. Vassilopita Cutting

Join AGAPW, ALLLONnet and Agapi Stassinopoulos in welcoming the New Year with Agapi, Joy and the traditional cutting of the Vassilopita! What better way to start the new year than to Wake up to the Joy of You!

Agapi will share with us the secrets to living life with joy, will offer a guided meditation, and will sign copies of her new book.

This promises to be a delightful and inspiring celebration, filled with friendship, community, fun! Wine and appetizers will be served. It's happening January 30th 6 to 8 pm at the Coco-Mat Showroom, 49 Mercer Street (Soho), New York, NY 10013. Preregistration is required as space is limited. \$30 requested donation includes a copy of Agapi Stassinopoulos' book. Please register by January 27th here (you will be redirected to the Eventbrite secure connection). We are looking forward to seeing you and celebrating with you!

ANNOUNCEMENT: Applications are now

accepted for A.G.A.P.W.'s EXCELLENCE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP: A.G.A.P.W.'s EXCELLENCE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a female student of Greek descent enrolled in a four year accredited Bachelor's program in the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Selection criteria are based on academic excellence, contribution to the community and financial need. Applications must be submitted between January 1st and February 28th. The applicant must submit a personal statement, a financial statement, and university documents indicating status of enrollment and grades. Scholarship is awarded in March in honor of AGAPW's Greek American Woman of the Year. The total amount of the award varies from year to year, depending on available funds. For further questions on applying for a scholarship or offering to donate to our scholarship fund, please contact Dr. Aphrodite Navab at desireenavab@yahoo.com