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Greece Pays Tribute to Nordic Music

This year, the Nafplion Festival, the famous Greek festival for classical music, pays tribute to Nordic classical music. In this connection, the Nafplion Festival, which runs from 19.–28. of June 2009, has managed to attract a number of internationally acclaimed musicians, such as Michala Petri, Martin Fröst, Lars Hannibal, and Tina Thing Helseth. This prestigious inter-Scandinavian project is being supported with 350.000 DKK by the Nordic Culture Fund.

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The Nafplion Festival programme, which counts a total of 104 musicians, including international stars and talented new ensembles, features e.g. the Stockholm Chamber Brass from Sweden, the Finnish Virtuosi Di Kuhmo Chamber Orchestra, the Trondheim Chamber Orchestra from Norway, and the Royal Danish Orchestra.

The concerts will take place at four of Athens' major venues: PALAMIDI, the Venetian fortress and BOURGI, the famous island castle, both offering stunning panoramic views of the city and the sea, as well as in VOULEFTIKON, the first Hellenic Parliament, and AGHIOS YEORGIOS SQUARE, the courtyard of St. George's church.

Each year, the Nafplion Festival pays tribute to different countries. This popular cultural event, which was created in 1991 by the legendary Greek pianist Jannis Vakarelis, annually attracts 10.000 -12.000 enthusiastic spectators.

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