

Music, Dance, and Soundscapes in the World of Alexander the Great

GREECE, ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF THESSALONIKI













Conference Opening

Anastasia Gadolou, Angela Bellia, and Erica Angliker

Keynote Address Angeliki Kottaridi

Macedonian Dances

In the Cave: Stories from Darkness Brought to Light

Visit to the temporary exhibition guided by curators Anastasia Gadolou and Fotis Georgiadis



















CONFERENCE THEMES

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OCTOBER 16 | Thursday | h 09:30 - 18:30

Sounds in Sacred and Ritual Spaces | h 09:30 - 12:00

Chair: Panagiotis P. Iossif

09:30 | Andrew Farinholt Ward, Jessica Paga, Bonna D. Wescoat

Procession, Performance, and the Structuring of Space in the Sanctuary of the Great Gods

09:50 | Marianna Castiglione

Soundscape and Dancescape in the Hellenistic Levant: An Archaeological Perspective

10:10 | Alev Türkan, Elçin Doğan Gürbüzer, Barış Aktaş

The Soundscape in the Sacred Space of Alexander the Great in Ionia

10:30 | Theo Andreopoulos

Bacchic Rituals over the Oracle: A Soundscape Study

10:50 | Wojciech Sowa

Echoes from an Ancient Land: Methodological Preliminaries to Reconstructing Phrygian Soundscapes

11:10 | Discussion

12:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break

Art and Artefacts | h 14:00 - 15:40

Chair: Styliana Galiniki

14:00 | Boaz Zissu

Between Macedon and Idumaea: Musical Imagery in the Painted Tombs of Maresha

14:20 | Claudina Romero Mayorga

Musical Practices in Hellenistic Egypt: Fayum Terracottas

14:40 | Marta Nicolás-Muelas

Persistence and Diffusion of Kalathiskos Dance Iconography

15:00 | Aristodimos Tsanaktsidis

Death and Music: Terracotta Figurines of Musicians and Dancers from eastern Cemetery of Amphipolis

15:20 | Discussion

15:40 - 16:40 | Coffee Break and Networking

Music, Power, and Cultural Identity | h 16:40 - 18:00

Chair: Fábio Vergara Cerqueira

16:40 | Sylvain Perrot

The Paean in the World of Alexander the Great

17:00 | Nikolaos Dimakis

Echoes of the Departed: Funerary Performance in Alexandria

17:20 | Marta López Aleixandre

Corybantic Dances in Samothrace?

17:40 | Discussion

18:10 – 18:30 | General Discussion and Wrap-up



















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OCTOBER 17 | Friday | h 09:30 - 17:30

Musical and Dance Performances in Hellenistic Age (Part 1) | h 09:30 - 12:20

Chair: Andrew Farinholt Ward

09:30 | Panagiotis P. Iossif

Le roi danse! Dance Performance as Means of Communication for the Seleucids

09:50 | Maria Stamatopoulou

Music in a Hellenistic Demetrias

10:10 | Christos Terzis

From Archives to Sound: An Angular Harp from Ancient Demetrias

10:30 | Fábio Vergara Cerqueira

The Resonance of Tarentine Musical Excellence in the Macedonian Court

10:50 | Eleni Mentesidou

Dance to the End of Life: Ritual, Art, and Identity in Hellenistic Sinope

11:10 | Discussion

12:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break

Musical and Dance Performances in Hellenistic Age (Part 2) | h 14:00 - 16:00

Chair: Maria Stamatopoulou

14:00 | Penelope Malama, Ioanna Vasileiadou

Dance and Music in Ancient Amphipolis: The Case of "Koukles- east cemetery"

14:20 | Viktorya Vasilyan

Musicians, Dancers, Priestesses, and Noblewomen in Hellenistic Armenian Culture

14:40 | Arnaud Saura-Ziegelmeyer

Alexander, Isis, and the Sistrum: Musical Consequences of the Macedonian Conquest

15:00 | Heidi Köpp-Junk

The Music of the Ptolemies: Tradition and Change in Egypt

15:20 | Discussion

15:40 - 16:20 | Coffee Break and Networking

Dionysus, Musical and Dance Performances | h 16:20 - 18:00

Chair: Arnaud Saura-Ziegelmeyer

16:20 | Fermín Castillo Arcas

Dionysus Πλουτοδότης: Luxury, Music, and Dance in the Staging of Hellenistic Power

16:40 | Styliana Galiniki

The Ecstatic Soundscape of the Derveni Krater

17:00 | Anna Lazou

The Mimetic and Ritualistic Aspects of the 'Dionysian' in the Bacchants

17:40 | Discussion

17:50 – 18:00 | Closing Remarks by Anastasia Gadolou, Angela Bellia, and Erica Angliker













Full-day excursion

led by archaeologist Konstantinos Papastathis Hellenic Ministry of Culture

Sites include:

- -Palace of Philip II
- -Royal Tombs of Vergina
- -Polycentric Museum of Aigai













CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Arrival and opening session: October 15, 2025

Paper presentations: October 16-17, 2025 Optional excursions: October 18, 2025

Departure: October 19, 2025

VENUE

Manolis Andronikos Hall, Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki, Greece





















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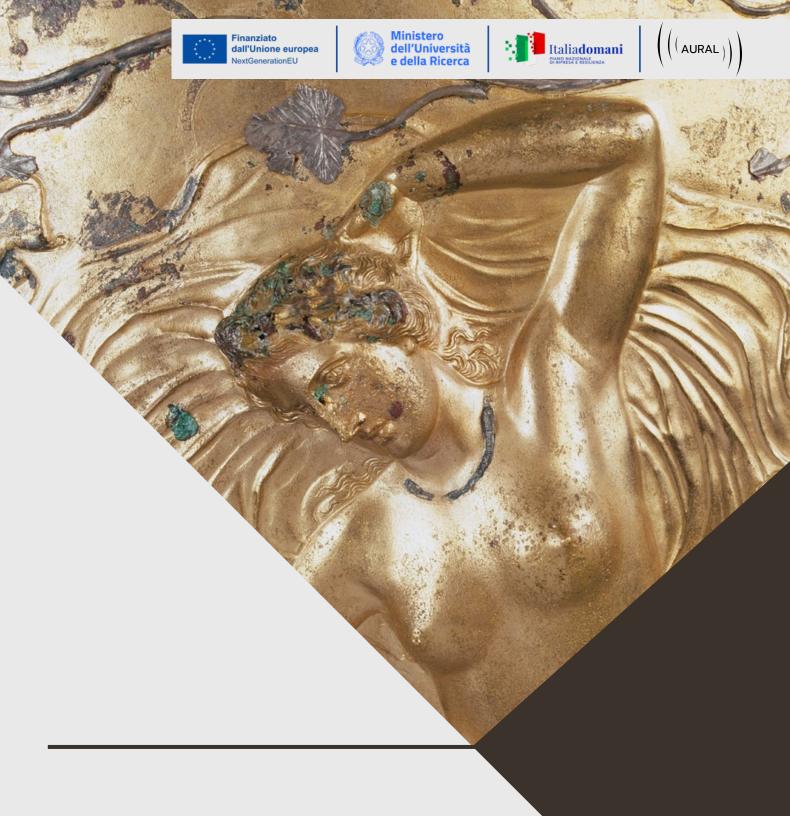












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