Science Without Borders

Athens Science Festival 2018
Technopolis City of Athens

24th– 29th of April 2018

#asf2018: A special opening ceremony!

The Athens Science Festival 2018, for six exciting days, from the 24th to the 29th of April, and with a unique program, will show that science creates new perspectives and new ways of applying human inventiveness by overcoming geographic, cognitive and ideological borders.

With faith in this creative spirit of freedom and innovation, the first day of the festival begins dynamically and overcomes all boundaries with the participation of world-renowned guests:

As a space veteran, **Marsha Ivins**, is a legendary woman: she has participated in five space missions and counts over 1,300 hours in space inside NASA's vehicles. She will address the opening of the Athens Science Festival 2018 on the touching, humorous passion of mankind to travel into space as well as the history of its exploration.

Title: The Importance of Sending Humans to Space || Date & Time: 24th of April, 18:15
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Dr. **Athena Coustenis**, Chair of the European Science Foundation Space Science Committee (ESF-ESSC), will guide us to the exoplanets and talk to us about conditions that favour life in the most unpredictable "corners" of the solar system. What do the giant telescopes record

on the exoplanets and the frozen moons? Are there favourable conditions for life beyond our planet? Big questions and unexpected answers!

Title: Are there favourable conditions for life beyond Earth? || Date & Time: 24th of April, 19:00

Athanassios Fokas, one of the most important and most awarded mathematicians in the world, will provide a lot of material for thought and will trouble the ears of the lucky audience. He will refer to the association of the maths language with art, the role of the unconscious, and he will describe the ways in which we perceive and process external stimuli. The relationship between maths and neuronal mechanisms is remarkable, something we will surely notice in this lecture by the Cambridge professor.

Title: Perception and the essence of mathematics || Date & Time: 24th of April, 20:00

Eleni and **Souzana Vougioukli** have performed at major festivals and in venues such as Carnegie Hall. This year they will also make a stop at the Athens Science Festival. With their unique voices and musical instruments, they will take us on a journeyto South Italy, the Balkans and their polyphony, the passionate Portuguese fado, the American blues, and the Greek traditional music, in a show that confirms that when art defies border, the result is ... a wonderful musical delight!

Title: Around the world in octaves || Date & Time: 24th of April, 21:00

The first day of the Athens Science Festival 2018 will be super exciting - just like science when it exceeds limits.

See the festival's program here.

Days & Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, 24th of April: Opening Ceremony at 18:15 | Free entrance

Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th of April: 09:00 to 23:00

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th of April: 11:00 to 23:00

Ticket prices:

Daily: 3 €

5 day ticket: 12 €

Ticket presale:

Information:

http://www.athens-science-festival.gr/

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