



PRESS RELEASE

Onassis Cultural Centre and six d.o.g.s present:

634 Minutes Inside the Volcano

Starting on: Thursday 18th of August at 19.58

Ending on: Friday 19th of August at 06.32

Stefanos Crater, Volcanic Valley, Nisyros Island, Greece

Free Entrance

15 of the most gifted Greek artists will meet for the first time and improvise for 10 hours and 34 minutes. Probably one of the most captivating and ambitious site-specific projects that has ever happened in Greece, will take place in the amazingly unworldly and enchanting environment of Nisyros' active volcano crater, that will last one whole night under the August full moon.

Situated at the core of this unique natural scenery, at the bottom of a huge volcano crater, 300 meters in diameter, at the remote island of Nisyros, 15 musicians will engage in an unprecedented experiment, creating a **lengthy improvisational music piece that will be composed on the fly**. The event will start at sunset on Thursday 18th of August at 19:58 and will conclude 634 minutes later, at sunrise at 06:32 on the morning of Friday 19th of August. This is not just a simple music experiment, but it is going to be a true test of endurance and literarily a unique, once in a lifetime experience, since it will not be video-documented, nor repeated ever again, but only audio-recorded and photographed.

The participating musicians come together from a broad and seemingly diverse background: **improvising and experimental artists, composers, with a classical or jazz and electronic or traditional background**. Using their voices, electric guitars, double bass, tapes, flute, percussion, piano, samples, cello, laptop, keyboards, bagpipe and clarinet, to name a few, **they will create diverse sounds responding to the diverse scenery around them. Under no artificial light, with the only light source being the moon itself, and without never having rehearsed together, the 15 will give life to a perfect pattern: a circle, in which they will enter all together and perform at the same time, but as the night goes by they will be able to get out and enter again depending on their endurance and their responsiveness to this pagan work in progress**, with spectators, those lucky who dare to watch this peculiar event and with the volcano as their conductor.

Participating Artists in alphabetical order:

Yiannis Anastasakis (Electric Guitar, Live Sampling): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xojBMgR_bxo

Taxiarhis Georgoulis (Oud): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90cEEz_155k

Tania Giannouli (Piano): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS4Jb42nlaM>

Dead Gum (Electric Guitar, Electronics, Vocals): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwWnYQEzZG0>

Michalis Kalkanis (Double Bass): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Kjs9yz8dkU>

KOSTADIS (Modular Electronics, DIY Contact Mic, Ribbon Devices, Vocals): https://youtu.be/8nY_7GGc1uk

Sofia Labropoulou (Kanun): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnXMcX0W7rQ>

Sébastien Marteau (Wind Instruments): <https://vimeo.com/133173525>

Orestis Benekas (Synthesizers, Loops): <https://soundcloud.com/benekas/sun-tank-sample>

Stratos Bichakis (Data Sonification, Modular Synthesizer): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeFkzueleWY>

Vassilis Ntokakis (Electric Guitar, Synthesizers, Electronics): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIIPOcfCc5l&index=3&list=PLkYPsXf160ulMBpn83og_4vpREuR_Pwdv

Stavros Parginos (Cello): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1siLxEzH0q0&feature=youtu.be>

Stelios Romaliadis (Flute): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYOhL0f81fY>

Sofia Sarri (Vocals): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOedKDGrx7k>

Christos Chondropoulos (Drums, Percussion): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gm2-wDIsMcl>

FAST FACTS

- According to Greek mythology, during the Titanomachy, when the gods of Olympus and the Titans fought each other, Poseidon cut with his trident a piece from the island of Kos and threw it at Titan *Polivoti*. The rock hit him and crashed him down and since then he has been trying to get up by blowing and blowing. This rock is Nisyros and the smoke that emerges from the volcanic craters is nothing more than *Polivoti*'s breath.
- Actually, the whole island of Nisyros is a volcano, part of the active volcanic arc in the south of Greece (including Methana, Milos and Santorini)
- *Stefanos*, one of Nisyros' 5 craters, is the largest hydrothermal crater in the world.

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