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National Hellenic Museum partners with the Field Museum

*Special exhibition *The Greeks: From Alexander to Agamemnon* opens in November*

CHICAGO, IL - On Thursday, June 25, Field Museum President Richard W. Lariviere, and Field Museum Trustees, hosted the leaders of Chicago's Greek American community at an exclusive breakfast to announce the upcoming special exhibition *The Greeks: From Alexander to Agamemnon* that will be on display at the Field Museum this coming November 2015.

Developed by the Greek Ministry of Culture, the exhibition's only stop in the Midwest is in Chicago and its appearance is the result of a partnership between The Field Museum and the National Hellenic Museum. In addition to *The Greeks* at The Field Museum, the National Hellenic Museum (NHM) will host relevant exhibitions as well as exciting and stimulating programs in its 40,000 sq. ft. contemporary home in Greektown.

The exhibition contains more than 500 magnificent ancient artifacts, which include iconic objects from the tombs of the Bronze Age rulers of Mycenae and the earliest aristocrats of Archaic and Classical city states. Also included are astonishing finds from the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. Currently at the Canadian Museum of History, *The Greeks* will be displayed in Chicago from November 2015 to April 2016, before it travels to Washington, DC, to be exhibited at the National Geographic.

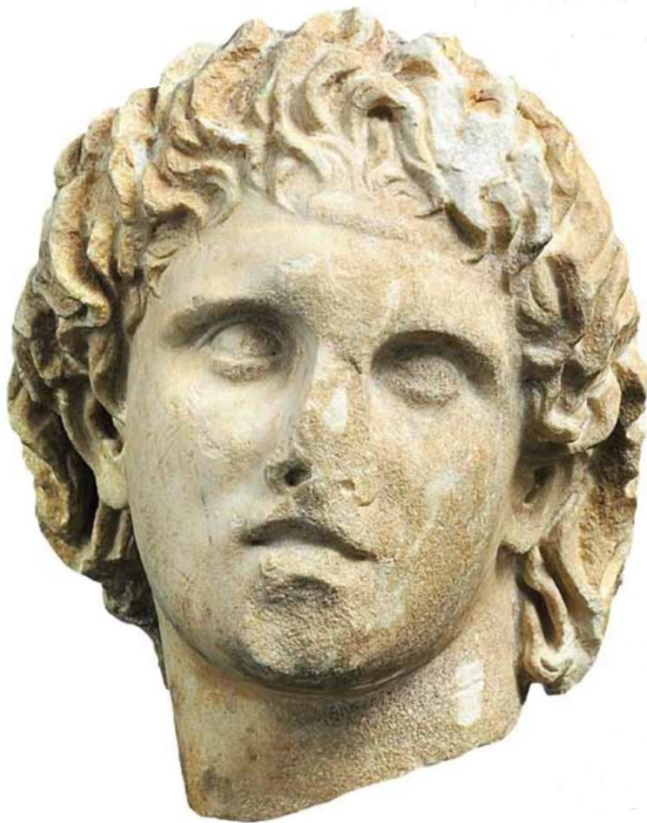
The exclusive announcement was made in the presence of the broader Greek American community's leaders, luminaries, and supporters, including Dr. Michael Amiridis, Chancellor of the University of Illinois, Ambassador Loucas Tsilas, respected jurists, and businesspeople, and members of the art and academic community. Lariviere highlighted that the exhibition is a unique opportunity to view more than 5,000 years of history and saluted the co-presentation with the National Hellenic Museum, emphasizing the Pan-American impact of this exhibition.

On behalf of National Hellenic Museum Chairman of the Board, John Calamos, Ambassador Tsilas, pointed out the significance of the artifacts to be displayed, as well as the exhibition as a whole. He also noted that this partnership presents a unique opportunity for the National Hellenic Museum to launch new programs and exhibitions and further its outreach in Chicago and on a national level.

The mission of the National Hellenic Museum is to celebrate and promote the timeless and universal values of Hellenic heritage and civilization, and document, preserve and share the Greek story in America.

Photo 1:

Bust of Alexander the Great.



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Located in Chicago's Greektown, the sleek 40,000-square-foot National Hellenic Museum at 333. S. Halsted St. is both contemporary and timeless, connecting all generations—past, present and future—to the rich heritage of Greek history, culture, art and the Greek American experience. The National Hellenic Museum, previously known as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, has been fulfilling this mission since 1983.

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