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**The Road to Rio: Celebrating Excellence**

*Olympian Christina Loukas joins panel discussion about the Olympic Games*

**CHICAGO, IL** - Join the National Hellenic Museum on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a panel discussion on the seven values of the Olympic and Paralympic Games: Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Determination, Inspiration, Courage, and Equality.

The panel will feature Olympic diver Christina Loukas and Paralympians Patrick Byrne and Paul Moran, who will talk about their experiences at their respective games and answer questions from the audience. Byrne is a gold medalist in sled hockey and Moran is a five-time Paralympian in wheelchair volleyball and tennis.

This program is co-presented by the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, and is presented in conjunction with the National Hellenic Museum's exhibition *Olympic Revival: The 1896 Olympic Games*, on loan from the famed Benaki Museum in Athens.

Admission is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for NHM and RIC members. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for tours of the exhibit.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call or 312-655-1234 or visit [www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org](http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org).

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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*

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