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# THE NATIONAL HELLENIC MUSEUM ANNOUNCES JENNI PULOS TO HOST ITS ANNUAL NHM GALA 2019 – PROJECTING INTO THE FUTURE – MAY 11

The Museum Will Host an Enchanting Evening to Benefit the Hellenic Legacy with Former "Flipping Out" Star Jenni Pulos

**CHICAGO** (May 2019) – **The National Hellenic Museum** (NHM) invites guests to join them as they host their Annual Gala, *Projecting into the Future*, Saturday, May 11, starting at 5:30 p.m. at The Geraghty, 2520 S. Hoyne Avenue in Chicago. The gala will be hosted by popular former "*Flipping Out*" star, Jenni Pulos, in an effort to benefit the Museum's vast efforts to preserve and portray the legacy of Greek history in America. The evening will be entertainment-filled as *Manhattan* and the *Chris Sarlas Orchestra featuring Niko Lambrinatos and Voula Karahaliou* will perform throughout the night.

In celebration and support of the Museum's dedicated efforts to provide exceptional programming and inspirational exhibits, the NHM Gala 2019 brings Greek Americans, family and friends together for a magical night of entertainment and fundraising for a noble cause.

A notable Greek American herself, the evening's host is also successful in many realms. A well-known actress, producer, writer, rapper and overall entertainer, Pulos appreciates the museum's mission and will join them in celebration of their ongoing effort to highlight Greek American culture to visitors from around the world.

Comprised of top musicians and performers from all across the country, *Manhattan* will kick off the evening with vibrant renditions of top hits. For the main performance, *Chris Sarlas Orchestra Featuring Niko Lambrinatos and Voula Karahaliou* will bring guests to their feet. Led by one of the most popular, highly-respected bandleaders in Chicago, the orchestra will perform decade favorites spanning genres, as well as traditional Greek stylings including Syrta, Kalamatiana, Zembekika, Tsamika and Tsiftetelia.

Philanthropic support from NHM Gala 2019 will benefit the tens of thousands of children and adults who visit the NHM every year through field trips, tours and dynamic cultural and historical programs. With the largest collection of its kind in the world, the Museum uses artifacts and oral history traditions to teach about significant moments in Greek and American history. The NHM boasts a rich repository of

20,000+ artifacts, photos, historic newspapers, books and an archive of 450+ recorded histories. The Museum will be unveiling the NHM Collections & Archives Portal, which will allow anyone to access the Museum's catalogs online from anywhere by viewing digitized artifacts and archival materials.

The National Hellenic Museum is grateful for the support of its generous sponsors including The Calamos Family & Calamos Investments, The Halikias Family & Republic Bank, John S. Koudounis & Family, Grecian Delight & The Parthenis Families, Kramer Levin, George & Judy Marcus, and Dean, Marianne, Evan and Daren Metropoulos.

Individual NHM Gala 2019 tickets are \$350 and tables of 10 are \$3,200. To purchase tickets or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, visit <u>www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/gala or call 312-655-1234 x28</u>. Guests may also choose to take advantage of a hotel block at a downtown Chicago hotel, The Gwen, the weekend of Gala by making reservations <u>online</u>.

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# Hotel Block Info

Location: The Gwen 521 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611

Reservations: https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1551376656812&key=GRP

## **Press Passes**

Working press wishing to attend the event must contact Heron Agency at <u>gianna@heronagency.com</u> or call 773-969-5200.

## About the National Hellenic Museum

The <u>National Hellenic Museum</u> (NHM) portrays and celebrates Greek history, culture and the impact of Hellenism in America through educational classes, exhibits and programs. With a growing repository of over 20,000 artifacts, the Museum catalogs and highlights the contributions of Greeks and Greek Americans to the American mosaic and inspires curiosity about visitors' own family journeys through cultural expression, oral history and experiential education. Located in Chicago's Greektown, the NHM provides lifelong learning for the whole community using artifacts and stories to spark inquiry and discussion about the broader issues in our lives.

For more information, visit <u>http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org</u> or call 312-655-1234. Follow NHM on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

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