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GALA WEEK 2024

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TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

- 2:00 PM Tour and "A Belief in Books" Exhibit
New York Society Library
- 6:30 PM A Conversation with Athens Prize Recipient
Mary R. Lefkowitz, moderated by Lynn Sherr
Grolier Club
Followed by cocktails at the private residence
of one of our gala committee members

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

- 11:30 AM "In the Name of Humanity"
Lunch & Conversation with Natalia
Vogeikoff-Brogan and Maria Georgopoulou
New York Yacht Club
- 2:00 PM Hadestown on Broadway (optional experience)
Must purchase tickets directly from
the Walter Kerr Theatre
Walter Kerr Theatre
- 6:00 PM "The Wisdom of Stories" by Emily Wilson
Thalia Potamianos Lecture Series
(open to the public)
St. Bartholomew's Church

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

- 11:00 AM "Women in Ancient Greece"
Private tour led by Jenifer Neils
& Alan Shapiro
The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- 6:00 PM Gala 2024
Gotham Hall

The American School of Classical Studies at Athens is excited to offer a unique Gala week experience created exclusively for Gala sponsors (unless otherwise noted). The itinerary includes private tours, lectures, and receptions at several of New York City's iconic cultural institutions. One of the week's highlights is a conversation with Mary R. Lefkowitz, Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities Emerita at Wellesley College. For more information, please contact Sophia Christoforatos at 609-454-6820 or schristoforatos@ascsa.org.

**Dates, times, and events are subject to change*



TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 | 2:00 PM
**TOUR AND "A BELIEF IN BOOKS" EXHIBIT ON THE 270TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY**
New York Society Library, 53 East 79th Street, New York, NY

Established in 1754, the New York Society Library is the city's oldest cultural institution and one of the first libraries in the United States. The Library founders, all Enlightenment men committed to personal freedom, religious tolerance, and the separation of church and state, believed that a subscription library, open to all, would inevitably lead to a better society.

The exhibit, *A Belief in Books*, addresses the uncomfortable fact that while Enlightenment thought demanded individual rights for white men, it also upheld the idea that slavery was part of the natural world order. Every aspect of New York's economy relied on the slave trade, as did the fortune of every colonist, including the Library's founders. Only British ships with British goods could enter New York harbor, and the ships that carried books from London also brought enslaved Africans to the American and Caribbean colonies. Books on display from the Library's collection between 1754 and the outbreak of the Revolutionary War illustrate the wide variety of genres and titles read by Library members.

Also included in the tour will be the viewing of a notable manuscript by Lord Byron.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 | 6:30 PM
A CONVERSATION WITH MARY LEFKOWITZ
LED BY LYNN SHERR, BROADCASTER AND JOURNALIST
Grolier Club, 47 East 60th Street, New York, NY

Be part of a conversation between our 2024 Athens Prize recipient Mary Lefkowitz and her former student Lynn Sherr. Sherr, a broadcast journalist and author who is best known as a correspondent for the ABC news magazine 20/20, holds a bachelor's degree in Ancient Greek from Wellesley College, where she was a student of Mary Lefkowitz. Her numerous accolades include an Emmy, two American Women in Radio and Television Commendation awards, a Gracie Award, and a George Foster Peabody Award. Her books include *Swim*, *Outside the Box*, and *America the Beautiful*.

This event is followed by cocktails at the private residence of one of our gala committee members.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 | 11:30 AM

**“IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY”
LUNCH & CONVERSATION**

New York Yacht Club, 37 West 44th Street, New York, NY

Join a private lunch and captivating conversation highlighting the American School of Classical Studies at Athens’s most recent exhibit entitled, “In the Name of Humanity: American Relief Aid in Greece 1918–1929.” Co-curators Natalia Vogeikoff-Brogan, Doreen Canaday Spitzer Director of Archives, and Maria Georgopoulou, Director of the Gennadius Library, will discuss the fascinating background to this exhibit, which tells and illustrates the story of one of the greatest humanitarian efforts in human history.

The profound impact of the Lausanne Convention’s population exchange reverberated for a decade as 1.2 million Greek Orthodox Turkish nationals were uprooted from Turkey to Greece, while 400,000 Muslim Greek nationals were moved from Greece to Turkey. American humanitarian agencies such as the *American Red Cross*, *Near East Relief*, *American Women’s Hospitals*, and the *YMCA* united to deliver invaluable emergency relief to orphaned children and displaced refugees.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 | 2:00 PM

HADESTOWN ON BROADWAY
(OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE)

Walter Kerr Theatre, 219 West 48th Street, New York, NY

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM THE THEATRE

Ready to journey to the underworld and back? This optional experience invites you to see *Hadestown*, winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and Grammy Award winner for Best Musical Theater Album and Best Original Score! This masterful Broadway spectacle intertwines two mythical tales of love from ancient Greece—that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice and King Hades and his wife, Persephone.





WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 | 6:00 PM

"THE WISDOM OF STORIES"

THALIA POTAMIANOS LECTURE BY EMILY WILSON

St. Bartholomew's Church, 325 Park Avenue, New York, NY

"The Wisdom of Stories" is the third of Emily Wilson's 2023–2024 Thalia Potamianos lectures on the theme *The Myth, Magic, and Mystery of the Ancient Greeks: Exploring the Connections to Contemporary Culture*. The Thalia Potamianos Lecture Series is hosted annually by the Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens thanks to the generous support of Phokion Potamianos. The first lecture on "The Vulnerability of Heroism" occurred last October in Athens, Greece. The second installment, "Destiny, Tradition, and Choice," took place in Washington, D.C. Wilson's third and final lecture, "The Wisdom of Stories," will be at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City. It will be live-streamed and simulcast in Greek.

Classicist, author, translator, and Professor of Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Emily Wilson has recently earned widespread recognition and praise for her acclaimed translations of Homer's *Odyssey* (November 2017) and *Iliad* (September 2023).



THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 | 11:00 AM
"WOMEN IN ANCIENT GREECE"
PRIVATE TOUR BY JENIFER NEILS & ALAN SHAPIRO
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 5th Avenue, New York, NY

Professors Jenifer Neils, former Director of the American School, and Alan Shapiro, former Dietrich von Bothmer Research Scholar at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, will provide an engaging one-hour tour in the museum's Greek art galleries. With their expert guidance you will explore the imagery of women in ancient Greece, from abstract Cycladic figurines to hyper-realistic Hellenistic statues.

Our guests will also have the opportunity to examine painted vases from the Geometric period to the 5th century BCE, and to consider the various roles played by women (wives, mourners, priestesses, servants), their different social and economic circumstances, and their important contributions to Greek history.





THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 | 6:00 PM
COCKTAILS 6 PM | DINNER 7 PM
GALA 2024, HONORING MARY LEFKOWITZ
Gotham Hall, 1356 Broadway at 36th Street, New York, NY

On Thursday, May 9, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will host its eighth annual Gala to benefit the School's mission of preserving, promoting, and protecting all aspects of Greek culture from prehistory to the present. During our premier event of the year, we celebrate Greece's rich heritage with the Hellenic world's most influential leaders and scholars and honor those who have made significant contributions to the study of the Greek world. This year, we will present distinguished scholar and American School Trustee Mary Lefkowitz with the Athens Prize for her outstanding contribution to advancing knowledge of ancient Greece. The gala will feature the world premiere of the film "Mary Lefkowitz and Women in Ancient Greece."

The Gala provides an essential funding source for the School and its academic programming, excavations, outreach, publications, research, and a wide range of free public lectures, exhibitions, concerts, and award-winning short films.



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