

1<sup>ST</sup> SUMMER PIANO INSTITUTE  
CORFU 23-30 OF JUNE 2013  
PIANO PLUS FESTIVAL – IONIAN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

*Piano Plus Festival welcomes you to the first Summer Piano Institute for university-age students. The Institute is organized in conjunction with the Department of Music of Ionian University and is supported by the Ionian Islands Prefecture. The seminars, master classes, concerts and excursions will take place on the island of Corfu, Greece, one of the most famous tourist destinations in the country.*

*The activities of the Institute will be held in the Old Fortress of Corfu. The Old Fortress is one of the most impressive fortifications in Europe. It is the first thing one sees when approaching Corfu by ferry. It stands on the eastern side of the town, on a rocky peninsula jutting into the sea. This fortress is called "Old" in contrast to the New Fortress (of Saint Mark) that was also built to protect the town from enemies and pirates. The Old Fortress was constructed by the Venetians in the 15th century on the site of a former Byzantine castle. Since 1992 it has served as the home of the Department of Music of Ionian University and inspires hundreds of students who have the luck to practice and perform in this historical setting.*

*The goal of the Piano Institute is to bring together influential artists from major Greek and international music institutions to share knowledge and experience with music students from all over the world. We hope that this Piano Plus Festival Summer Institute will be a unique experience for artists, audiences, and of course for students. This musical week will be filled with performances, special events, visits to historical sites and museums in the old town, excursions around the island and neighboring islands, and of course lots of fun!*

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### *The Island of Corfu*

*Corfu (or Kefyra) is a favourite vacation destination in Greece, along with Mykonos and Rhodes. The island of Corfu was one of the first islands in Greece to open itself to tourism and has everything to offer. The island attracts thousands of visitors every year from all parts of the world. Corfu is part of the Ionian Islands and lies in the north of the group, at the entrance of the Adriatic Sea, facing Albania. It is the second largest island of the Ionian group after Kefalonia. Corfu has a total area of 592 square kilometres and a coastline of 216 kilometres. Of the island's 100,000 residents, 30,000 live in the capital of the island, Corfu Town (or Kerkyra). Because of the mild Mediterranean climate and heavy rainfall during winter, Corfu boasts an abundance of verdant vegetation and natural flora-this phenomenon makes it one of the greenest islands in Greece. The island is mountainous and in its northern centre lies Mount*

*Pantokrator, the highest mountain in Corfu, which rises to an altitude of 914 metres. Several flat areas, plains, two lakes and a few rivers complete the beautiful landscape. Corfu was the first island to welcome and open its doors to tourism and has since become an important international tourism centre attracting many visitors and offering well-equipped and modern tourism facilities. The economy of Corfu is mainly based on tourism, but a small part is still devoted to agriculture. The inhabitants of the island produce high quality olive oil and wines throughout the mountainous villages.*

*The capital of the island, Corfu Town, serves as the main port. It is the largest town in the Ionians and one of the most beautiful towns in the Greek Islands. Built between two fortresses and full of superb Italian and French buildings, Byzantine churches and flowered squares, Corfu Town is a real jewel filled with innumerable charms and beauties. Corfu's natural beauty hasn't gone unnoticed by the film industry-it has been the setting for several movies. North of Corfu are three small islands, untouched by tourism and very private. These are the Diapontia Islands: Othoni, Mathraki and Ereikoussa.*

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#### *Opportunities and Activities*

- Private lessons and master class sessions with all the artists*
- Performance opportunities at the Piano Plus Festival in Athens, Greece*
- Recitals featuring faculty, guests, and participants*
- Excursions around the island of Corfu and neighboring islands*
- Unique personal and professional relationships*

#### *Guest Artists – Faculty*

*Lambis Vassiliadis – Ionian University, Department of Music*

*Dr. Paul Barnes - University Of Nebraska-Lincoln, School of Music*

*Dr. Robert Satterlee – Bowling Green State University, College of Musical Arts*

*Dr. Eri Nakagawa - Mahidol University of Thailand, College of Music*

#### *Housing and Accommodation*

*A limited number of double rooms will be provided, in priority, at the dormitory building of Ionian University for \$20 per night in addition to the lesson fee. Applicants who don't get a room at the dormitory building will be forwarded to partner hotels at a discounted rate.*

### *Registration and fees*

*The registration fee for the Summer Piano Institute is four hundred dollars or three hundred euros (\$400 or 300 euros). This amount includes three forty-minute private lessons, practice room maintenance and use fees, participation at the student recital, airport transportation, transportation expenses for most of the excursions, and three complimentary meals.*

*The full amount has to be paid by Saturday, June 15, 2013.*

*After submitting your application you will receive a confirmation email with payment details and options. Cancellations are subject to a fifty dollar or forty euro (\$50 or 40euro) cancellation fee. Refunds may be given at the discretion of Piano Plus Festival, but in no case after the camp begins.*

*For more information and online application please visit*

*[www.pianoplusfestival.gr/summerpianoinstitute](http://www.pianoplusfestival.gr/summerpianoinstitute)*