

**7-8 October**

**AKROPOLIS PARK**

**FREE ENTRANCE**

**19:00 05-06/10/2023**  
Opening Ceremony

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Parallel Events

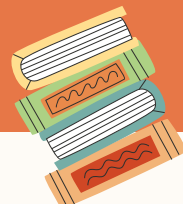
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**Organiser:** ΝΙΚΟΣΙΑ BOOK FEST

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Children's Stage



- 10:00 FESTIVAL OPENING**
- 10:15 PRESENTATION**  
**When Lady Mouse trusted a stranger**  
with Georgia Kyriakou  
A story that teaches children that they should never trust a stranger that tempts them. Addressed to children of 3-7 years old.
- 11:00 AWARD CEREMONY**  
**Stories to Dream about!**  
Festive closing of a reading programme of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Rivergate bookshop. Schools and students present their work in an exhibition.
- 11:30 BOOK PRESENTATION**  
**Random pages from the Diary of Trigonopsaroulis**  
with Vangelis Iliopoulos  
Join us, as we recall the adventures of the most beloved fish of the deep ocean and plan together his new stories. With music, painting, role-playing games and creative writing techniques. Come on, if you're a reader, become a co-creator! The sea adventure begins...
- 12:00 INTERACTIVE BOOK STORYTELLING**  
**When imagination goes to school!**  
with Despina Liarakou  
Lina creates wonderful stories with her imagination. But what will happen when it's time to go to school? Come and find out in an imaginative, interactive presentation with games, music and crafts.  
*Organised by TELEIA Publications.*
- 12:45 INTERACTIVE BOOK STORYTELLING**  
**Booklover's notebook**  
with Maria Geralda Zyka Nikits  
A book about book literacy and becoming familiar with the process of note-taking, which helps the memory of young bookworms.
- 14:00 PRESENTATION / INTERACTIVE NARRATIVE FOR CHILDREN**  
**Narrations in the sea-loving land**  
Come and learn about sensitivity and tenderness, through an interactive narrative, about the experiences, realities, needs and challenges of a child-refugee, during the adventure-filled and dilemma-filled "journey" of leaving his country of origin, in order to finally arrive in a new, safe country.

- 15:00 TREASURE HUNT**  
**with my favourite little bee, Bouloubino**  
No one should be indifferent to what is happening in the environment. We all belong to the same Ecosystem. The Earth is our Home. Bouloubino is shouting everywhere to be heard and sets up an amazing treasure hunt together with all the bees. Come and play and help save our planet. Because the treasure is... a surprise!  
*Organised by Nicosia Book Fest and Rivergate bookstore.*
- 16:00 INTERACTIVE BOOK STORYTELLING**  
**Silan's Box**  
with Alkisti Halikia  
Every box is a small world for every child! But Silan does not open his own box. No one knows what's inside until his friendship with the children deepens and makes him trust them.
- 16:45 BOOK LOVERS WORKSHOP**  
**Books within books!**  
with Anna Kouppanou  
How do we play with books? How do we read them? How do we find new stories, heroes, ideas from their ideas, new books within their pages?
- 17:30 PRESENTATION**  
**A growing hug**  
with Marios Mazaris  
A story of compassion worth reading in a classroom, in a house, in a forest or even in front of a mirror. For children of ages 4+.
- 18:15 INTERACTIVE MUSIC STORYTELLING**  
**Sky collector**  
with Vaso Panagi  
What would happen if the sky in your city faded away forever? Really, can anyone create the sky? A story with role-play will lead children to gather materials for the sky collector.  
*Organised by EYGNOMON Publications.*
- 19:10 ANIMATED FILM PROJECTION FOR CHILDREN**  
**Views of the Fantastic**  
A selection of children's films from the archive of the International Animation Festival Views of the World that stood out in the context of its children's edition.  
*Organised by the Nicosia Book Fest and Animafest Cyprus.*



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Literary Stage

- 10:00 FESTIVAL OPENING**
- 11:30 PRESENTATION**  
**Poetry writings [Poimatomografies]**  
George Frangos discusses literary criticism drawing from his recent book "Poimatomografies". Aimilios Solomou (teacher, writer) and George Myaris (philologist, writer) discuss with the author.
- 15:00 TRIBUTE TO THE COUNTRY OF HONOUR**  
**Wander in Chinese culture**
- 15:45 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**  
**A discussion on the support of the Cypriot book and its future**  
Participants include representatives of publishers' and booksellers' organisations.  
*Organised by the Cyprus Writers' Union.*
- 16:30 DISCUSSION**  
**From Literacy to Critique Literacy: The role of literature and the public discourse**  
Participants: Vivian Avraamidou-Plumbi (writer, economist) Marina Armeiti (poet, philologist, columnist), Erato Kozakou Markoulli (writer, poet, politician), Michalis Papadopoulos (playwright, painter), Tonia Stavrinou (journalist, columnist), Stavros Christodoulou (writer, journalist, columnist). Coordinator: Zacharoula Mala (philologist, President of the Pancyprian Literacy Promotion Organization).  
*Organized by the Pancyprian Literacy Promotion Organization.*
- 17:15 BOOK PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**  
**Brandy Sour and Things Virgin Mary thinks about while secretly smoking in the bathroom**  
Women observing women! The authors Constantia Soteriou and Alexandra K\* 'interrogate' each other and interact with their audience.  
*Organised by Nicosia Book Fest.*
- 18:00 BOOK PRESENTATION**  
**The nostalgia of loss**  
The authors Constantia Soteriou and Theodoros Gregoriades have a discussion about the author's latest book, about personal narratives, stories of friends and of people passing by.  
*Organised by Nicosia Book Fest.*
- 18:45 BOOK PRESENTATION**  
**Bee-eaters and Notes on the sidelines**  
Writers Andreas Chrysanthou and Michalis Christofidis discuss about prose and poetry that transcend checkpoints and language barriers. Bilingual Cypriot literature in Turkish and Greek against the backdrop of a reunited Cyprus.  
*Organised by Almyra publications.*

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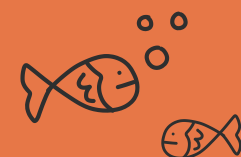
**Participants**

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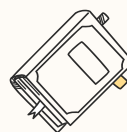


Children's Stage



- 10:00 FESTIVAL OPENING**
- 10:15 PRESENTATION**  
**Mari(on)etta - Puppet**  
with Ivy Samuel  
The author presents her new book.  
*Organized by EN TYPOIS Publications.*
- 11:00 INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION**  
**Emilia's fantastic journeys**  
with Dimitra Charalambous  
Come and meet Emilia, discover a whole bunch of new travellers. Together we will solve riddles, play games, sing and make beautiful crafts.  
*Organized by TELEIA Publications.*
- 11:45 INTERACTIVE BOOK STORYTELLING**  
**A school in turmoil**  
with Alkisti Halikia  
A book that transforms the idea of school into what every child would want: A school full of surprises, where you learn by playing, a school with deep and real relationships!
- 12:30 INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION**  
**The different mind of Alexander**  
with Marilyn Zanettou  
In the city of the rainbow Alexander has a hard time until Hector arrives. A book about diversity and the world of emotions. For ages 6-12.
- 14:15 BOOK PRESENTATION**  
**Colourful Darkness**  
Eleni Andreou  
Through interactive activities and crafts the presentation addresses overcoming fears, sibling relationships, forgiveness and kindness, cultivating imagination and growth. Aimed at ages 4-8. Language: English

- 15:00 TREASURE HUNT**  
**A dive into fairy tales!**  
A fascinating journey into the world of fairy tales with puzzles and clues that will lead little bookworms to discover the lost treasure.  
*Organised by Nicosia Book Fest and Rivergate bookshop.*
- 15:45 THEATRE PLAY**  
**Operation Going-Green!**  
with Eleni Papatheodorou  
Through a theatrical game (role play) the children will take on roles and put themselves in the shoes of the forest animals and the villain.  
*Organised by SYMETRIA Publications.*
- 16:30 PRESENTATION**  
**My Literary Pharmacy**  
with Elena Pericleous  
Every time you're sad, just read a story. You will definitely feel better after "they lived happily ever after". An interactive presentation on the healing properties of books.
- 17:15 EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP**  
**The chase for lost happiness**  
with Elena Panagi  
The children will be called upon to help the hero find the happiness he deserves. An action with handmade dolls, puzzles and adventure.  
*Organized by PHYLATOS Publications.*
- 18:00 STORYTELLING & DRAMATIZATION OF FAIRY TALES**  
**I can**  
with Teatro Angelico  
An entertaining presentation that invites children to laugh, travel to the world of fairy tales and experience unforgettable moments! Presented by Andreas Pasiadou and Cosmas Fakiris.  
*Supported by Teatro Angelico and the Center of Creation and Expression "Kapou Allou" [Somewhere Else]*
- 19:00 INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION**  
**Witch Thermuela in crisis**  
with Christoforos Christoforou  
When a talented witch who warms up the planet using the actions of people gets a chance from Santa Claus to be acknowledged and taken off the sidelines, she decides to change and save the planet. For ages 5-8.



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Literary Stage

- 10:00 FESTIVAL OPENING**
- 11:30 PRESENTATION**  
**Welcome to the world: 50+2 activities for the mental empowerment of the child**  
Marios Mazaris welcomes you in a discussion of proposals and actions for the mental empowerment of children and their connection with their peers and family.
- 12:15 PRESENTATION**  
**European funding opportunities through the Creative Europe programme**  
Presenter: Nenad Bogdanovic, Operational Programming Coordinator of the Agency for European Programmes and Cultural Relations, Head of the Creative Europe Office in Cyprus.
- 12:40 TRIBUTE TO THE COUNTRY OF HONOUR**  
**Wander in Chinese culture**
- 15:00 READ Digital Library presents**  
**The book in eternity**  
"I play with letters, guess the words, use my imagination and make an e-book." How did we go from letters to words and make stories? How did we give our stories eternity? Andreou K. Andreas, Writer/Librarian, Panaou Petros, Writer/Teacher of Children's Literature at the University of Georgia, Pericleous Elena, President of CYBBY/Educator/Writer, Petrou Theodora, President of KEBEP/ Librarian. Coordinated by Lassithiotaki Androniki, Digital Library Read Curator / Board Member of CYBBY.
- 15:45 PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**  
**Young Cypriot writers introduced**  
Participants: Aytunç Şabanlı, Ourania Dimitriou, Hüseyin Barca, Panagiota Zintili. Coordinated by Maria Siakalli & Marios Georgiou.  
*Organized by the Culture Movement.*
- 16:30 PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**  
**Contemporary Cypriot Playwrights**  
Contemporary theatre approached through the eyes and works of George Neophytou (playwright) and Christos Zanos (director). Moderator: Andri Constantinou (Associate professor in Frederick University in Drama and Puppetry in Education and Theatre History).
- 17:15 BOOK PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**  
**National Literary Awards - The winners presented**  
Writers Antonis Balasopoulos, Kostas Lympouris, Michalis Mavrotheris and Maria Cantonidou discuss the importance of the awards and their works. Moderator: Olga Pieridou.
- 18:00 BOOK PRESENTATION**  
**Tzintili**  
Constantia Soteriou is presenting and talking with the author Deme-tris Christopoulos. The book received the Special State Literature Award 2021 in Greece.
- 18:45 IN MEMORIAM**  
**Tribute to Nazim Hikmet**  
Vasilis Kalamaras (journalist and literary critic) and Prof. Kostas Goulamos present the great poet, Nazim Hikmet.



# Parallel Events

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**18:30 PRESENTATION transform europe!**  
Presentation of the annual YEARBOOK of the transform! europe network of research centres.  
Discussion: **Facing the State. Left Analysis and Perspective**  
Speaker: Haris Golemis (Editor)  
**VENUE:** UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS, Amphitheatre LRC 012 (Stelios Ioannou Library Information Centre).

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**11:30 PRESS CONFERENCE**  
Press conference with organisers and the country of honour.  
**VENUE:** CENTRAL STAGE

**11:00 HANDICRAFTS FOR CHILDREN**  
**Book-inspired arts and crafts**  
**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AREA** (next to the Children's Stage)  
Organised by Carina Creates.

**16:00 CHINESE HANDICRAFTS**  
**Traditional Chinese creations for children with paper folding**  
**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AREA** (next to the Children's Stage)  
Organised by the Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**17:00 SIMULTANE - CHESS COMPETITION**  
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## Tribute to the Country of Honour - CHINA CHINESE LITERATURE and CULTURE



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阅读中国 **READING CHINA**

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**10:30 EXHIBITION OPENING**  
**Inauguration of traditional chinese paintings exhibition**  
Special Exhibition A Comprehensive Collection of Ancient Chinese Paintings

**11:00 FORUM**  
**China-Cyprus Forum for Civilizations Exchanges and Cooperation**  
Co-organised by the China National Publications Import & Export (Group) CO., Ltd, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Cyprus, the University of Cyprus and the Research Institute Promitheas.  
Language: English - Chinese  
**VENUE:** UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS  
Ceremony Hall- University of Cyprus (Kallipoleos Avenue 75 - Lefkosia)

**19:15 OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 8th NICOSIA BOOK FEST**  
**INAUGURATION OF PHOTO EXHIBITION AND GUEST OF HONOR COUNTRY LECTURE / PRESENTATION**  
**Man and Nature in Harmony**  
Introductory speech: Prof. Kostas Gouliamos  
Vice-President of the B.o.D. of Research Institute Promitheas,  
Member of the European Academy of Science and Arts.  
Keynote speech: Prof. Liu Zhenyun  
Chinese Author, Professor of Renmin University of China.

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**10:00- CHINESE BOOK EXHIBITION**  
**VENUE:** CHINA PAVILION - (by the Central Stage)

**20:00 MUSIC PERFORMANCE**  
**I am a book, Read me!**  
Chinese children's choir performs the song *I'm a book Read me*  
Organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus

**11:00- CHINESE PUBLICATIONS**  
**Publishing exchange activities**  
**VENUE:** CENTRAL STAGE

**11:50 PERFORMANCE**  
**Performance of Chinese Calligraphy**  
**VENUE:** PERFORMANCE STAGE "ANALOYIO"  
Organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**15:00 GUEST OF HONOR COUNTRY TRIBUTE**  
**Wander in Chinese Culture**  
**VENUE:** LITERARY STAGE

**17:30 MUSIC PERFORMANCE**  
**Performance featuring traditional Chinese musical instruments.**  
**VENUE:** LITERARY STAGE  
Organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**18:30 NETWORKING EVENT**  
**Cyprus-China publishers and bookshop owners networking**  
**VENUE:** CHINA PAVILION  
Organised by the Nicosia Book Fest

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**10:00- CHINESE BOOK EXHIBITION**  
**VENUE:** CHINA PAVILION - (by the Central Stage)

**11:30 Kong Zhu PERFORMANCE**  
Organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.  
**VENUE:** CENTRAL STAGE

**12:40 GUEST OF HONOR COUNTRY TRIBUTE**  
**Wander in Chinese Culture**  
**VENUE:** LITERARY STAGE

**16:00 PERFORMANCE**  
**Performance of Chinese Calligraphy**  
**VENUE:** PERFORMANCE STAGE "ANALOYIO"  
Organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**17:00 CHINESE HANDICRAFTS**  
**Paper Folding - Traditional chinese paper folding kids activities.**  
**VENUE:** CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES (the Children's Stage)  
Organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus

**18:30 TRADITIONAL CHINESE PUPPET PERFORMANCE**  
**Quan Zhou Marionette Troupe**  
Organised by Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.  
**VENUE:** CENTRAL STAGE

## Central Stage

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**10:30 MUSIC PERFORMANCE**  
**I am a book, Read me!**  
Chinese children's choir performs the song "I am a book Read Me", the message for the World Children's Book Day 2023 written by the author Vangelis Iliopoulos for the IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People)  
Organised by the Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**11:00- CHINESE PUBLICATIONS**  
**Publishing exchange activities**

**20:30 MUSIC CONCERT**  
**In Memoriam**  
Music performance dedicated to the poetry of **Nazim Hikmet**.  
Performers: Rita Antonopoulou and Manolis Androulidakis.



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**11:30 Kong Zhu PERFORMANCE**  
Organised by the Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**18:30 PERFORMANCE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE PUPPETS**  
**Quan Zhou Marionette Troupe**  
Organised by the Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**20:00 THEATRE PERFORMANCE**  
**Tsetse**  
The theatre group *Solo for Three (Solo Yia Tris)* presents the play "Tsetse" by the Italian writer Luigi Pirandello. A comedy of misunderstandings, in which the puns, witty lines and twists that dress up his humour are clearly visible.



FREE ENTRANCE

## performance stage

# Analogio at the Park

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**11:20 PERFORMANCE**  
**Colours of the Sun**  
George Papaconstantinou  
A stitching of texts in the Cypriot dialect by the Cypriot poet and writer George Papaconstantinou with excerpts from the books *Sunset* and *Colours*.

**11:50 PRESENTATION**  
**Performance of Chinese calligraphy**  
Organised by the Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**17:20 LIVE PERFORMANCE**  
**The Bar of Sensations**  
Anna Metochi  
Reading of excerpts with live performance from the collective work of Antonis Andronikos, Eleni Karahanidis and Anna Metochi.

**17:50 NOVEL NARRATION**  
**The Treasure of Spain**  
Andri Christofidou Antoniadou  
Performance - reading from the book by the actor Haris Evripidou.

**18:40 POETRY PERFORMANCE**  
**Daughter of migrants**  
Koraly Dimitriadis  
A performance about love, loss and the migrant experience.  
**Language:** English

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**11:05 VIGNETTES ON STAGE**  
**Of Shame**  
Vivian Avraamidou-Ploubi

**11:45 POETRY PERFORMANCE**  
**The Betrayal of "I Love You"**  
with Panagiota Zintili  
Excerpts from the poetry collection "Poetry on the streets".

**16:30 PRESENTATION**  
**Sevdas**  
with Maria Ioannou, Almyra Publications.

**17:00 THEATRICAL STAND**  
**La Pasionaria**  
Inspired by the book *No Pasaran*, Almyra Publications.

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**17:30 THEATRE PERFORMANCE**  
**Letter from the wife of protomastoras [master builder]**  
Presented by the students of the G.C. School of Careers: Nikolettta Makridi, Anna Lorena Massia and Despina Kafkaridou.  
General supervision: Stella Koutsogianni Panteli.

**18:00 PRESENTATION**  
**Performance of Chinese calligraphy**  
Organised by the Confucius Institute at the University of Cyprus.

**18:30 POEMS SET TO MUSIC**  
**Red Lake**  
with Sofia Barka: poetry, dramaturgy, narrative performance and Nama Dama (Anastasia Demetriadou): music composition, stage performance.

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