



IARPS NEWS

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5 July 2026

The Elgin Marbles: A Case for Restitution

Link:

[Elgin Marbles Restitution: The Case for Returning Them to Athens](#)

History Reclaimed has published several articles defending the retention of the Elgin Marbles in the British Museum. We publish here the alternative view that they should return to Athens.

Source: History Reclaimed

14 July 2026

Australian premiere of 'The Marbles' rallies support for Parthenon Sculptures campaign

Link:

[Australian premiere of 'The Marbles' ignites passion – The Greek Herald](#)

The voice of the Greek diaspora reverberated strongly through Carlton, Victoria, over the weekend, as an enthusiastic, full-capacity audience gathered at Cinema Nova for the highly anticipated Australian premiere of the documentary feature film, *The Marbles*, directed by David Wilkinson.

Source: The Greek Herald

18 July 2026

Revealed: Andy Burnham has backed the return of the Parthenon Marbles for 25 years

Link:

[Revealed: Andy Burnham has backed the return of the Parthenon Marbles for 25 years](#)

Will Britain's next Prime Minister become Greece's strongest ally yet in Downing Street?

Source: Linkedin – Yannis Andritsopoulos

18 July 2026

«Επιστρέψτε τα Γλυπτά στην Ελλάδα!» – Όταν ο Άντι Μπέρναμ μας «έστελνε» τα μάρμαρα του Παρθενώνα

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Επί 25 χρόνια, ο νέος πρωθυπουργός της Βρετανίας έχει υποστηρίξει επανειλημμένα τον επαναπατρισμό των Μαρμάρων του Παρθενώνα χωρίς όρους και ανταλλάγματα - Θα κάνει τον λόγο του πράξη;

Source: Ta Nea

20 July 2026

Greece Hopes Andy Burnham Will Return the Parthenon Sculptures

Link:

[Greece Hopes Andy Burnham Will Return the Parthenon Sculptures - The New York Times](#)

For anyone hoping that Britain will one day return the Parthenon Sculptures to Greece, Andy Burnham's appointment offers hope. Mr. Burnham has been a long-term supporter of returning the sculptures, also known as the Parthenon marbles, that once decorated the ancient temple in Athens, but have been displayed in the British Museum for many decades.

Source: The New York Times

20 July 2026

Andy Burnham Backs Return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece

Link:

[Andy Burnham Backs Return of the Parthenon Marbles - Artlyst](#)

Andy Burnham will become the first serving British Prime Minister with a publicly documented and consistently held record of supporting the return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece, a position he has maintained for nearly a quarter of a century across roles as a backbench MP, Culture Secretary and Mayor of Greater Manchester.

Source: Artlyst

21 July 2026

Ο Μπέρναμ και τα Γλυπτά

[Email attachments - OneDrive.](#)

Source: Ta Nea

21 July 2026

Major Elgin Marbles update as Andy Burnham becomes PM

Link:

[Major Elgin Marbles update as Andy Burnham becomes PM | World | News | Express.co.uk](#)

Greece's decades-long campaign to secure the return of the iconic Elgin Marbles could face a dramatic new political reality following Andy Burnham's arrival in Downing Street. Athens has waged a relentless campaign to reunite the 2,500-year-old artefacts in the Acropolis Museum.

Source: Express

21 July 2026

What Andy Burnham's Premiership Could Mean for Greece's Bid to Reunite the Parthenon Marbles

Link:

[What Andy Burnham's Premiership Could Mean for Greece's Bid to Reunite the Parthenon Marbles - GreekReporter.com](#)

For decades, Greece has pressed for the reunification of the Parthenon Marbles, arguing that the sculptures belong alongside the remaining masterpieces displayed at the Acropolis Museum in Athens. Now, with Andy Burnham becoming Britain's prime minister after years of publicly supporting their return, the long-running cultural dispute has entered a potentially significant new chapter?

Source: Greek Reporter

22 July 2026

Link:

[Parthenon Marbles: Could Andy Burnham return the Elgin Marbles to Greece?](#)

The return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece could be a 'game changer' for all of us

Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

22 July 2026

Link:

[ArtDependence | Andy Burnham and the Parthenon Marbles: A 20-Year Campaign for Restitution](#)

Andy Burnham and the Parthenon Marbles: A 20-Year Campaign for Restitution

During the reopening of the Manchester Museum in February 2023, Burnham was asked directly if Osborne should give the sculptures back. His answer was unqualified: "Yes, George Osborne should give the Elgin Marbles back." He clarified his view shortly after on social media, writing: "Send them back, no strings attached. And let's use culture to change how Britain is seen around the world."

Source: Art Dependence Magazine

22 July 2026

Link:

[Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα: Υπέρ της επιστροφής τους στην Ελλάδα ο νέος πρωθυπουργός της Βρετανίας - Newsbeast](#)

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Νέα δεδομένα στην πολύχρονη διεκδίκηση για την επανένωση των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα δημιουργεί η ανάληψη της πρωθυπουργίας της Βρετανίας από τον Άντι Μπέρναμ, έναν πολιτικό που έχει ταχθεί δημόσια και επανειλημμένα υπέρ της επιστροφής τους στην Ελλάδα.

Source: Newsbeast

23 July 2026

Link:

[New Prospects for the Parthenon Marbles? - Greece Is](#)

New Prospects for the Parthenon Marbles?

What can Greece expect regarding the Parthenon Marbles under Britain's new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham? Prof. Paul Cartledge and Prof. Eirini Stamatoudi answer the question.

Source: Greece Is

23 July 2026

Link:

[Ο Βρετανός πρόεδρος που ερωτεύτηκε την Ελλάδα: Ο Μάθιου Λοτζ αποχαιρετά τη χώρα μας τον Σεπτέμβριο - Newsbeast](#)

Ο Βρετανός πρόεδρος που ερωτεύτηκε την Ελλάδα: Ο Μάθιου Λοτζ αποχαιρετά τη χώρα μας τον Σεπτέμβριο

Υπήρξε και ο μοναδικός ίσως διπλωμάτης που μίλησε ξεκάθαρα εκφράζοντας ταυτόχρονα την ευχή ως φιλέλληνας να υπάρχει πρόοδος στο χρόνιο ζήτημα των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα.

Source: Newsbeast

24 July 2026

Link:

[Can Andy Burnham Return the Parthenon Marbles? | The Art Journal | The Art Journal](#)

Can Andy Burnham Secure the Return of the Parthenon Marbles?

For the first time, a British prime minister has publicly backed returning the Parthenon Marbles to Greece. But Andy Burnham's historic break with political orthodoxy may prove easier to declare than deliver. Can he break the deadlock?

Source: The Art Journal

27 July 2026

Link:

[Débat sur la restitution : défendre le musée universel contre le nationalisme](#)

Cet archéologue s'oppose à la restitution d'œuvres exposées dans les musées occidentaux et voilà ses arguments

« Si nous permettons que le patrimoine soit dépouillé de sa signification et remis à des tribus en compétition, nous ne perdrons pas seulement nos musées, nous perdrons la capacité de nous reconnaître dans l'histoire des autres. »

Source: atlantico

29 July 2026

Link:

[Parthenon Sculptures: From Byron to Burnham | eKathimerini.com](#)

Parthenon Sculptures: From Byron to Burnham

Andy Burnham's elevation to the office of UK prime minister has once again brought the debate over the return of the Parthenon Sculptures to the forefront. Burnham has previously expressed his support for their return to Athens. The question now is whether he will act on that position as prime minister.

Source: Ekathimerini

29 July 2026

INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH – LINA MENDONI: “Culture is not only about preserving memory. It is also a driver of development, a source of unique experiences and Greece’s greatest competitive advantage”

Let us move to the Parthenon Sculptures. This is a national objective that appears to be closer than ever before. There have been developments, yet there is often the impression that one step forward is followed by two steps back.

It is not an easy case. It is a matter that requires time. However, throughout all these years we have succeeded in significantly strengthening Greece’s claim. More and more countries, expressing their official position at the highest level, are now declaring their support for Greece.

At the same time, we have advanced our negotiations and our discussions. Today we are in dialogue both with the British Museum and with the British side, something that was not the case in the past.

I believe that both sides have their own red lines, and they maintain them. Nevertheless, through dialogue, diplomatic initiatives and the actions taking place at the international level, continuous steps are being taken towards our common objective.

That does not, of course, mean that this objective will be achieved tomorrow.

Source: money-tourism.gr

30 July 2026

David Hill Sees Historic Opportunity for Return of Parthenon Sculptures

David Hill, honorary chair of IARPS and chair of the Australian Parthenon Association (APA), speaking with journalist Peter FitzSimons in an interview published by *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Hill said a decision by newly elected British Prime Minister Andy Burnham to return the sculptures would have implications far beyond Greece.

Source: Greek City Times

30 July 2026

Όταν η Μελίνα Μερκούρη ζήτησε επίσημα την επιστροφή των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα

Η ομιλία της στη Διάσκεψη της UNESCO το 1982, η διεθνής απήχηση και η αρχή μιας διεκδίκησης που παραμένει ανοιχτή μέχρι σήμερα.

Source: To Vima

31 July 2026

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[INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH – LINA MENDONI: “Culture is](#)

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[Όταν η Μελίνα Μερκούρη ζήτησε επίσημα την επιστροφή των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα - TO BHMA](#)

Link:

[31 Ιουλίου 1801: Η μέρα που άρχισε η μεγάλη πληγή του Παρθενώνα – Πώς ο Έλγιν άδειασε την Ακρόπολη | Flash](#)

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Μια μετόπη που κατέβηκε από τον Παρθενώνα έγινε η αρχή της μεγαλύτερης διαμάχης για την πολιτιστική κληρονομιά.

Source: Flash

Link:

[Η επιστροφή των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα και τα επιχειρήματα της Βρετανίας. Δρ Ειρήνη Σταματούδη.](#)

Past & Upcoming Events

This July we celebrate Emanuel Comino !

Vice-President of IARPS

Chair – Founder of IOC Australia (since 1981)

But assiduous campaigning for the return of the Parthenon

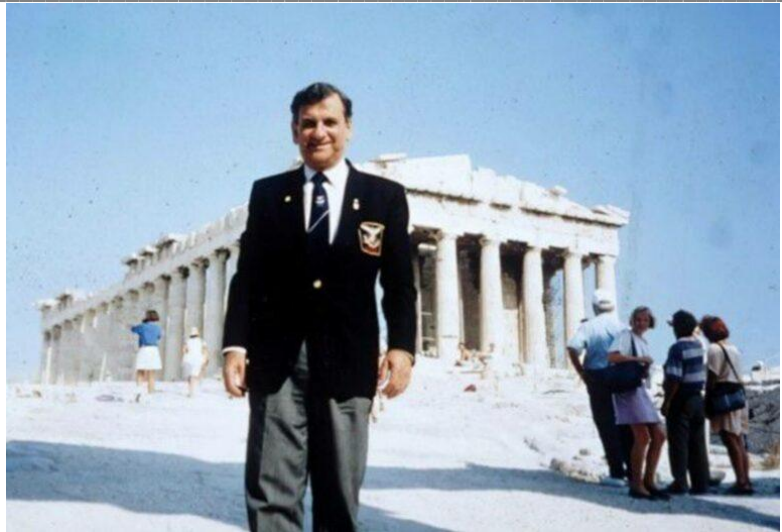
Marbles to Athens since 1976

40 Years !

Huge congratulations from us all, dear Emanuel, and “keep knocking on that door until it comes down”

Thank You !!!





Message from Geoffrey White (BARPS)

“On behalf of the British Association for the Reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures (Chair Andrew George MP) and the Acropolis Research Group, I am sending you, for your information, a copy of our position paper on the history and legal aspects of the possible return of the Parthenon Sculptures to Athens. I hope you will find it interesting. Please get in touch if you have any questions.”

I attach the document “Elgin Solution” to the Newsletter.

To listen and to watch

Link:

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