



# IARPS NEWS

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*23 February 2026*

Link:

[Veteran advocate Emanuel J. Comino vows to fight for Parthenon Marbles "until I die" - Neos Kosmos](#)

**Veteran advocate Emanuel J. Comino vows to fight for the Parthenon Marbles “until I die”**

Widely described as the “father of the campaign” in Australia, Comino remains unwavering in his position. “I will not stop until Britain sends them back to Greece,” he recently told members of the Greek diaspora.

Source: Neos Kosmos

*1 March 2026*

Link:

[Decanting the Parthenon Marbles](#)

**Decanting the Parthenon Marbles**

In recent years there have been suggestions of a possible breakthrough in behind-the-scenes negotiations centred on a proposed cultural partnership that would see the sculptures displayed in Athens for an extended period with Greece reciprocating with significant antiquities sent to London by way of rotating loans. But a final ‘deal’ is still proving elusive although the proposed “reimagining” of the British Museum may change the dynamics of the debate.

Source: Greek City Times

*2 March 2026*

Link:

[Βρετανικό Μουσείο: Τα Γλυπτά από το ροζ στο κόκκινο - ΤΑ ΝΕΑ](#)

**Βρετανικό Μουσείο: Τα Γλυπτά από το ροζ στο κόκκινο**

Μετά τον «Ροζ χορό», το Βρετανικό Μουσείο «έλουσε» με κόκκινο φως τα αριστουργήματα του Φειδία στο πλαίσιο του ετήσιου δείπνου των επιτρόπων του ιδρύματος.

Source: Ta Nea

*3 March 2026*

Link:

[Οκτώ ντοκιμαντέρ για μια κλοπή | Η ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΗ](#)

**Οκτώ ντοκιμαντέρ για μια κλοπή**

Γιατί τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα προσελκύουν ακόμη το ενδιαφέρον Ελλήνων και ξένων σκηνοθετών.

Source: Kathimerini

5 March 2026

### **Desmond Child in World Premiere, Juliette Binoche, and “The Marbles” Come to Thessaloniki Doc Festival**

Link:

[Desmond Child in World Premiere, Juliette Binoche, and "The Marbles" Come to Thessaloniki Doc Festival - GreekReporter.com](#)

One of the most anticipated screenings of the festival is the world premiere of *Desmond Child Rocks The Parthenon*, on March 13, which will take place in the presence of legendary songwriter and musician Desmond Child, the film’s director Heather Winters, and its producer, acclaimed Greek composer Phoebus.

However, Desmond Child will not be the only artist advocating for the return of the Parthenon Marbles at this year’s festival. David Wilkinson’s acclaimed documentary *The Marbles* will also have its Greek premiere in Thessaloniki on March 6 with the director present.

Source: Greek Reporter

6 March 2026

### **Melina Mercouri: The Epitome of the Hellenic Spirit**

Link:

[Melina Mercouri: The Epitome of the Hellenic Spirit - GreekReporter.com](#)

In the heart of every Greek, she was the first to fight for the ultimate rights of the Greek people, advocating for the return of the Parthenon Sculptures to their home, the Parthenon, atop the Acropolis.

Source: Greek Reporter

7 March 2026

### **Eleni Glykatzi-Ahrweiler’s Legacy & the Diaspora**

Link:

[Eleni Glykatzi-Ahrweiler’s Legacy & the Diaspora - The National Herald](#)

Byzantine historian Eleni Glykatzi-Ahrweiler has died aged 99, drawing widespread expressions of regret, condolences, and appreciation of her academic work and the many ways she explained and popularized notions of Byzantinism and Hellenism. And yet there was something missing, the recognition of Ahrweiler as a diaspora Greek.

Source: The National Herald

7 March 2026

### **Parthenon Marbles advocate inspires Oakleigh Grammar’s Year 12 students**

Link:

[Parthenon Marbles advocate inspires Oakleigh Grammar's Year 12 students – The Greek Herald](#)

Oakleigh Grammar was honoured to host respected Greek Australian community leader, Emanuel Comino, who visited the school this week to speak with Year 12 students about the importance of cultural heritage, stewardship, and advocacy.

Source: The Greek Herald

12 March 2026

**Desmond Child sur euronews : "Les sculptures du Parthénon devraient y être retournées"**

Link:

[Desmond Child sur euronews : "Les sculptures du Parthénon devraient y être retournées"](#)

Au cours de l'été 2022, Desmond Child a organisé à Athènes un concert exceptionnel pour soutenir la campagne internationale en faveur de la réunification des sculptures du Parthénon, avec la participation de grands artistes.

Source: Euro news

17 March 2026

**Parthenon Sculpture Fragment Found in Elgin's "Mentor" Wreck**

Link:

[Parthenon Sculpture Fragment Found in Elgin's "Mentor" Wreck - GreekReporter.com](#)

For the first time in over two centuries, a fragment of sculptural decoration from the Parthenon has been recovered from the shipwreck of Lord Elgin's "Mentor."

Source: Greek Reporter

19 March 2026

**Reuniting the Parthenon Sculptures: An Appeal to Queen Mary and King Frederik of Denmark**

Link:

[Reuniting the Parthenon Sculptures: An Appeal to Queen Mary and King Frederik of Denmark Greek City Times](#)

Open letter by George Vardas, vice-chair of ANA.

Source: Greek city Times

19 March 2026

**Lost Parthenon Piece Unearthed From Lord Elgin's Shipwreck**

Link:

[Lost Parthenon Piece Unearthed From Lord Elgin's Shipwreck](#)

Greek authorities have finally reclaimed a lost fragment of the Parthenon, though not in the manner they might have hoped. In the summer of 2025, an excavation carried out by the underwater antiquities unit of the Greek Ministry of Culture uncovered a small piece of marble that likely once belonged to the ornamental crown of the 5th century B.C.E. temple.

Source: artnet

20 March 2026

**Stone Fragment Is Found in Wreck of Ship That Carried Parthenon Marbles**

Link:

[Stone Fragment Is Found in Wreck of Ship That Carried](#)

[Parthenon Marbles - The New York Times](#)

Experts said the fragment, recovered by divers from the Greek culture ministry, matched the style and dimensions of the Parthenon, but that it was too soon to be certain of its provenance.

Source: The New York Times

28 March 2026

### Λόρδος Τζον Λίτον: «Το Μεσολόγγι μάς θυμίζει τι μπορεί να πετύχει η συλλογική δράση»

Με αφορμή την επέτειο των 200 χρόνων από την Εξοδο, ο πιο στενός απόγονος του λόρδου Βύρωνα μιλάει στα «ΝΕΑ Σαββατοκύριακο» για την παρακαταθήκη του φιλέλληνα ποιητή του 19ου αιώνα και τους συμβολισμούς της για τον κόσμο μας σήμερα.

Source: Ta Nea

Link:

[Λόρδος Τζον Λίτον: Το Μεσολόγγι μάς θυμίζει τι μπορεί να πετύχει η συλλογική δράση - TA NEA](#)

2 March 2026

### Byron's closest living descendant reflects on the poet's fire, 200 years after Missolonghi

Exclusive interview by Yannis Andritsopoulos for *Ta Nea* with John Lytton, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Lytton and a direct descendant of Lord Byron.

Source: Linkedin – Yannis Andritsopoulos

Link:

[Byron's closest living descendant reflects on the poet's fire, 200 years after Missolonghi](#)

## Past & Upcoming Events

4 March 2026

### Return of the Parthenon Marbles

Keynote speaker Emanuel Comino, vice-president of IARPS and president of IOC-Australia for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles Pallaconian Brotherhood – Brunswick.

Source: Neos Kosmos

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22 March 2026

### "The Marbles"

Screening of the documentary by David Wilkinson at the British & Irish Film Festival Luxembourg.

Ciné Utopia – Luxembourg.

Source: David Wilkinson

Link:

[The Marbles \(British & Irish Film Festival Luxembourg\) – The Marbles \(British & Irish Film Festival Luxembourg\) – Detail – Luxembourg-ticket.lu](#)  
[BCRPM - Documentary director David Wilkinson on Linked post the screening of 'The Marbles' in Luxembourg - BCRPM](#)

*26 March – 15 April 2026*

Link:

[BCRPM - Michael McGregor's 'The Parthenon Marbles and other looted objects in the British Museum' - BCRPM](#)

**Michael Mc Gregor: The Parthenon Marbles and other looted objects at the British Museum**

Exhibition.

George Benias Gallery, Polytechniou 10 – Athens.

Source: BCRPM

*31 March 2026*

**The Parthenon Marbles Debate: History, Justice and Reunification**

Discussion presented by the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW in collaboration with the Hellenic Society of UNSW as part of the 44<sup>th</sup> Greek Festival of Sydney.

With David Hill and George Vardas, President and Co-Vice President of APA.

Greek Community Club – Lakemba at 6:30 p.m.

Source: 44<sup>th</sup> Greek Festival of Sydney

Link:

[Instagram](#)

To listen and to watch

**Who owns history**

Link:

[Who owns history | Kids Law](#)

In this episode of Kids Law, Alma-Constance and Lucinda explore one of the biggest cultural and legal debates in the UK – should the Parthenon (often called the “Elgin”) Marbles be returned to Greece?

Source: Kids Law

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/parthenonsculpturesreunitediarps>

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