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Press Release  
**Fe26 in Tinos**  
Focus on Residency



An activity aimed to introducing the NWMW NPO and the fe26 project to the island of Tinos, entitled Focus on Residency, is organized on Saturday, December 3, 17:00-20:00 at Pyrgos and on Sunday, December 4, 11:00-12:30 at the Quarry of Ag. Eleftherios.

This event is being organized as a continuation of the very successful first Focus activities that were completed in October in Athens at the Museum of Cycladic Art, centered around the work of the internationally renowned sculptor Eduardo Chillida, whose death marks 20 years this year, and the work of the Greek sculptor Theodoros Papagiannis. With this event focused on gesture as an artistic creation and as a cultural heritage both places Greece - Spain and academic fields crossed.

NWMW NPO was created by two islanders, Alexandra Grypari (Tinos) & Sophia Zissimou (Syros) to find fields of synergy of art & science through the selection of thematic axes. Space is the first axis that was chosen. The space through the fe26 project is explored both as a natural space and environment as well as anthropogenic, social, public and also personal and through this lense it was developed for Tinos island. Tinos island and Exo Meria in particular, its artisans and artists, interacted daily for many years making their way between its quarries, smithies and marble factories, weaving a web of interconnected stories. So the choice of a quarry in Exo Meria, the quarry

of Ag. Eleftheriou, is an opportunity to highlight cultural and industrial heritage. The quarry is highlighted through reuse with the creation of an artistic work and the implementation of an artist hosting program. It also creates an extremely interesting moment for the preservation of collective memory. Approaching the history, information but also the arts, craftsmen and techniques associated with it multi-faceted and through many fields.

In order to realize the above, it is necessary for people to tell their stories and at the same time interact with contemporary art. An activity aimed at approaching the island is being organized which starts on Saturday, December 3, at the Cultural Center of Panormos Tinos "Giannouli Chalepa", at 5:00 in the afternoon. In this event representatives of the NWMW NPO, will present its project entitled fe26 (fe=iron) as well as the artist residency planned for March - April 2023 on the island and which will be implemented at the quarry of Ag. Eleftherios. Collaborating academic researchers will also participate. In continuation, the curator of the residency, Christos Artemis, will announce its Open Call for Artists.

The evening of Saturday 3 December will close at 7.00 pm, at the traditional blacksmith's shop of Kostas Alexopoulos, with a short musical performance by Yiannis Michael (lute) and Stavros Larios (violin). Two musical units, two worlds, yesterday and today with the perspective of tomorrow. Two materials born by nature and processed by man: marble, iron, inspiration, creation. The first theme aims to approach these materials and dress them with musical motifs and improvisations. The second will try to revive the old traditional music that was heard in the place and create memories of yesterday to today. This is followed by a treat with traditional island snacks.

On Sunday, December 4, at 11:00 am, there will be a short tour of the quarry of Ag. Eleftherios with a brief historical reference to the structure of the quarry and the history of the pelicans that make it up, by the experienced marble mason G. Vidos. Overview of the reuse framework of the quarry within the framework of the hospitality program by the curator C. Artemis.

Under the auspices and support of the Ministry of Culture, the Spiritual Center of Panormos Tinos, the collaboration of the Chillida Leku Museum, the National Technical University of Athens - School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering and The "Theodoros Papagiannis" Museum of Contemporary Art, under the auspices of the School of Fine Arts, the Ypsountas Cultural Association.

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**Venues:** Cultural Center of Panormos Tinos "Giannouli Chalepa", Traditional Blacksmith of Kostas Alexopoulos, Quarry of Ag. Eleftheriou, Pyrgos Tinos

**Focus on Residency:** Saturday 03 December 2022, 17:00 - 19:00, speeches - introduction of NWMW & Fe26 to Tinos / announcement of Open Call for Artists,

**Participants:** Alexandra Grypari, Sofia Zisimou, Konstantinos Soukis, Christos Artemis,

**Musical event:** Saturday 3 December 2022 19:00-20:00, Yiannis Michael (lute), Stavros Larios (violin).  
Traditional smithy of Kostas Alexopoulos

**Small tour:** Sunday 04/12/2022, 11:00-12:30, Quarry Ag. Eleftheriou

**Entry: free.**

**The speeches will be recorded and presented in the fe26 youtube channel**

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