

GARNIVAL OF XANTHI 2024

THRACIAN FOLKLORE CELEBRATIONS



EPT 3





Saturday, 2 March

Dimokratias Square | 11:30

Official opening of the Thracian Folklore Celebrations - Xanthi Carnival 2024 “Day of Folklore”

The dance group of the folklore clubs of the city, as well as the guest dance groups participate in this great celebration. The audience will have the rare opportunity to enjoy a traditional feast with a lot of fun, with the authentic dances and elements of the carnival season from various regions of Greece.



Folklore - Historical Museum of Xanthi, 16:30
**Handicraft and doll making
with traditional costume**

Sunday, 3 March

Dimokratias Square | 11:00

Presentations of folklore dances

They participate: Association of Asia Minor Greeks of Xanthi, “Alismonites Patrides” (Unforgettable Homelands), Association of Pontians of the Pref. of Xanthi with the children’s dance group, Parish of the Assumption of Virgin Mary of Pigadia, Cultural Association of Cimmerians “The Amferaos”, Association of Pontian Dancers of Xanthi, “Trantellenes, Cultural Sports Club (CSC) Antikas, Cultural Club of Evmoiros Pref. of Xanthi, The Thrace.

Dimokratias Square | 19:00

Folklore feast



Folklore and carnival associations organize an open celebration for everybody.

The event is accompanied by the traditional band “Banda Entopica”

Cultural & Scientific Association of Xanthi
“The Art of Zen”, 311, 28th October, at 19:00

“Nourishing the Thracian Soul” -

Eu Zine in Thrace

An evening with guests tasters, writers, artists and musicians meet on the roof of the P.E.S. “The Art of Zen”.

Misirlou Live Stage, 14 Orfeos Str. (Old City), 21:00

CSC Antikas, Stand Up Comedy

“Minimal”, Ira Katsouda

Ticket prices: Pre-sale 8€, box office price 10€

Monday, 4 March

Old Town Hall, 6 Mavromichali Street

Daily until March 15, 10:00-14:00, 17:00-21:00

Exhibition of carnival costumes

In cooperation with the carnival clubs, costumes that have been paraded over the last 40 years are on display.



Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi | 19:00

Folklore night, children's dance show

With the participation of the clubs: Association of Pontians of the Pref. of Xanthi with the adolescents' dance group, Thracian Association of the region of Nestos, Cretan Brotherhood, Ecclesiastical High School of Xanthi, Lyceum Club of Greek Women of Xanthi, The Thrace, Cultural Naturalist Association of Toxotes of Xanthi.



Tuesday, 5 March

Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi | 19:00

Folklore night, children's dance show

With the participation of the clubs: Social centre "Stavros Halioris", Association of Asia Minor Greeks of Xanthi, "Alismonites Patrides", Association of Pontian Dancers of Xanthi, "Trantellenes", Association of Sarakatsani of Xanthi, "O Lepeniotis", Dance Club of Xanthi, Cultural Association of Diomideia.



Foundation of Thracian Art and Tradition.
Smokehouse “Π”, 9 Kapnergatton Street, 18:00
**Children in action... in carnival Artistic
Expression: “Masquerade...
Making a carnival mask”**

Free entrance.

Lyceum Club of Greek Women of Xanthi,
1 Ag. Georgiou Street, 18:00

“Thracian Writers and Folk Culture”

Thanasis Mousopoulos will speak on “Thracian Writers and Folk Culture”, referring also to Carnival costumes.

Wednesday, 6 March

Dimokratias Square | 10:00 (and all day long)

**Exhibition of the racing car
of Democritus Racing Team (DRT)
of Democritus University
of Thrace (DUX)**



Democritus Racing Team is the research team of the Democritus University of Thrace, which designs and manufactures racing cars of the “Formula Student” category, in order to participate in international student competitions of the same name.



Tsiknopempti (Fat Thursday, March 7)

Closed Sports Centre “Filippos Amoiridis” | 20:00

Evening of traditional flavours

The cultural associations prepare traditional recipes and set up a feast with live music and sounds from all over Greece. **The evening will be accompanied by the traditional band “Banda Tetoia”.** The venue will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight, with a rich buffet, delicious appetizers, fresh salads, a variety of meats and homemade desserts. The Municipality of Xanthi as host will offer free wine to all visitors.



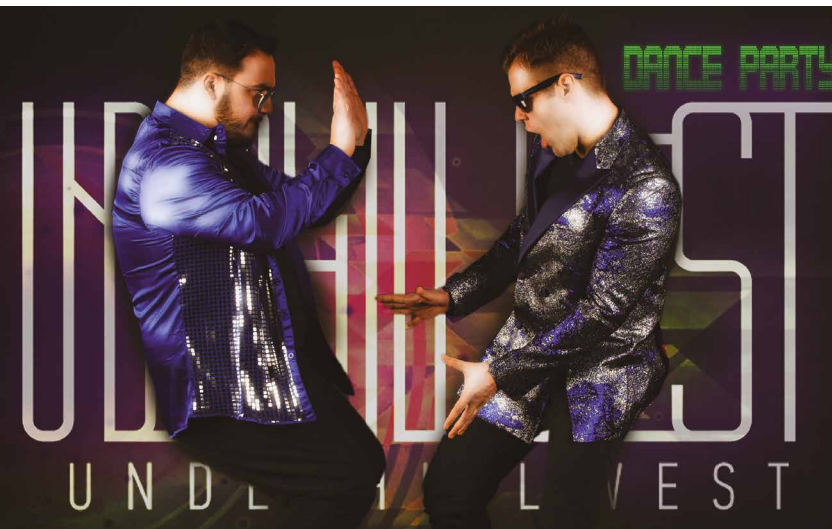
Progressive Union of FEX, 17:00

With guest magician Roger Frost in a unique stand-up comedy, magic show, juggling, face painting and balloon making for all children. *Entrance €5 per person.*

Friday, 8 March

Dimokratias Square | 19:30

Underhill West Concert



Underhill West invite you to a non-stop dance party with well-known pop and disco hits of the world music scene and 80's and 90's nostalgia.

Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi | 20:00

Musical performance, vocal group “Arion”

After being closed for 3 years due to Covid, the group returns again this year in its established appearance at the Thracian Folklore Celebrations.





Open-air Municipal Auditorium
(Dimokratias Square), 17:30

**The Association of Women of Pref. of Xanthi,
“Carnival pasta dishes”**

Put on your apron, wear your smile, take your mom (who is celebrating today) and come and taste pasta to the rhythm of the Xanthi Carnival. A discussion with parents will be organised in the same area, on the occasion of 8 March - International Women’s Day.

**Children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian, who will be solely responsible for their safety. Free entrance.*

Dance school, 3 Lefkippou Street, 17:30

**Cretan Brotherhood of Xanthi
Children’s carnival feast “baldafan”**

Free entrance information 2541020400.

Folklore Historical Museum of Xanthi, 18:30

Painting and mask construction workshop

The painting workshop of FEX invites its little friends to make and paint the masks they will wear in the big parade of Sunday. *Entry by invitation only.*

Dance school of the association,
3 Lefkippou Street, 21:30

**Cretan Brotherhood of Xanthi
Disco costume party**

Free entrance information 2541020400.



Saturday, 9 March

Dimokratias Square | 20:00

Concert Andromachi

Andromachi is a young talented singer with a stage presence that resembles a beautiful fairy. She became widely known in 2015, when she participated in the talent show “The Voice” and made a difference with her distinctive tone of voice.

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**Opening act  
dj Joe Vida**



“Vatrachoi” club house,  
1 Pindarou Street, Old City, 10:00

### Treasure hunt

A special action comes from the Xanthi TechLab of the Municipality of Xanthi, the cultural club “Vatrachoi”, the industrial robotics team of the Democritus University of Thrace. Democritus Industrial Robotics and the team of the 15th Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Conference prepares a special treasure hunt. We learn creatively, young and old, solving puzzles and having fun in various “hidden spots” of the Old Town of Xanthi.

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Dimokratias Square, 12:00-14:00

This Barbie is going to the... Carnival

Enter the Barbie box and take a photo to become Barbie and Ken with your own touch and uniqueness!
Greek Guiding Association.

Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi | 18:30

Choral Evening

They participate:

- Polyphonic Choir of Thessaloniki
 - Mixed Choir of Kozani “Elimeia”
 - “Orfeas” Group of Serres
 - Mixed Choir of the Municipality of Drama
 - Mixed Choir of the Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Xanthi
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Queen of the Carnival

A message from Konstantina

“Our talents, like our emotions, come in many shades... I invite you to the most vibrant, joyful and colorful carnival in Greece. To my city with its thousand colors, Xanthi. Wear your brightest smile, have fun with all your heart and embrace every color of your soul!”

**With friendly royal
greetings,
Queen of the Carnival
Konstantina Adamidou**



Sunday, 10 March

Dimokratias Square | 12:00

Children carnival parade



A carnival fiesta for parents and children. Balloons, streamers, carnival masks in the wildest coloured river for students of all grades. Kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school, all. It is the highlight not only of the Carnival, but of the whole year. The celebration continues in front of the main stage, with music, dancing, clowns and jugglers. At the end of the parade, bags with *coloured powder** will be handed out for an even more colourful party. The start shall be at the intersection of the 28th October and Palaion Patron Germanou Streets. **Eco-friendly product, does not harm the contact with the skin.*

***In case of bad weather, the children's carnival parade will take place on Friday 15 March at 15:00.*

Warehouse of FEX (27 Platonos Street), 19:00

Musical Tradition of the Pomaks

An event dedicated to the musical tradition of the Pomaks, co-organized by the Foundation of Thracian Art and Tradition and the Progressive Union of Xanthi (FEX).



Monday, 11 March

Foundation of Thracian Art and Tradition
Smokehouse “Π”, 9 Kapnergaton Street, 17:30

Children in action... in carnival

Artistic Creative occupation

Of course we won't stay unmasked, we'll make our own mask... We are waiting for you, our little friends aged 4-6 years old, to our own Halloween celebration...

Free entrance

Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi | 19:00

Music and dance night organised by folklore associations

With the participation of the clubs:

- Social Centre Stavros Chalioris
- Cultural Educational Association of Nea Kessani
- Cretan Brotherhood
- Association of Pontians of the Pref. of Xanthi
- Association of Pontian Dancers of Xanthi, “Trantellenes”
- Thamyris

Tuesday, 12 March

Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi | 19:00

Music and dance night organised by folklore associations

With the participation of the clubs:

- Dance Club of Xanthi
- Cultural Association of Diomideia
- Lyceum of Greek Women of Xanthi
- Association of Evrites of the Pref. of Xanthi
- F.E.X.
- Cultural Association of Avatos, Xanthi



Open-air Municipal Auditorium
(Dimokratias Square), 17:30

**The Association of Women of Pref. of Xanthi,
“Carnival game”**

A fun carnival game, aimed at primary school and pre-school children.

**Children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian, who will be solely responsible for their safety.*

Free entrance.

Wednesday, 13 March

Lyceum of Greek Women of Xanthi,
Museum of Traditional Costumes
of Balkan Countries, in Genisea Xanthi, 17:30

The Lyceum of Greek Women of Xanthi and the Association of “Women of Genisea” invite their young friends to their annual carnival baldafan.

Free entrance.

Foundation of Thracian Art and Tradition.
45, 12 Apostolon Street, 18:00

**Children in action... in carnival
“Artistic Expression”**

The Contemporary-Modern Dance Workshops for children 4-12 years old of the Institute of Contemporary Dance invite you to a carnival party.

Free entrance.

Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi, 20:00
Thracian Theatre Stage, “Picantili 5”





Thursday, 14 March

Municipal Auditorium of Xanthi | 19:00

Choral Evening

They participate:

- Mixed Choir of the Holy Church of Agios Eleftherios of Xanthi
- Mixed choir of the Open Care Centre for the Elderly (KAPI) of the Municipality of Avdira, Xanthi
- Mixed instrumental choir "Trantellenes"

Dimokratias Square | 20:00

Tonis Sfinos Concert



The well-known performer and presenter, with 13 years of experience in entertainment, comes with his band in a unique program with old favourites and modern hits. A great musical retrospective from the 60's, 70's, 80's and today arranged with the unique sound of the explosive artist. A concert full of fun and dancing.

Opening act dj Joe Vida

Dimokratias Square,
10:00-14:00 and 17:00-23:00

**Cultural - Environmental - Zoological Association
“Stray Friends” in cooperation with the Cultural
Association of Cimmerians “The Amferaos”**

Bazaar with handmade products, children’s make-up
and handmade food.

Lyceum of Greek Women of Xanthi,
1 Ag. Georgiou Street, 17:30

Carnival baldafan

Carnival baldafan of the Lyceum of Greek Women of
Xanthi. *Free entrance.*

Progressive union of FEX, 21:00

Carnival Party Lindy Hop (Swing)

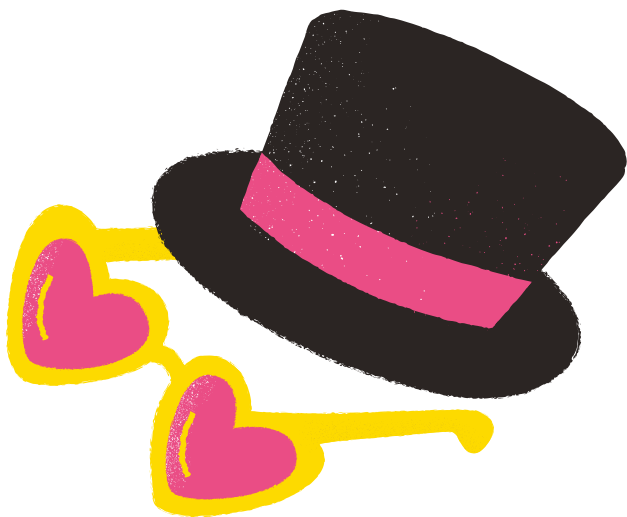
Open invitation to an evening of dancing in disguise!

Misirlou Live Stage,
14 Orfeos Street (Old City), 23:00

**CSC Antikas and ECSC Nea Genia
Pre -Carnival Party**

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Ticket prices: Pre-sale €9, box office price €11





Friday, 15 March

Dimokratias Square | 12:00

Alcatrash Concert

It is a four-member band of talented musicians, who have distinguished themselves through their live performances and the TV shows they participate in. Alcatrash are considered the hottest band that attracts audiences through sold out live performances.



Dimokratias Square | 18:30

Drawing of the order of the crews of the big carnival parade Presented by Nina Mazani



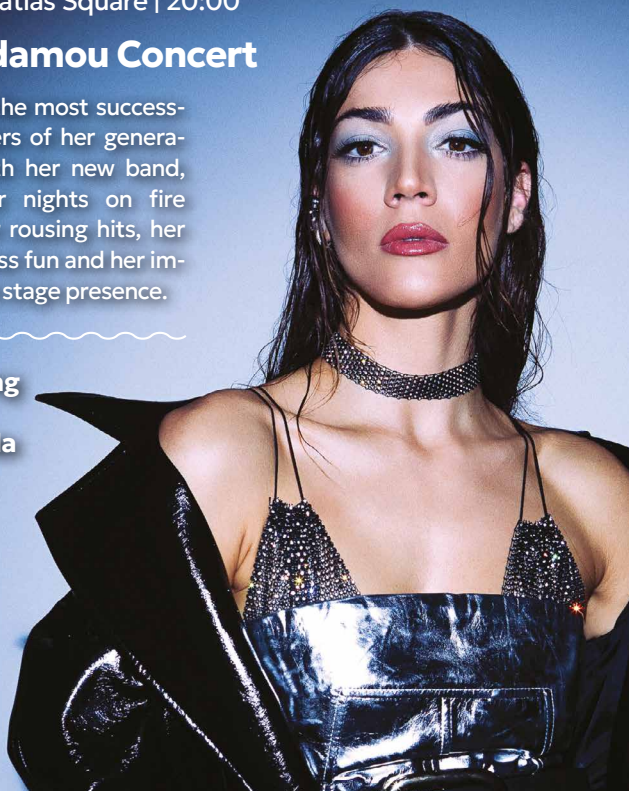
Dimokratias Square,
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Association "Stray Friends"**
**in cooperation with the Cultural Association
of Cimmerians "The Amferaos"**
Bazaar with handmade products, children's make-up
and handmade food

Dimokratias Square | 20:00

Ivi Adamou Concert

One of the most successful singers of her generation, with her new band, sets our nights on fire with her rousing hits, her boundless fun and her impressive stage presence.

Opening
act dj
Joe Vida



Lyceum of Greek Women of Xanthi,
1 Ag. Georgiou Street, 22:00

We invite you to the carnival masquerade we organise entitled “The Fire Party”. Come and have fun and have a blast with the music of dj Andreas Pap.

Entrance €8 with drink.

Progressive union of FEX, 21:30

Carnival Latin Party

The Latin workshop of FEX for one more year organises the “Salsa Carnival Party”.

8, Charirtzoglou Street (old city), 21:00

CSC Antikas, Carnival Party

Ekonpale, Coda Ricci, Markeellaa, Naylaa.

Entrance €10 with drink.



Saturday, 16 March

Dimokratias Square | 12:30

Solmeister and Marseaux Concert meet again on stage!



The two of them join forces on stage, presenting live material from their most recent albums, along with tracks from their entire career! Don't miss it!

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**Opening act dj Joe Vida**

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Opening act

Adithesis Dance studio present a hip hop, high heels, Acro and contemporary dance show.

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Dimokratias Square,  
10:00-14:00 and 17:00-23:00

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"Stray Friends" in cooperation with the Cultural  
Association of Cimmerians "The Amferaos"**

Bazaar with handmade products, children's make-up and handmade food.

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Lyceum of Greek Women of Xanthi. Corner of Ag. Georgiou and Venizelou Streets, 11:00 to 14:00

"Greek Clothing Exhibition"

**The exhibition will be open on Sunday 17 March at the same hours.*

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"Diogenis" Event hall, 21:00

**"Dionysos" Carnival dance**

There will be a presentation of the "Swan Lake in a different way", in an event that every year the heart of Carnival beats.

19:30

## Evening carnival parade

**A** spectacular spectacle will unfold starting from the intersection of 28 October and Kavala Streets. At the top, a unique spectacle of stilt walkers and jugglers. Whistles, laughter and happy voices will generously give the optimism and a few moments of light-heartedness that we all need so much. With the sounds, the lights, the fast flow, the colours, the fun, the fireworks to give glamour and splendour to the night of the last Saturday of the carnival. The crews end up at the Republic Square where, to the sounds of d.js Vita Pi - Alienist (Route41) and Dimitris Stavridis (Dinosaur), a frantic coloured river starts.



Progressive union of FEX, 21:30  
**Carnival Dance of tango Aires -  
Colour milonga**

Tango in the city is addressed to those who have already loved it and to those who wish to get to know it.

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Misirlou Live Stage, 14 Orfeos Street (old city), 22:00  
**CSC Antikas and ECSC Nea Genia  
Party 80s -90s- 00s**

Alex Koun, Oulit, Kay Gee. *Ticket prices: €8*



## Sunday, 17 March

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### Grand Carnival Parade

In a feast of colour, sound and fun, thousands of young and old will participate in this famous event. It is the big moment and invites us to escape from problems and worries and follow the intoxicating paths of carnival, joy and fun, turning our backs on the misery and fear of the days. Everything is ready. The noble city of Thrace has put on its festive clothes and is waiting for us to parade, feast and rejoice.

*\*The music by djs Fotis Iltsios, Christos Kotsanis and Dimitris Stavridis (Dinosaur)*

The parade ends at the large park of the stadium of the Athletic Club of Xanthi the party of the associations continues under the sounds of dj Tori Papadima and Alienist (Route41).

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Kosynthos river bridge | 19:00

## Closing ceremony “Burn of Tzaros” (local custom)



In front of thousands of visitors, for almost sixty years, after the completion of the great carnival parade, the custom of “Tzaros” on the river Kosynthos has been revived. A spectacular extravaganza that marks the end of the carnival. Under the glow of an impressive fireworks show the closing ceremony will light up the Thracian sky.



**The carnival  
parade  
for public  
television  
will be presented  
by Nina Mazani**

*\*All the events at the Municipal Auditorium, on the main stage, are presented by the journalist from Xanthi Giorgos Koutsourlis. He also presents the carnival parade for public television next to Nina Mazani.*





## Clean Monday, 18 March

Stavroupoli Square | 11:00

### Municipal Unit of Stavroupoli

**T**he Municipality of Xanthi in cooperation with the cultural club of Stavroupoli “Orfeas” of the region organises from the morning events with traditional sounds accompanied by free fasting food and plenty of wine. There will be jugglers and stilt walkers for our little friends, and a kite competition, as well as Pontian dances by the children’s section of the Cultural Club of Komninoi. The “Cultural Educational Association of Monastiraki of Drama” after the invitation of the “Educational Association of Art and Tradition of Stavroupoli and Xanthi” will present dances and songs of Drama and the custom of “Arapides”.



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### The Carnival Custom of “the Camel”

In the square of Stavroupoli, its residents along with visitors, dressed up and making various sounds, will participate in a parade of colours and joy, led by a camel dummy and an adult pretending to be a camel driver Arab.



**Settlement of Komninoi | 12:30****Traditional feast**

In the square of Komninoi, accompanied by the Pontian lyre, residents and visitors will dance in a celebration based on local tradition. The traditional band consisting of Giorgos Papagiannidis, Panagiotis Korgianidis, Xenofontas Politsidis and Zafeiris Efthymiadis will give wonderful moments to the guests. During the feast, the “Cultural Association of Komninoi” distributes free of charge the traditional bean soup, accompanied by pickles, olives, halva and lagana (traditional bread).

**Health coverage:**

Hellenic Red Cross -  
Volunteer Samaritans,  
Rescuers and Lifeguard Corps



Rescue  
and Humanitarian Crisis  
Management Team



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