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***The temporary exhibition "REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED: CHIOS"** in the Chios Mastic Museum*

The **Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation (PIOP)** and the **National Historical Museum (NHM)** present the temporary exhibition "REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED: CHIOS" in the Chios Mastic Museum. The exhibition, included in the anniversary programme of NHM titled "REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED" and in the framework of the Anniversary Activities by Piraeus Bank for the bicentennial of the 1821 Revolution, takes place under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

The exhibition in the Chios Mastic Museum traces the course leading to the start of the Revolution as well as its development until the establishment of the Modern Greek state, shedding light especially on the contribution of the navy. In parallel, it highlights aspects of local history. The destruction of Chios has a special place in the exhibition, as does the burning of the Turkish flagship by Kanaris, dramatic events that played a defining role in strengthening the movement of Philhellenism. The exhibition is completed with references to the integration of Chios in Greece in 1912.

Chios is part of the history of the Struggle from the very first years of the Modern Greek Enlightenment, through the contribution of important scholars such as Adamantios Korais and Antonios Koronios, who shared the work and the fate of Rigas Velestinlis. The massacre of the notables, the destruction of Chios, the effort to include the island in the new country were landmarks in the history of the island during the Greek Revolution. All this time, the Chiots of the Diaspora supported the common goal,

maybe even without the response they deserved from the heads of the Struggle in mainland Greece.

The exhibits include the funerary mask of Adamantios Korais, the sheet from the Charta by Rigas that includes the island of Chios, the rivet from the flagship of Kapudan Pasha Kara Ali, the figurehead from Bouboulina's ship as well as other relics related to historical families of Chios.

Part of the exhibition related to documentation about the nautical history of the Revolution will form the core of the floating exhibition supported by the Piraeus Bank. It will travel to selected historical destinations in the Aegean in September, on a sailboat granted for this reason by the Maria Tsakos Foundation.

The exhibition "REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED: CHIOS", the fruit of cooperation between the Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation and the National Historical Museum, is a "satellite" of the central exhibition by NHM in Athens, in the Old Parliament building. In this framework, the exhibitions "REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED: EPIRUS" (The Silversmithing Museum, 29.5-29.11.2021) and "REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED: DIMITSANA" (Open-Air Water Power Museum, 11.5-29.11.2021) are already open to the public.

Duration of the exhibition: **4 July – 10 September 2021**

Opening hours: **Daily, except Tuesday, 10:00-18:00**

Closed: **22 July** (local feast day), **15 August**

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