

# *The Architecture of the Ancient Greek Theatre*

International Conference at the  
Danish Institute at Athens  
27 – 30 January 2012

## **Programme**

### Friday 27 January. Cotsen Hall, American School of Classical Studies at Athens

- 19.00 Welcoming and introductions  
20.00 H.-P. Isler: *Studies in Greek Theatre Architecture: history and prospects*  
21.00 Reception

### Saturday 28 January. Danish Institute at Athens

- 9.00 Welcoming and introductions

#### First session: Form and Function of Non-Canonical Greek Spectator Areas

Chair: E. Gebhard

- 9.15 C. Papastamati - von Moock: *The Wooden Theatre of Dionysos in Athens: old issue, new research*  
9.45 R. Frederiksen: *Early Greek Theatre Architecture and the 'Birth' of the Semicircular Canonical Koilon*  
10.15 A. Sokolicek: *Form and Function of the Earliest Greek Theater Building in Syracuse/Sicily – Convention or Special Solution?*

Coffee break

#### Second session: Development of the Architectural Design of the Greek Theatre

Chair: J. J. Coulton

- 11.15 J.-C. Moretti and C. Mauduit: *The Greek Vocabulary of Theatrical Architecture*  
11.45 F. Berti, N. Masturzo and M. Vittori: *New Studies on the Theatre of Iasos, 50 Years From the First Excavations*  
12.15 E. Gebhard: *The Sunken Orchestra: its effects on Greek theatre design*  
12.45 M. Hofbauer: *New Investigations at the Ephesian Theatre: the Hellenistic skene*

Lunch break

- 14.30 Y. Lolos and C. Hayward: *Building a Theatre in the Early Hellenistic period: the case of Sikyon*  
15.00 G. P. Antoniou: *The Theatre of Dodona: new observations on the architecture of the Cavea*  
15.30 D. Scahill: *The Hellenistic Theatre at Corinth: new implications from recent excavations*

Coffee break

#### Third session: Presentation of New Evidence.

Chair, V. C. Lambrinoudakis

- 16.30 P. Themelis and K. Sidiropoulos: *The Theatre of Messene: phases of construction and Mason's marks*  
17.00 C. Wilkening-Aumann: *The Hellenistic Theatre in the Sanctuary of Hemithea at Kastabos (Asia Minor)*  
17.30 Ch. Karadima, C. Zambas, N. Hatzidakis, Ger. Thomas, Eir. Doudoumi: *The Ancient Theatre of Maroneia*  
18.00 W. Gauss, J. Dorner, P. Eizinger, A. Laetzer-Laser, M. Leibetseder, R. Smetana, M. Trapichler: *The Theatre of Aigeira*  
(ca. 18.30, end of first day)

### Saturday 28 January (evening)

- 19.15-21.00 Reception at the Austrian Archaeological Institute at Athens  
21.30 Conference dinner for speakers, chairs and invited guests

Sunday 29 January. Danish Institute at Athens

Fourth session: Regional Features in Theatre Architecture and Design

Chair: A. Sokolicek

- 9.00 C. Marconi: *The Socio-Historical Context of Stone Theatres in Late Classical and Hellenistic Sicily. A Reassessment*  
9.30 P. Pedersen: *The Theatre of Halikarnassos*  
10.00 J. R. Green, C. Barker, G. Stennett: *Is Alexandrian Architectural Influence Visible at the Theatre of Nea Paphos in Cyprus? The Evidence from the Australian Archaeological Excavations*

Coffee break

- 11.00 V. Hinz and S. Franz: *The Theatre of Apollonia (Illyria/Albania) – The Architecture of the Greek Theatre and its Transformation in Roman Times*  
11.30 M. Germani: *Boetian Theatres: an overview of the regional ludic architecture*

Lunch break

Fifth session: Late Greek Theatre Architecture and its Transition to Roman forms

Chair, R. Frederiksen

- 13.45 V. di Napoli: *What is Greek and what is Roman in the Greek Theatres of the Imperial Age?*  
14.15 A. Öztürk: *Was Dörpfeld right?: some observations on the development of the “raised skene” in Asia Minor*  
14.45 N. de Chaisemartin: *The Façade of the Scene-building of the Theatre of Aphrodisias: a hybrid-model*

Coffee break

- 16.00 K. Piesker: *Traditional Elements in the Roman Redesign of the Hellenistic Theatre in Patara/Turkey*  
16.30 H.P. Isler: *Traditional Hellenistic Elements in Some Roman Theatres in Asia Minor*

Break

- 17.30 General discussion. Chaired by the organising committee (S. Drougou, R. Frederiksen, E. Gebhard and A. Sokolicek)

Evening: no planned activity

Monday 30 January. Excursion

- 9.00 Theatre of Dionysus, Athens  
11.00 Bus leaves from Athens to visit Thorikos and Trakhones  
17.00 Bus returns to Athens