

## **Dr Petros Lapithis**

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Dr Lapithis is also the Founder and President of the Pantheon Cultural Association (since 1999), a non-governmental organisation that promotes and organises various cultural and artistic activities in Cyprus, involved in Fine Arts, Visual Arts, Film and Music. It is the first non-governmental-organisation to organise music and film events and festivals for young Cypriot Artists.

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