



THE CULTURE OF ANCIENT GREECE

THREE FRIDAYS IN MAY

THE GREEK BODY

FRIDAY 8 MAY

DR MICHAEL SQUIRE

For centuries the ancient Greeks experimented with ways of representing the human body, both as an object of beauty and a bearer of meaning. The remarkable works of art in the current British Museum exhibition 'Defining Beauty: the body in ancient Greek Art', range from the abstract simplicity of prehistoric figurines to breathtaking realism in the age of Alexander.

MEET 10.30 am coffee for 11 lecture at Pushkin House

ENDS 4 pm British Museum

COST £85 members, £95 non-members, including coffee, lunch with wine, exhibition entry

SOCRATES AND GREEK PHILOSOPHY

FRIDAY 15 MAY

DR BETTANY HUGHES

Thales of Miletus, seen by Aristotle as the first Greek philosopher, thought all things originate in water. Anaxamenes thought all things originate in air. Heraclites thought everything was in flux, and Parmenides thought everything was fixed. Empedocles began by thinking he could control storms, and ended by throwing himself into the crater of Etna. Well-known scholar and broadcaster Dr Bettany Hughes introduces Greek philosophy in an exclusive lecture for INSCAPE, before we attend her public lecture on Socrates at the British Museum.

MEET 3 pm refreshments for 3.30 lecture followed by tea, cakes and prosecco at Pushkin House

ENDS 7.30 pm, British Museum

COST £65 members, £75 non-members, including refreshments, tea, cakes, prosecco and talk. Optional dinner afterwards with Nicholas Friend

GREEK ARCHITECTURE AND ITS REVIVAL IN LONDON

FRIDAY 22 MAY

NICHOLAS FRIEND

What are the origins of, and differences between, Doric, Ionic and Corinthian? Why are there no arches in early Greek architecture? How do temples relate to other monumental structures? We discuss all these matters before sallying out into London to look at how Greek architecture became all the rage in early 19c London, from the British Museum to St Pancras.

MEET 10.30 am coffee for 11 am lecture at Pushkin House

ENDS 4 pm Central London

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