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20 September 2022

5 Surprising Facts About the Parthenon Marbles (Including the Existence of a Near-Perfect Replica in Nashville)

Link:

<https://news.artnet.com/art-world/5-surprising-facts-parthenon-marbles-2178533>

From robots to diplomatic embarrassments, the sculptures have a colorful history.

Source: Artnet news

1 October 2022

Greek PM will tell Liz Truss now's the moment to return Elgin Marbles

Link:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/greek-pm-will-tell-liz-truss-nows-the-moment-to-return-elgin-marbles-c615221d8>

A deal to return the sculptures would help Kyriakos Mitsotakis, a leader in a spot of bother after being accused of spying on rivals. Will Charles help? The Greek prime minister believes that Britain is edging closer to returning the Elgin Marbles and will raise the subject with Liz Truss on a visit to London this year.

Source: The Sunday Times

1 October 2022

Elgin Marbles repatriation campaign sees British MPs flown to Greece in lobbying effort

Link:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/10/01/elgin-marbles-repatriation-campaign-sees-british-mps-flown-greece/>

John Lefas, a Greek plastics magnate, has pledged his personal fortune to establish the Parthenon Project, a scheme aiming to recruit MPs willing to introduce and support a new "Elgin Marbles Act" which will allow the return of the ancient artworks.

Source: The Sunday Telegraph

Link:

[Sunday Times report, titled "Greek PM will tell Liz Truss now's the moment to return Elgin Marbles" | O](#)

2 October 2022

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The Greek prime minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis believes that Britain is edging closer to returning the Elgin Marbles and will raise the subject with Liz Truss on a visit to London this year.

[Πρωθυπουργός της Ελληνικής Δημοκρατίας \(primeminister.gr\)](https://www.primeminister.gr/)

Source: Hellenic Government The Prime Minister

2 October 2022

Σεβασμό στην Ιστορία, στην κληρονομιά και την ταυτότητα κάθε έθνους, ζήτησε η Λίνα Μενδώνη, στο Mondiacult 2022, στο Μεξικό [Lina Mendoni asked for respect for History, for heritage and the identity of every nation, at Mondiacult 2022 in Mexico]

Link:

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«Σαράντα χρόνια πριν, η Ελληνίδα Υπουργός Πολιτισμού Μελίνα Μερκούρη ζήτησε από αυτό εδώ το βήμα, στο Mondiacult του 1982, την επιστροφή των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα, στην Αθήνα. Γιατί η επιστροφή και επανένωση των Γλυπτών δεν είναι μόνον θέμα ηθικής και δικαιοσύνης. Είναι θέμα, που θίγει και εισχωρεί στον πυρήνα των ιδίων των Αρχών, στις οποίες βασίζεται η UNESCO. Ο διάλογος μεταξύ των εθνών, προϋποθέτει τον διάλογο μεταξύ των πολιτισμών, ο οποίος με την σειρά του προϋποθέτει τον σεβασμό στην ιστορία, την κληρονομιά και την ταυτότητα κάθε έθνους», τόνισε στην ομιλία της η Υπουργός Πολιτισμού και Αθλητισμού Λίνα Μενδώνη της κατά στο Παγκόσμιο Συνέδριο της UNESCO –Mondiacult 2022- με θέμα «Πολιτιστικές Πολιτικές και Βιώσιμη Ανάπτυξη. ...

Ο Παρθενώνας, το μνημείο-σύμβολο της UNESCO, αποτελεί την πλέον εμβληματική περίπτωση ενός μνημείου, εγγεγραμμένου στον Κατάλογο της Παγκόσμιας Κληρονομιάς, η ενότητα και η ακεραιότητα του οποίου δεν μπορεί να παραμένει ως σήμερα διαμελισμένη και διαταραγμένη. Η διατήρηση της αυθεντικότητας, της ενότητας και της ακεραιότητας της πολιτιστικής κληρονομιάς», είπε η Υπουργός Πολιτισμού, «συνεπάγεται, την από κοινού όλων μας, υπεράσπισή της απέναντι στην κλοπή, τη λεηλασία, τον βανδαλισμό και το παράνομο εμπόριο, όχι μόνο σε περιόδους ειρήνης αλλά και σε εκείνες των ένοπλων συρράξεων. Απαιτείται σήμερα μία συντονισμένη διεθνή δράση, για την επιστροφή των πολιτιστικών αγαθών στους νόμιμους ιδιοκτήτες τους και στους τόπους προέλευσής τους. Και αυτό αποκτά ακόμη μεγαλύτερη σημασία, όταν πρόκειται για μνημεία εξέχουσας σημασίας, μνημεία-σύμβολα των ιδρυτικών αρχών και των κοινών αξιών, τις οποίες μοιράζεται η παγκόσμια κοινωνία των πολιτών, που εκπροσωπούνται στα Ηνωμένα Έθνη».

Source: Press office YPPOA

Link:

[Professor Dimitrios Pandermalis \(1940 - 2022\) | Acropolis Museum | Official website \(theacropolismuseum.gr\)](https://www.theacropolismuseum.gr/)

3 October 2022

Professor Dimitrios Pandermalis (1940-2022)

Tribute to Professor Pandermalis, President of the Acropolis Museum.

Source: Website Acropolis Museum

3 October 2022

Link:

[Μενδώνη: «Αναδεικνύουμε σε διεθνές επίπεδο το ζήτημα της επιστροφής των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα» - Ειδήσεις - νέα - Το Βήμα Online \(tovima.gr\)](#)

Μενδώνη: «Αναδεικνύουμε σε διεθνές επίπεδο το ζήτημα της επιστροφής των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα»

[Mendoni: “We highlight on international level the issue of the return of the Parthenon Sculptures”]

“Italy and Greece follow the same way for all the issues of return of cultural artefacts that were illicitly exported”.

Source: To Vima

3 October 2022

Mendoni: A strong message was sent from Florence for the return of sculptures to Greece

Responding to a question from APE-MPE about the importance of this initiative and about Italy’s substantial support for our country’s request for the return of the Sculptors, Ms. Mendoni underlined:

“In fact, a strong message was sent from Florence. All those present, and all the Italians, except myself and Mr. Stampolidis, who participated with a remote message, emphasized how important it is, for cultural heritage at the international level, to achieve the return and reunification of sculptors in Athens. I must say that after the excellent consultation and agreement on the return of the Fagan fragment, which was in Sicily, it is now proven that Italy and Greece are following the same path in everything related to the return of cultural property that has been illegally exported from the two countries. This was demonstrated in the best possible way, both at the level of the regional government of Sicily and the Italian Republic which, in the end, advocated the permanence of the Fagan fragment in Athens and its reunification in the Acropolis Museum”.

Source: 24 Happenings

Link:

<https://news.24happenings.com/opinion/85636.html>

3 October 2022

Museums: Last week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)

John Oliver, comedian and host of *Last Week Tonight* on HBO, dedicated his entire weekly show to a discussion about some of the ethical issues plaguing Western museums. He touched on subjects like hesitant repatriation, antiquities looting, and the shady acquisition practices of auction houses and museums. Despite increasing awareness of these issues, they have not necessarily been part of the mainstream conversation.

Source: Hyperallergic

Link:

<https://hyperallergic.com/766138/john-oliver-roasts-western-museums-in-episode-on-looted-art/>

4 October 2022

UNESCO: Reclaiming the Parthenon Sculptures as a global public good

Link:

<https://greekcitytimes.com/2022/10/04/unesco-reclaiming-the-parthenon-sculptures-as-a-global-public-good/>

The issue of the return of the Parthenon Sculptures has again been raised by the Greek Minister of Culture and Sport, Dr Lina Mendoni, during the UNESCO World Congress on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development (Mondiacult 2022) which was held in Mexico from September 28-30, 2022.

Source: Greek City Times

Link:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/liz-truss-pours-cold-water-on-deal-with-greece-for-the-elgin-marbles-mr8smdlhs>

5 October 2022

Liz Truss pours cold water on deal with Greece for the Elgin Marbles

Liz Truss has ruled out a deal with Greece over the Elgin Marbles.

Source: The Times

Link:

<https://www.tanea.gr/print/2022/10/05/lifearts/oxi-apo-ti-liz-tras-lfstin-epanemosi-ton-glypton/>

5 October 2022

«Όχι» από τη Λιζ Τρας στην επανένωση των Γλυπτών [Liz Truss' "No" to the reunification of the Sculptures]

Το ενδεχόμενο της επιστροφής των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα στην Ελλάδα απέρριψε χθες η πρωθυπουργός της Βρετανίας Λιζ Τρας σε συνέντευξη που παραχώρησε στον βρετανικό τηλεοπτικό σταθμό GB News.

Source: TA NEA

Link:

[UK Prime Minister Liz Truss rules out deal with Greece over Parthenon Marbles \(theartnewspaper.com\)](https://www.theartnewspaper.com/uk-prime-minister-liz-truss-rules-out-deal-with-greece-over-parthenon-marbles)

5 October 2022

UK Prime Minister Liz Truss rules out deal with Greece over Parthenon Marbles

Move rebuffs George Osborne, the chair of the British Museum, who proposed a new collaborative arrangement.

Source: The Art Newspaper

Link:

<https://news.artnet.com/art-world/new-u-k-prime-minister-liz-truss-says-she-does-not-support-repatriating-the-parthenon-marbles-to-greece-2186895>

5 October 2022

New U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss says she does not support repatriating the Parthenon Marbles to Greece

Greece's own prime minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, plans to push her on the topic in a meeting later this year. Watch the video!

Source: Artnet news

6 October 2022

John Malkovich in Athens: Declares support for the return of the Parthenon Sculptures to Greece

Link:

<https://greekcitytimes.com/2022/10/07/john-malkovich/>

Acclaimed American actor John Malkovich visited the Acropolis Museum ahead of his performance in Athens on October 6 and declared his support of the return of the Parthenon Sculptures to Greece from the British Museum in London.

Source: Greek City Times

7 October 2022

Link:

[Lord Elgin paid no British customs tax on Parthenon marbles, letters suggest | Parthenon marbles | The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2022/oct/07/lord-elgin-paid-no-british-customs-tax-on-parthenon-marbles-letters-suggest-parthenon-marbles)

Lord Elgin paid no British customs tax on the Parthenon marbles, letters suggest

Documents from early 19th century show foreign secretary helped Elgin import huge shipments of sculptures.

Source: The Guardian

10 October 2022

Link:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/change-law-to-let-british-museum-return-elgin-marbles-ex-culture-minister-urges-3nk8nkdr8>

Change of law to let British Museum return Elgin Marbles, ex-culture minister urges

Museums should be free to sell objects and return those, such as the Elgin Marbles, that were taken in contentious circumstances, the country's longest-serving arts minister has said.

Source: The Times

13 October 2022

Link:

[National Heritage Act 1983 - Hansard - UK Parliament](https://www.parliament.uk/hansard/commons/2022/october/13/national-heritage-act-1983)

National Heritage Act 1983

Debate in the House of Lords: Lord Vaizey of Didcot asks what plans they have to review the National Heritage Act 1983.

Source: UK Parliament, House of Lords

13 October 2022

Link:

[Reforming heritage laws 'not a priority' amid calls to return Elgin Marbles | Greenock Telegraph](https://www.greenocktelegraph.com/news/13-10-22-reforming-heritage-laws-not-a-priority-amid-calls-to-return-elgin-marbles)

Reforming heritage laws 'not a priority' amid calls to return Elgin Marble

Calls to make it easier for UK museums to consider returning cultural objects have been rebuffed by the Government.

Source: Greenock Telegraph

13 October 2022

Elgin Marbles: New body aims to return sculptures to Greece

A former Conservative culture minister will chair a new body aiming to return the so-called Elgin Marbles to Greece, the BBC can reveal. Lord

Link:

[Elgin Marbles: New body aims to return sculptures to Greece - BBC News](#)

Vaizey, culture minister from 2010-2016, says he is confident "a deal is within each".

Source: BBCNews

13 October 2022

Link:

[It's time to discuss the repatriation of our looted artefacts | Times2 | The Times](#)

It's time to discuss the repatriation of our looted artefacts

The laws surrounding museum collections are in need of an overhaul, writes Ed Vaizey before a Lords debate today.

Source: The Times

13 October 2022

Link:

[A new campaign wants to return the Elgin Marbles to Greece \(timeout.com\)](#)

A new campaign wants to return the Elgin Marbles to Greece

The body, chaired by former Tory culture minister Ed Vaizey, is trying to send the sculptures back to Athens.

Source: TimeOut

13 October 2022

Link:

[Could a deal to return the Parthenon Marbles be on the horizon? | The Greek Current \(simplecast.com\)](#)

Could a deal to return the Parthenon Marbles be on the horizon?

Janet Suzman, the chair of the British Committee for the Reunification of the Parthenon Marbles, joins Thanos Davelis to discuss whether a deal for the return of the Parthenon Marbles could be on the horizon - Prime Minister Mitsotakis said he believes - and to look at how attitudes in Britain are shifting on this issue in favour of their return to Greece.

Source: The Greek Current Podcast

15 October 2022



Λόρδος Εντ Βέιζι στα «ΝΕΑ»: «Τα Γλυπτά μπορούν να επιστρέψουν μέσα στα επόμενα χρόνια»

[Lord Ed Vaizey to TA NEA: "The Sculptures may return to Greece in the coming years]

The 54 years old conservative politician and former vice-minister of Culture in the UK, is now one of the most precious allies of Greece in the campaign claiming the artefacts of the Parthenon.

Source: TA NEA

19 October 2022

Link:

<https://greekreporter.com/2022/10/19/unesco-every-person-must-visit-these-18-greek-monuments/>

The 18 UNESCO Heritage Monuments of Greece

Greece has 18 World Heritage Monuments in its territory according to UNESCO the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Source: Greek Reporter

22 October 2022

«Ο επαναπατρισμός των Γλυπτών θα προσδώσει τιμή στους Βρετανούς»

[“The repatriation of the Sculptures will lend honour to the Britons]

Link:

[«Ο επαναπατρισμός των Γλυπτών θα προσδώσει τιμή στους Βρετανούς» - TA NEA \(tanea.gr\)](https://www.tanea.gr/2022/10/22/ο-επιμνημόσυνο-επαναπατρισμος-των-γλυπτων-θα-προσδωσει-τιμη-στους-βρετανους/)

In an interview with Yannis Andritsopoulos Oecumenic Patriarch Bartholomaios said that the return of the Sculptures to Greece will be a memorable act that will give great honour and recognition to the British Museum and the British government. Therefore, he urged both to respond sensitively to the just request of the Greeks, which, ... is supported by the British people and millions of men worldwide.

Source: TA NEA

31 October 2022

Perfect replica of Elgin Marbles unveiled – and it was carved by robots

Link:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/elgin-marbles-perfect-replica-unveiled-with-british-museum-in-talks-bmxvfjvq7>

Accurate to a fraction of a millimetre, the sculpture was built from the original Greek marble.

Source: The Times

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