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Tales of Clay and Iron: August Screenings In Sifnos and Serifos

On 16 and 21 August 2026, Archipelago Network invites you to two special events in Sifnos and Serifos. Developed in collaboration with long-term local partners on each island, these events explore aspects of the Cyclades' cultural heritage through film screenings and public dialogue. Join us for two evenings of **screenings**, **conversations** and **stories** that illuminate the interplay between island landscapes, memory and cultural heritage.

Creative Sifnos: Pottery of Sifnos at the Bring Your Chair Festival

An evening celebrating Sifnian pottery and UNESCO's Creative Cities Network

Sunday 16 August, 21:00

Dragatsis School, Artemonas, Sifnos

How does pottery shape the past and present cultural identity of Sifnos? In collaboration with the **Bring Your Chair Festival** and the **Municipality of Sifnos**, Archipelago Network presents **Creative Sifnos**, an evening dedicated to Sifnian pottery, commemorating the island's inclusion in the **UNESCO Creative Cities Network**.

The programme includes a panel discussion featuring noted representatives in the domains of Cycladic archaeology, environmental architecture and local governance, followed by the screening of seven short documentaries directed by **Jacob Moe** and produced by **Archipelago Network** as part of the **"Pottery of Sifnos"** project. Combining observational footage, archival material and in-depth interviews, these documentary portraits illuminate the knowledge, techniques and stories of Sifnos' contemporary potters and their workshops.

Featured potters:

Antonis & Giannis Atsonios, Georgios Atsonios, Kostas Depastas, Antonis K. Kalogirou, Fratzeskos Lemonis, Nikos & Giannis Lembesis, and Giannis Podotas.

Opening panel moderated by Jacob Moe (in Greek):

Giorgos Gavalas, Archaeologist-Curator for the islands of Sifnos and Serifos, Ephorate of Antiquities of the Cyclades

Maria Nadali, Mayor of Sifnos

Ioanna Theocharopoulou, Architectural Historian

"Stonethrowers" by Sofia Dona: Memory, Labour and the 1916 Serifos Miners' Strike

A special screening commemorating the historic Serifos miners' strike of 21 August 1916

Friday 21 August, 21:00

Mega Livadi, Serifos

Marking 110 years since the historic miners' strike of 1916 in Serifos, Archipelago Network and the **Association of Mega Livadi - Serifos** present the Cycladic premiere of ***Stonethrowers***, a multimedia essay film by **Sofia Dona**, commissioned as part of Archipelago Network's project "Extraction in the Cyclades: Digital Traces."

During her residency on the island in the winter of 2025, in collaboration with Kotoki Art Space, the artist investigated local photographic and recorded oral histories, uncovering traces of **Aikaterini Valsamaki**, a key figure in the uprising at the iron mines of Mega Livadi.

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Through image research, interviews and visual reconstructions of the key sites and protagonists of the 1916 strike—which claimed nine lives, left dozens injured and persecuted, and ultimately led to the first implementation of the eight-hour working day in Greece—the film highlights the pivotal role of women in the uprising, opening a broader conversation on collective memory, labour and the gendered dimensions of history.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the artist.

Maritime Trades of the Cyclades

Discover the maritime trades, practices and professions of the Cyclades through Archipelago Network's interactive digital map.

Can't make it to the Cyclades this August? Travel virtually to **Amorgos, Koufonisia, Paros, Santorini** and **Syros** through Archipelago Network's interactive map at maritimetrades.archipelagonetwork.org.

Explore a **rich audiovisual archive** featuring documentaries, photographs, audio recordings, objects and oral histories that document the living cultural heritage of the islands and their communities. Discover the legacy of three interconnected traditional practices—**wooden boatbuilding, small-scale coastal fishing** and **seafaring**—and meet the communities that keep this knowledge alive today.

Projects realized under the auspices of and with the financial support of the Ministry of Culture. "Extraction in the Cyclades: Digital Traces" was realized with the support of the J. F. Costopoulos Foundation.

About Archipelago Network

The Aegean islands are havens of diasporic culture, traditional knowledge, and biodiversity. Yet today, accelerating forces such as overtourism and the global climate crisis exert local pressures on these coastal communities, threatening knowledge systems and environmental equilibriums. In this context, Archipelago Network takes up the Cyclades islands as laboratories for field research, residencies, publications, online projects, and public programs. The initiative works at the intersection of visual practices, cultural life, and the natural environment, providing open access to its digital collections while contributing to the development of local and regional memory through documentation and outreach activities.

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