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**TEMPORARY EXHIBITION**

**“The Bread we Break: Heroes and Symbols of 1821”**

**NewTemporaryExhibitionBuilding – Museum of Modern Greek Culture**

**24 June, 2021-30 June, 2022**

The Museum of Modern Greek Culture celebrates the 200-year anniversary from the outbreak of the Greek Revolution and inaugurates its new temporary exhibitions building inMonastiraki, with the exhibition “The Bread We Break: Heroes and Symbols of 1821”.

The Museum of Modern Greek Culture, with the collaboration of art historian, Luisa Karapidaki, presents an exhibition where the paintings of Yiannis Adamakis and the poems of Michalis Ganas meet the rich collections of the Museum, with the aim to understand the impact of 1821 on ourselves, the ways in which 1821 is alive within us and around us, as a key element of memory, identity, perception and image.

Artifacts from the MMGC’s collections, as well as three items from the Tatoi Collection, find their place next to paintings and poems within the exhibition environment:figures of heroes, flags, *fustanellas* and *tsarouchia*, weapons and ships, embroidery, votive offerings, woodcarvings, shadow theater puppets, household and celebration objects. Interspersed amongst them are emblematic contemporary references from the poetry of Michalis Ganas and the visual narratives of Yiannis Adamakis. From this saturation of artifacts, poems and paintings historical references emerge, places and events, heroes known and unknown, national symbols, enduring fragments of historical memory but contemporary figures as well. *Heroes and Symbols*, our own antidoron for 1821, constitute the basic elements of our view for the recent past and highlight our relationship with "great" historic events, within the shortness of human life.

**Duration:**24 June 2021-30 June 2022

**Location:** New Temporary Exhibitions building, 9 KladouStr., Monastiraki

**Opening hours:** 8:30-15:30, daily except Tuesdays

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