

**GEORGE ZONGOLOPOULOS FOUNDATION**  
**THE SCULPTURE “POSEIDON” IN WASHINGTON DC, U.S.A.**  
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**PRESS CONFERENCE**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> at 13:00**  
**Auditorium of Benaki Museum, central building, Koumbari 1 Str., Athens**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Sculptor George Zongolopoulos' "POSEIDON" in Washington DC, U.S.A.**

The emblematic stainless steel work by sculptor George Zongolopoulos "POSEIDON", 3.90 m. high, was installed permanently in July 2014 outside the new Milken School of Public Health building at The George Washington University. "POSEIDON" is the first sculpture of a Greek artist that is installed outdoors in Washington D.C., situated on one of the main avenues of the capital of the United States of America.

The agreement between the President of the George Zongolopoulos Foundation Nicos Theodoridis and of the General Director Angelos Moretis with The George Washington University was mediated by lawyer, collector and curator George Stathopoulos, who is a graduate of the Law School of the G.W. University and who proposed and coordinated the whole project in light of the worldwide prestige of the University and its unique location near the White House.

The sculpture which was donated by the George Zongolopoulos Foundation in Athens to the George Washington University was originally included in the award-winning sculptural composition with water jets that George Zongolopoulos created in 1960 for Omonia Square in central Athens, although the sculpture was never finally installed.

At the Dedication Ceremony for "POSEIDON", under the auspices of the Provost of the George Washington University on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, will be prominent Greeks of America and other prominent individuals, including curators of major museums, distinguished personalities of the Arts, Sciences, Academicians, etc. will be attending.

At the same time, on the premises of the Milken School of Public Health at the George Washington University there will be a parallel exhibition dedicated to George Zongolopoulos with a selection of photos of his iconic large scale sculptures. This will be the first exhibition with George Zongolopoulos' works that is held in the U.S.A. The exhibition also includes photos of large scale works that are installed in public spaces in Greece, and the emblematic mobile with water sculpture "Umbrellas" that is located at the building of the Council of Ministers of the European Union in Brussels. In 2010 the Municipality of Filothei - Psychiko installed the sculpture "POSEIDON" along with five other sculptures by George Zongolopoulos at the Sculpture Park of Psychiko, now known as "George Zongolopoulos Park".

A press conference is scheduled by the George Zongolopoulos Foundation on Wednesday, September 24 at 13:00 in the auditorium of the central building of the Benaki Museum in Koumbari 1 Str. which is in the center of Athens.

The purpose of this initiative is to familiarize the American public with the work of the internationally recognized Greek sculptor and to highlight the Modern Greek sculpture in general.

The presence of the "POSEIDON" sculpture in Washington D.C. honors both the sculptor George Zongolopoulos, and Greek Art and also Greece itself. The event will contribute to the further development of artistic and cultural activities between Greece and the United States.

Our hope is that the American public will embrace the sculptural world of George Zongolopoulos and will appreciate the originality, the power and the modernity that characterizes it!

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