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Just Confirmed: WGN's Andrea Darlas Returns to the NHM Trial Series

CHICAGO (Feb. 23, 2018) – The National Hellenic Museum (NHM) announces that WGN's Andrea Darlas will serve as the moderator for the *NHM Trial of Megacles*, the fifth installment of the NHM Trial Series. Darlas has been an integral part of the NHM Trial Series since 2016. She served as one of the esteemed jurors in 2016's *NHM Trial of Antigone*. For 2017's *NHM Trial of the Parthenon Marbles*, Darlas stepped into the moderator role.

"Andrea Darlas is a masterful host as she captures the drama of each case and makes it relatable to the audience," said NHM President Laura Calamos, Ph.D., who served as a juror alongside Darlas in 2016's *NHM Trial of Antigone*. "We are thrilled to have a prominent Greek American woman such as Andrea back again this year."

Andrea Darlas is an award-winning radio and television news anchor and reporter at WGN Radio and WGN-TV. She currently is the morning news anchor and co-host of the Steve Cochran Show on WGN Radio, reporter/weekend break features on WGN-TV, and a contributor to the nationally syndicated TV show "House Smarts".

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Working press wishing to attend the event must contact Helene Genetos to reserve their press pass at hgenetos@hellenicmuseum.org.

ABOUT THE NHM TRIAL SERIES

Tickets are \$100 and available for purchase online at <https://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/trial>, by calling the Development Team at 312-655-1234 ext. 21, or in person at the National Hellenic Museum Store, 333 S. Halsted Street in Chicago.

The upcoming *Trial of Megacles* has been approved for 1.5 hours Ethics Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits by the Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Committee of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

The dynamic NHM Trial Series has grown both in reputation and following over the years. The 2016 *Trial of Antigone* was broadcast on WTTW-TV (PBS Chicago) in May 2017 and nominated for a regional Emmy. The 2017 *Trial of the Parthenon Marbles* sold-out the auditorium with over 700 attendees.

ABOUT MEGACLES AND THE CYLONIAN AFFAIR

In 632 BCE, Megacles, a leader of Athens, stood trial for the murder of Olympic champion Cylon. After failing in a coup against the fledgling democracy, Cylon and his followers sought sanctuary in the Temple of Athena. Megacles assured Cylon that he would receive a fair trial and his life would be spared if he left the refuge of the temple. After negotiations, and even tying themselves to the temple, Cylon and his men agreed to leave its safety. Despite his promise, Megacles ordered their deaths. Megacles will once again be on trial, and with him, the underpinnings of democratic principles.

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