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Meet Chicago's Own Olympians and Paralympians at NHM

Christina Loukas, Patrick Byrne and Paul Moran share their stories

Music by Brazilian band Bossa Tres

CHICAGO, IL - Join us on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the National Hellenic Museum for lively conversation with three of Chicago's own Olympians and Paralympians.

Olympic diver Christina Loukas and Paralympians Patrick Byrne and Paul Moran will share their experiences and answer questions from the audience. Byrne is a gold medalist in sled hockey and Moran is a five-time Paralympian in wheelchair volleyball and tennis.

Christina Loukas: Christina is an American diver who competes in the 3-meter springboard diving event. While attending Indiana University, she was an eight time NCAA All-American. She competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, placing ninth, and in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, where she placed eighth.

Patrick Byrne: Patrick was part of the gold medal winning sled hockey team at the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City and was inducted into the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame in 2010. He is currently a player and coach for the Chicago Blackhawks Sled Hockey team.

Paul Moran: Paul retired from the U.S. Paralympics Men's Sitting Volleyball Team in 2005, one year after taking sixth place in Athens. He competed in the singles and doubles tennis competition in Beijing in 2008 and was later inducted into the Wheelchair Softball Hall of Fame. He currently teaches at the A.C. Nielsen Tennis Center in Winnetka.

Introductory Remarks by Stephanie Kanter: Stephanie is the business support manager for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's (RIC) Sports and Fitness Program. She has been an athlete and advocate for people with disabilities since sustaining a spinal cord injury in 1994.

This program, sponsored by the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, is presented in conjunction with the National Hellenic Museum's exhibition *Olympic Revival: The 1896 Olympic Games*, on loan from the famed Benaki Museum in Athens.

Admission is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for NHM and RIC members. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for tours of the exhibit. Tickets are on sale now at 312-655-1234 or www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org.

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Located in Chicago's Greektown, the sleek 40,000-square-foot National Hellenic Museum at 333. S. Halsted St. is both contemporary and timeless, connecting all generations—past, present and future—to the rich heritage of Greek history, culture, art and the Greek American experience. The National Hellenic Museum, previously known as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, has been fulfilling this mission since 1983.