Contemporary Greek poet visited our institution

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On the occasion of his stay in Hungary, the artist, who is successful in her home country, and who is also engaged in poetry, prose and songwriting, visited the OIK on 19 April 2024, where she was accompanied by István Horváth, acting director, and Alexandra Pancsosz, head of the Department of Nationality Document Supply. Among other things, the poet was able to get acquainted with the OIK collection, especially the Greek collection.
We also welcomed Stella Petridu to the NSZL, where she was received by Judit Gerencsér, Deputy

Director General and Zoltán Lewalt-Jezierski, Head of the Director General's Cabinet. During the tour of the building, our guest visited the permanent exhibition *Essence* [2], the Land of Poems exhibition [3], as well as our latest exhibition, *The Forms of Time.* [4]



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Stella Petridou's works are published in anthologies, print and electronic literary journals. His literary and musical works have been awarded several prizes in Greek and international literary and artistic competitions. To date, she has published twelve volumes of poetry and one novel, as well as six music albums and three singles. She is a founding member and president of the Aegean Writers' Union, the creator and editor-in-chief of the electronic arts magazine Texnes OnLine *[9]*, and also runs a personal blog, *Lyrides* [10]. She is an active officer in the Lesbos Coast Guard and mother of three children.



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Merő szokássá szent imád ne váljon!
Sokban hívságos elme kérkedik,
Irányt még jóra, szépre is az ád;
Nem mondom: a hont ők nem szeretik;
De jobban a tapsot, mint a hazát...
Oh, értsd meg a szót és hiú dagályon
Olcsó malasztta szent imád ne váljon!
Fényt úz csinált érzelmivel nem egy,
Kinek világát csak divat teszi:
Önála kontós, eb, ló egyremegy,
S a hon szerelmén a hölgyét veszi...
Oh, értsd meg a szót s függve női bájon,
Külcsillogássá szent imád ne váljon!
Van – fájdalom! – kinek cégér hona.
Hah! tőzsér, alkusz és galambkufár:
Ki innen! e hely az Úr temploma:
Rátok az ostor pattogása vár!...
Oh, értsd meg a szót: kincs, arany kináljon:
Nyerészkedéssé szent imád ne váljon!
Szeretni a hont

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A szó teremtett világot: legyen.
The word created the world: let it exi

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The cooperation with Stella Petridu started last year. Last year, the OIK [15]also launched a call for literary translators who have not yet published a book of their own works. Last year, the jury was looking for a Hungarian translation of the Greek poet's poem *Astegos* [16]. The 18th edition of the literary translation competition ended last September. The jury awarded three prizes and one special prize, and at the award ceremony on 22 September 2023, Stella Petridou congratulated the winners in a video message. As a follow-up to the cooperation, the poetess donated to the OIK a copy of all her published works [17] and a copy of the latest anthology of the Aegean Writers' Union.
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