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What's On

The long weekend is in full swing and it looks as though there's something going on throughout the island to add a little culture to everyone's agenda. As hundreds flock to various seaside resorts, Zuzanna Miklasova is busy preparing for a photography exhibition for all the visitors planning to go down to the charismatic town of Polis Chrysochous. Zuzanna was born in 1978, and has lived in various countries throughout Europe. Photography is one of her main passions and as an artist she wishes to expose moments in life that may often pass us by without being noticed. The exhibition set to start on Tuesday will be held in the recently opened Forza 9 Gallery. With its monthly exhibits, Forza 9 aims to create a platform through which innovative Cypriot artists can present their work to local and foreign residents and tourists who travel to the area.

'Think Positive, See Negative' (inset) is a photo exhibition that aims to lift up the hidden beauty of everyday situations and objects.

"I'm trying to make people slow down for a minute to see things they don't usually stop to look at", says Zuzanna. Unlike most photography exhibitions, however, instead of the actual pictures themselves.

When asked why she chose to do so Zuzanna answered, "I want to show a different point of view. You can always look at everything in two ways and so I chose to turn things round and show them in their somewhat obscure negative form". The artist then enthuses, "Just come along and see the photos for yourselves. Like everything in life, it's up to you how you interpret them". Let the battle between positive and negative begin!

If you're planning to stay on in the area of Polis Chrysochous then it's definitely worth paying a visit to Paradise Place, set within the natural beauty of Pamos. The venue has some great acts lined up throughout August with some special treats this holiday week. Today, you can enjoy original Rembetika songs with Antonis Antoniou, Stratis Pantelides, and Lefteris Mourtzis.

If you're more in the mood for songs from times past, then 40s Plus Band will surely rock your world on Wednesday. There's no need to say much, just think of Pink Floyd, The Doors, Dire Straights and Led Zepelin and you'll get the picture. The



band may be in their 40s, but they retain their sense of fun and exuberance. If you want to spend a little time relaxing after various seaside adventures, why not catch a film at the short documentary festival in Limassol? All the films showing at the Old Municipal Market have been selected from the international scene and have won awards at major festivals. Today at 8.30pm you can watch *My Grandmother's House*, a film produced in the US in 2005.

At first glance, not much seems to be happening as a grandmother is taking care of her grandchild while her parents are at work. However, the six year-old girl, Marina, soon rebels against the daily rituals that determine 75-year-old Marita's conservative, religious and rather dull life. As the story unfolds, we see the bickering and nevertheless invariable love between a grandmother and her grandchild.

Sunday's highlight is undoubtedly *The Angelmakers*, winner of the Best Short Documentary Award at the 2006 European Independent Film Festival. Produced in the Netherlands in 2005, this film focuses on a small village in the Hungarian countryside which appears to have a dubious past. In 1929, a series of

arsenic murders were exposed here suspicion of poisoning their husbands and relatives. The arsenic they used had apparently been taken from flypaper.

In total, there were 140 cases of murder, for which many women went to prison. Besides a reconstruction of the killings, the film is a portrait of the present inhabitants of Nagyrev, who all remember something different about the murders. This is a must see documentary for those who can stomach the horrors that are discussed.

Of course, those of you who just can't keep still and simply wish to celebrate the long weekend with a wild party, then there is no better place to be than the Energy 51-Hour Dance Festival which kicked off at Santa Barbara beach in Ayia Napa yesterday. With camping facilities, two dance stages, 22 DJs, a great sound system and lots of fun entertainment, there is plenty to keep you on your toes.

The music being played ranges from house, progressive and trance through to reggae, breaks and Balearic chill out. The party will come to an end tomorrow at 11pm, so hurry down to catch the Santa Barbara action as soon as you can.

Think Positive. See Negative

Opens August 15, until August 29. Forza 9 Gallery, 1 Demetrakis Papamiliadous, Polis Chrysochous. Daily 10am-2pm and 6pm-10pm. Tel: 99-127428

The Dogtors

Original Rembetika songs with Antonis Antoniou, Stratis Pantelides, and Lefteris Mourtzis. August 12. Paradise Place, Pamos, Paphos District. 8pm. £3. Tel: 26-342537/ 99-516932

40's Plus Band

Rock concert. August 16. Paradise Place, Pamos, Paphos District. 9pm. Tel: 26-342537/ 99-516932

Short Documentary Festival

Screening of various international award-winning short documentaries. August 11 to 13. Teatro Ena, Old Municipal Market, Limassol. Screenings from 8.30pm. Free. Tel: 22-879216

Energy 51hr Dance Festival

With two stages, 18 DJs and camping facilities. Opens 8pm, August 11, until August 13. Sunset Beach, Ayia Napa. £10-16. Tel: 99-094880, 99-083206

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Spread yourself out

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