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Preserving and Promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage through the Arts

Cyprus International University (CIU) serves as a dynamic custodian of intangible cultural heritage, leveraging its arts programs to record, preserve, and celebrate local and multicultural traditions. Through public performances, exhibitions, and festivals, the university provides a vital platform for cultural expression, safeguarding folklore, performing arts, and community knowledge for future generations.

A Platform for Performing Arts and Local Folklore

CIU's performance programs actively preserve and showcase traditional and contemporary cultural expressions.

- **Music Club Concerts & Jam Sessions:** These events provide a stage for both traditional and modern music, fostering the transmission of musical heritage and encouraging intercultural dialogue through performance.



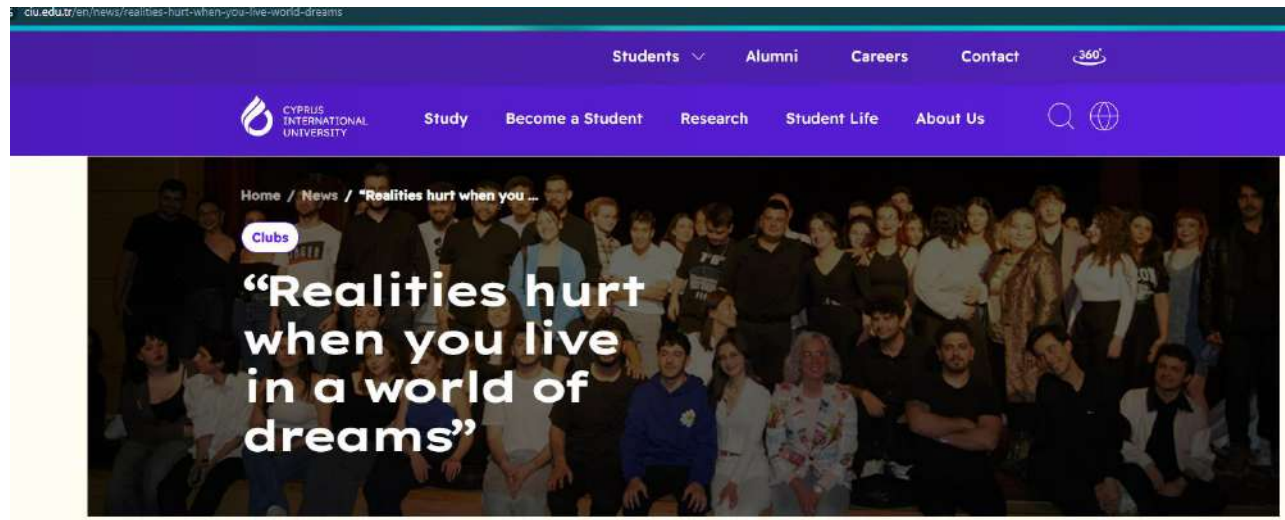
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- **Drama Club Events:** Theatrical productions, such as the event featuring prominent local figures like Yaşar Ersoy, explore Cypriot theatre and acting, preserving local narratives and theatrical traditions. In the 2023-2024 Academic Year Spring Semester, Cyprus International University (CIU) Theater Club students shared an invaluable experience with audience members they interacted with making them not only laugh but also think. This has been an important step for the students in stage craft.



<https://ciu.edu.tr/en/news/realities-hurt-when-you-live-world-dreams>

Visual Documentation and Exhibition of Cultural Knowledge

The university's galleries and exhibition spaces are used to document and preserve cultural heritage through visual media.

- "Poetic Women" Solo Exhibition & "Violence against Women" Poster Exhibition: These exhibitions use art to document and comment on social issues, preserving contemporary societal dialogues and the role of women.



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- **Photo Stories Exhibition & Sketch Work Competition:** These initiatives record and interpret local landscapes, stories, and cultural moments, creating a visual archive of intangible heritage.

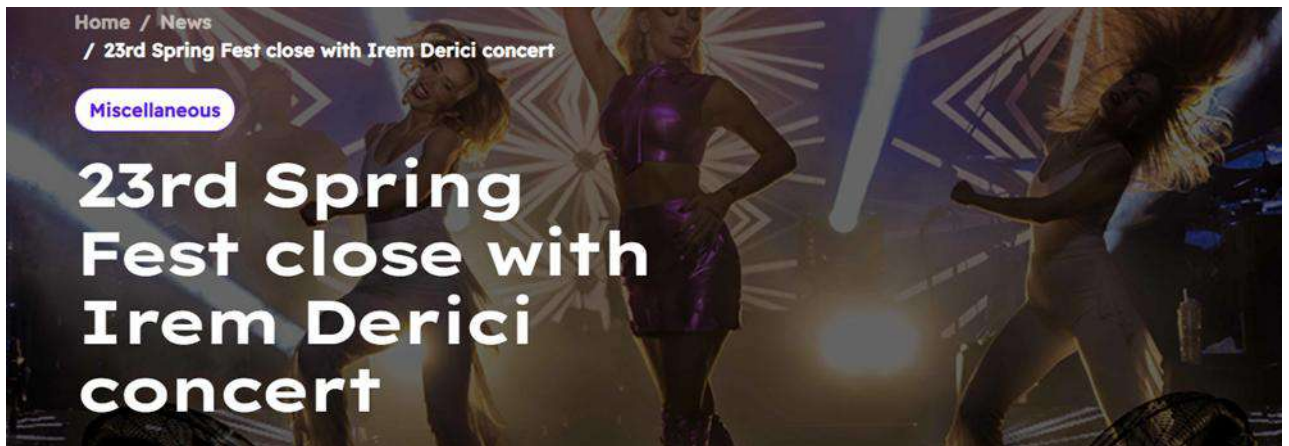


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- **Major Festivals as Living Heritage Archives**

CIU's large-scale festivals act as comprehensive, living records of community culture, blending tradition with modern expression.

The Annual Spring Festival: This flagship event, with its themes of "Diversity, Inclusion, Transformation," is a vibrant repository of intangible culture. It features a wide array of performances—from traditional music and dance to contemporary DJs—documenting the evolving cultural landscape of Cyprus and its diverse communities.



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Exhibition of Portraits Made from Hair organized at CIU

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Exhibitions Organized by CIU



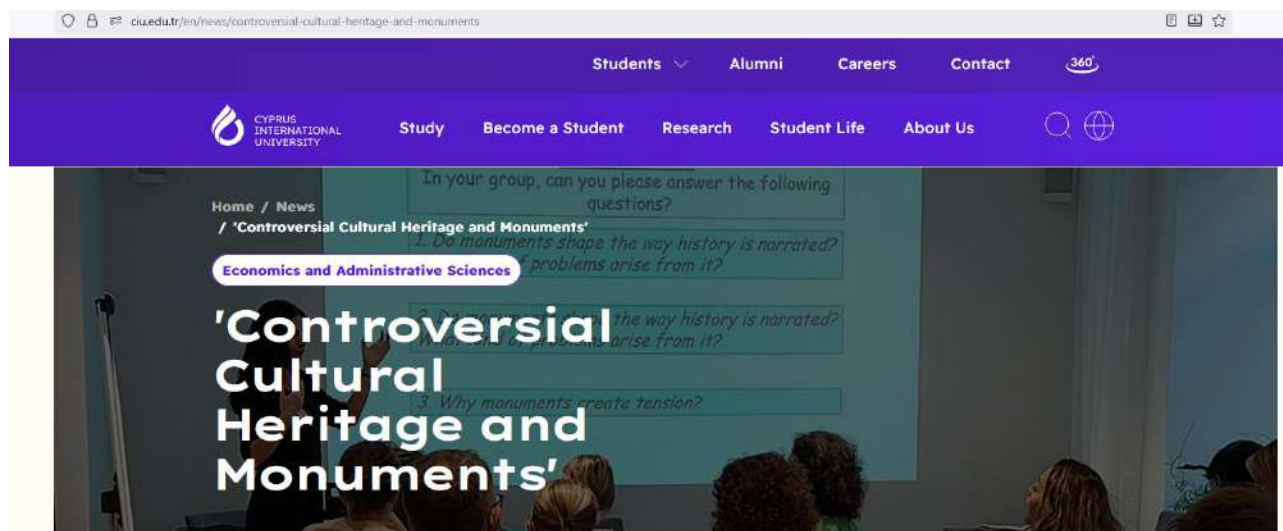






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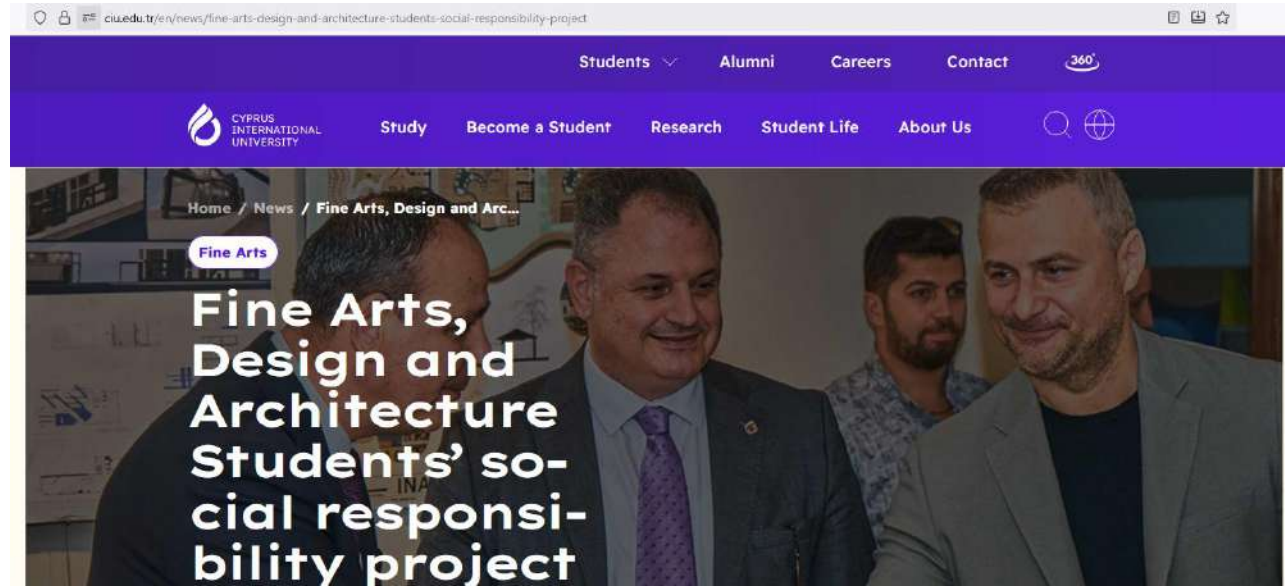
Cyprus International University (CIU) Department of Political Science and International Relations Lecturer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dilek Latif led a discussion group on 'A Controversial Cultural and Religious Heritage in Cyprus: Apostolos Andreas Monastery' at the international workshop on 'Controversial Cultural Heritage and Monuments' in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia.



<https://ciu.edu.tr/en/news/controversial-cultural-heritage-and-monuments>

Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture of Cyprus International University(CIU) organized a student projects exhibition that drew a lot of attention from enthusiasts.

The exhibition was held at CIU Art and Exhibition Gallery and CIU Rector Prof. Dr. Halil Nadiri, Mayor of Nicosia Turkish Municipality (LTB) Mehmet Harmancı and Dean of Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture Prof. Dr. Cemil Atakara delivered the opening speeches.



<https://ciu.edu.tr/en/news/fine-arts-design-and-architecture-students-social-responsibility-project>

Impact on Sustainable Development

Through these diverse artistic projects, CIU:

- **Safeguards Intangible Heritage:** Provides a formal platform for the documentation and performance of local folklore, languages, and traditions that might otherwise be lost.
- **Fosters Social Inclusion:** Creates space for the cultural expressions of diverse and displaced communities, promoting mutual understanding and social cohesion.
- **Ensures Intergenerational Transmission:** Engages students and the youth as both participants and audiences, ensuring the continued relevance and practice of cultural traditions.
- **Democratizes Cultural Access:** Opens all these events to the public, making the recording and celebration of intangible heritage a shared, community-wide endeavor.

By integrating the arts into its core mission, Cyprus International University acts as a vital living archive, ensuring that the rich tapestry of local and multicultural intangible heritage is not only preserved but is also a vibrant and active part of the community's present and future.