

Celebration of Greek Independence Day

**Saturday, March 29, 2003, 7 PM
St. John's, Des Plaines, Illinois**

\$15 pp. for adults and \$10 pp. For students and children

In celebration of the Greek Independence day, Hellenic Link–Midwest, will present on Saturday, March 29, 2003, the Theater *Nefeli* in the play “Children of the Flame” 7:00 PM at the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint John in Des Plaines, Illinois. *Children of the Flame* is a tribute to the flame burning in the hearts of the Greeks of the Diaspora that keeps alive and thriving our bonds with our Hellenic heritage.

The Theater Nefeli of the Greek Community of Toronto has won many distinctions, including: the coveted Karolos Koun Award in the 1993 Pan Hellenic Theater Competition in Athens, Greece; the first prize in the Chin International Folklore Competition for 1996; and in 1998 the first prize of the University of Crete in a theatrical competition involving the Hellenic theaters of the U.S.A, Australia, Ukraine, Germany, and Canada. Nefeli has won the love and admiration of those in our Community who attended their performances in March 1997, 1999 and 2001. Besides performing at home in Toronto, they have performed in Montreal, Athens, Thessaloniki, Kalamata, Boston, and Washington DC. The group's objectives are to promote Greek Performing Arts to mainstream audiences by producing bilingual productions, to share their experiences with people interested in Greek Theater, and to develop new scripts pertinent to the Greek Canadian experience.

Nancy Athanassopoulos-Mylonas was born in Cairo, Egypt, and migrated with her family to Sydney, Australia. A trained classical dancer, she opened her own *School of Movement* in 1966 where she taught classical dance, modern dance and mime. In 1975 she founded the *School of Greek Folklore Ltd.* where she taught Greek traditional and modern dances, dance theater and modern dance. Nancy has traveled throughout Australia teaching, directing and producing many cultural presentations for the various Greek Communities. She has taught Folk dancing and Dance Theater at various public schools across Australia and has lectured to multicultural organizations and institutions on Greek culture. As an actress, Nancy has played major roles on stage and mainstream Australian Television. She is the recipient of numerous awards while a resident of Australia, including the *Order Of The Medal Of Australia* in recognition of 25 years of service in the arts through Greek Folklore. Since 1990 Nancy is the director and choreographer of the Greek Community Theater *Nefeli*.