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ACCLAIMED GREEK AMERICAN MUSICIAN ANGELINE SARIS TO RECEIVE “SPOTLIGHT AWARD” AND PERFORM AT HELLENIC SOCIAL CLUB BENEFIT PRESENTED BY THE ELIOS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION APRIL 25 AT BIMBO’S 365 CLUB

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SAN FRANCISCO (March 19, 2026) — Nationally acclaimed Greek American musician **Angeline Saris** will be presented the coveted “Spotlight Award” by the **Elios Charitable Foundation** at the upcoming inaugural **Hellenic Social Club** benefit, set for Saturday April 25 at the iconic **Bimbo’s 365 Club** located in the heart of San Francisco’s North Beach, 1025 Columbus Avenue.

The vibrant evening celebrating Greek heritage, philanthropy and community will be hosted by international media sensation, Greek American actress, digital content producer, and comedian – with one million collective followers across all her platforms – **Arianna Papalexopoulos**.

Angeline Saris is a renowned and highly sought-after bass player, songwriter, and educator whose career highlights include touring with Rock ‘n’ Roll Hall of Famer Todd Rundgren and guitar virtuoso Adrian Belew on the 2022 Celebration of Bowie Tour; with Grammy Award-winning producer and drummer Narada Michael Walden; jazz-ska-reggae legend Ernest Ranglin; and the all-female Zeppelin tribute band, Zepparella. Most recently, she appeared on Carlos Santana’s new album *Sentient* and joined Jerry Garcia Band’s organist Melvin Seals with the Jason Crosby Collective.

Born in Palo Alto and raised in Marin, Saris, whose paternal Greek heritage hails from Crete and Sparta, has been featured in several publications, including *Bass Player* magazine and *Guitar Girl* magazine, and has appeared on the cover of *Bass Musician* and *Bass Quarterly* magazines. When not out performing or in the studio recording, Saris works as an educator and has taught at the Warwick Bass Camp in Germany, the National Guitar Workshop, as a demonstrator for Hal Leonard educational material, and as a private local instructor.

Conceived as a fresh and spirited affair, The Hellenic Social Club brings together Greek Americans, Philhellenes, and cultural and civic leaders across Northern California for an unforgettable night of fine dining, live music, and dancing—all in support of the Elios Charitable Foundation’s enduring mission to advance Hellenic culture, education, and philanthropy.

“This year’s Hellenic Social Club represents an exciting new chapter for the Elios Charitable Foundation,” said **John Gumas**, Foundation President and Chair. “We are absolutely thrilled to introduce this event as a new way of bringing together Greek Americans and fellow Hellenes in support of the distinguished nonprofit organizations we champion—those that promote and preserve Hellenic culture throughout California and the greater Greek community.”

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a welcome cocktail reception, followed by a seated dinner at 7 p.m. The formal program starts at 8:30 p.m., leading into dancing at 9 p.m. The doors will open at 9.30 p.m. for a younger crowd, age 21 and up, to join the revelry. The popular and multi award-winning **Eleven-Eleven Winery**, the all women-owned Napa winery, will be the exclusive wine purveyor for the evening. Guests are encouraged to dress in festive cocktail attire for what promises to be a lively and glamorous night.

Musical entertainment will feature a show-stopping live performance by legendary Emmy and multi-Grammy-winning artist **Narada Michael Walden** and his 8-piece band, bringing electrifying energy to the historic North Beach venue. The performance will now feature **Angeline Saris**, who will join Narada and his musicians, to perform three of her original songs. Celebrated Bay Area singer/songwriter **Paul Psarras** and in-demand **DJ G-Stav** will add yet another level to the energetic Greek dancing and music.

The Hellenic Social Club is co-chaired by **Frosene Phillips** and **Anthony Saris**, whose leadership and vision have helped shape the event as a celebration of culture, generosity, and social connection.

The Spotlight Award was conceived as recognition and encouragement of Greek American artists who are emerging and next generation leaders in their field. Past recipients have included **Constantine Maroulis**, **Ariana Savalas**, **Constantine Stamatiou**, and **Christopher André Marks**.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities range from \$25,000 to \$5,000, \$1,500 VIP Experience ticket, and general admission tickets available at \$400 per person. A special \$50 ticket is available for young adults with admission for afterhours to midnight. Full details and ticket purchases can be found at: <https://elios.org/the-hellenic-social-club/>

Proceeds from the evening benefit the Elios Charitable Foundation, which supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to sustaining and enriching Hellenic cultural life through education, the arts, and community engagement. The Elios Charitable Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Elios Charitable Foundation Officers are: **John Gumas**, President & Chair; **Patrick Mockler**, Vice President; **John Costouros**, Secretary; and **Michael Kasolas**, Treasurer. **Caterina Vasil Peterson**, Executive Director.

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