This year, on its 10th anniversary, Melitzazz festival takes us to the longest journey.

The journey within ourselves.
Inside our yards, our houses, our souls and our history.

Unlocking the heavy yard gates of the mansions and towers of Leonidio, Melitzazz takes us into the hospitable world of the local Tsakonian people, the magic of the Tsakonian architecture, history and culture. Entering the yard gates, it wanders in the pebbled yards, passes beneath the stone arches, strolls the stately halls and rooms, admires the elaborate painted ceilings and discovers habits and secrets of past times. It senses the glamour and wealth of the Tsakonian colonies, but also narrates the pain of migration in Istanbul, the Black sea and the Mediterranean, the Balkans, America and Australia. It travels to the past of restless and proud people, whose roots trace back to Dorians and Ancient Spartans.

Melitzazz travels to the homelands of the Tsakonians around the world, bringing original and fusion, romantic and up-tempo music from West to the East and from America to Leonidio. It offers us the keys to enjoy, in the yards, the squares and the alleys of Leonidio:

- classic and progressive jazz,
- groovy funk and soul,
- Balkan and Mediterranean ethnic,
- traditional rebetiko and folk music and dance,
- alluring cinema with great movies,
- painting, photograph, artcraft, jewelry and local products exhibitions,
- kids activities and workshops,
- DJ set,
- interesting experimentations and fusion,
- innumerable delicacies of the local Tsakoniki aubergine.

And many small, unforgettable moments.
Melitzazz moments.

Join us on the longest journey.
Melitzazz Unlocked 2015
First week of July, Leonidio, Arcadia

Melitzazz festival is a colorful, multi-national gathering of cultures, in the capital of Tsakonia, Leonidio. Invited artists and chefs convey the atmosphere of their places, contributing to the celebration with music, dance, culture and tastes. Scattered events take place in the streets, at squares and in the chateaus of the picturesque traditional village of Leonidio, numerous open stages are set up throughout the city of Leonidio, the streets are transformed into open air bars and street food goes to a new dimension, where music and dances tangle with scents and flavors of local and international gastronomy.

The festival is dedicated to the famous PDO Tsakonian aubergine of Leonidio. Leonidio and Tsakonia celebrate, highlighting their rare qualities, the Tsakonian language with its foundations in the Doric dialect, the Tsakonian dance with its roots in the myths of Apollo, the local tradition, hospitality and excellent natural environment.

The theme of the festival, inspired by hosted cultures, included many types of music and dance till 2013, from rebetiko, oriental, flamenco and Serbian brass, to gypsy swing, jazz, Balkan, Cyprus, tarantella, operetta, latin, samba, tango, salsa, capoeira, maculele and much more.

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July 1-5, 2015, Leonidio- Arcadia
Events start on 20:00. Free entrance.

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...Tsakonian folklore, flamenco, oriental, rebetiko, tarantella, Cypriot traditional, belly dance, American blues, Balkan traditional, gospel, funk, soul, Serbian brass, percussion, Argentinean tango, operetta, Cuban salsa, Brazilian samba, capoeira, maculele, Smyrna traditional, Indian dances, latin, batucada, children’s choir, jazz, swing & gypsy jazz...

Melitzazz festival has been awarded the EFFE Label 2015-2016