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The curators Elena Kotasvili and Alexis Vagianos gathered material from the archive of THOC for the creation of this exhibition, with a focus on the unseen aspect of theatre. At the same time, they emphasize on the preparation process of a theatre production, for which an array of objects lead to artistic creativity.

Antigone Papaphilippou, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of THOC, stated that “THOC is celebrating half a century of existence with a significant exhibition, which includes rare material from its archive, that is displayed for the first time for public viewing. Larnaka airport is the ideal space to host the exhibition, giving passengers the opportunity to have a closer look, behind the scenes”.

Maria Kouroupi, Senior Manager of Aviation Development and Communication of Hermes Airports, said “At Hermes Airports we always support culture through our Sense of Place project, with the aim to highlight elements that can be found on the island, through installations placed at the airports. In our opinion, exhibiting art in public spaces is the most immediate way for art to be enjoyed by everyone. Especially at the “gateway” of a country, the airport, cultural creativity is not decorative, on the contrary, it states our identity. This is what is achieved through the exhibition by THOC, as an unseen and important work is exhibited to the public, by the artists of our country’s theatre”.

** The exhibition will be hosted at Larnaka Airport until the end of September 2022.*



Notes to the editor:

- Hermes Airports Ltd manages and controls the two International Airports of the Republic of Cyprus. The consortium is composed of a mix of Cypriot and international partners.
- It is estimated that for every additional flight arriving at Cypriot airports, around 100 additional job positions are created. Larnaka and Pafos International Airports are responsible for a total of over 18.000 job positions both in the airports and Cyprus' tourism industry in general. With an annual contribution to the country's finances around 4% of Cyprus' GDP, the island's two airports are rightfully considered as an important driving force for Cyprus' growth and the preservation of thousands of jobs.
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