



## INVITATION

The War Archive is delighted to invite you in the presentation of the documentary film produced and directed by Giannis and Pierros Tzanetakos and Thanasis Papakostas

### **“OPLA, punishing or revenging”**

Saturday 24 September 2016 at 7.30 pm

The presentation will be in Greek

The War Archive is sticking to its plans to have this year, too, a full program, starting early after the end of summer with this September presentation. We chose the topic specifically because there is little known about it and the little that it is, is very controversial.

OPLA is the acronym in Greek of the name of a shadowy organization set up in 1943 by the KKE ( The Greek communist party) and ELAS ( the main communist-led resistance army during 1941-49 ), the “Organization for the Protection of the Popular Struggle”. As with most KKE-inspired names, this one was particularly apposite as “opla” in modern Greek means “arms or guns”. The organization was supposed to protect the guerilla/resistance fighters but its role

expanded in its frequent killings of all those deemed opposed to KKE-ELAS. A point was reached that its violent activities became an embarrassment for the KKE and it was faded out in 1944, even before the civil war had started but not before its name and reputation struck fear to its opponents,

By the nature of the organization, very little was known about it and of its members, and hence this investigation into its activities is all the more welcome as it casts light in this bloody and violent period of Greek history. The producers/director of the film will be present and will participate in a discussion after the showing of the film.

**Thanasis Papakostas ( director)**

He has directed and acted as a musical supervisor in numerous TV series and individual films mostly for the Greek State Television Service. ( 2000-2013).He produced for the Ministry of Culture a historic documentary «The years of exile» ( 2008) as well as a series on parliamentarians for the television channel of the Greek Parliament.

Has presented , and has received prizes, for documentaries in various festivals.

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The Arheion is looking very much forward to your presence in this event.  
We ask you however to let us know whether you will be coming either by replying to this email at [afreeris@wararchivegr.org](mailto:afreeris@wararchivegr.org) and/or by contacting Maka Dokhnadze at the phone of the Arheion, 210-8676390 ,or mobile phone 69-98088220 by latest 21/9/2016. Please do note that space is limited.

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