

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center at Faliron



Architect Renzo Piano

Last Friday, Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis met with members of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation and architect [Renzo Piano](#) who, along with his partner- Giorgio Bianchi is designing the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC), at the Faliron Delta area.

The 150,000 sq. meters Park will include the National Library of Greece and of the Greek National Opera, and is expected to be a major landmark for Greece.

DF: Detailed plans are expected to be presented before the end of the year. The construction of the facility is expected to employ the latest "green" building technologies.

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Architect chosen for Stavros Niarchos Cultural Park

The [Renzo Piano Building Workshop](#) has been selected to design the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, which will include new state-of-the-art facilities for the Greek National Opera and the National Library of Greece, set within an Educational and Cultural Park. The public site for these three projects is near the center of Athens, Greece, adjacent to the sea, covering an approximate area of 42 acres (17 hectares, 170,000 m²).

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center is to be funded exclusively by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation with an approximate budget of euro 300 million. Once completed, the project will be turned over to the Greek State.

DF: The firm has also designed the New York Times building, the Kansai International Airport terminal in Osaka, Japan, and the planned London Bridge Tower. The award-winning architect's best known project was the [Georges Pompidou Center](#) in Paris.