

DINING WITH THE GODS: A LECTURE, VIEWING, AND TASTING  
OF THE CULINARY CULTURE OF ANCIENT GREECE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005

From the roasted meats of Homer's *Odyssey* to the nectar and ambrosia imagined in Athenaeus's *Philosophers at Dinner*, Greek literature describes the meals of gods and mortals. Some believed that the gods of Mount Olympus could not eat mortal food, sustaining themselves with the heady smoke of sacrifice. Others thought the gods ate and drank as mortals, for were they not "all-powerful, but just like us?" Join **Andrew Dalby**, an internationally acclaimed expert in the foods of the ancient world, to explore ancient Greek attitudes towards food and its sacramental power to link humanity with the divine.

Co-sponsored by Sotheby's Institute of Art and held in its galleries, the lecture coincides with the viewing of Greco-Roman antiquities in advance of its fall auction. The galleries will be opened for a private viewing before the lecture, where ceramics used at *symposia*, the Greek drinking parties, as well as storage containers and other culinary artifacts from the classical world, will be displayed. Following the lecture will be a tasting of foods and drinks of the Greco-Roman world, based on recipes from CHNY chairperson Cathy Kaufman's forthcoming book, *Cooking in the Ancient World*.

**Andrew Dalby** is an historian, linguist, and author of many books on Greco-Roman food and culture, including *Siren Feasts: A History of Food and Gastronomy in Greece* (1996), *Empire of Pleasure: Luxury and Indulgence in the Roman World* (2000) *Food in the Ancient World from A – Z* (2003), *Bacchus: A Biography* (2003), and *The Story of Venus* (2004).

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**Viewing: 6:00–6:30 P.M. Lecture: 6:30–7:30 P.M. Reception: 7:30–8:00 P.M.**

**Space is limited and you *must* reserve by phone or mail in advance to receive the CHNY price; Sotheby's will be charging \$50 at the door for non-CHNY members.**

**Save the dates: January 31, 2006: *Gastronomy and Gluttony in Early Modern China***

**February 23, 2006: *The Dark Side of Rum***

Questions? Call Linda Pelaccio at 212.334.4175

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