

# AN EXHIBITION AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM: *SULLA ROTTE DEI FENICI*

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A touring exhibition entitled "On the trail of the Phoenicians" is being held at the Beirut National Museum from the 12th of March 1998 until

the 26th April 1998\*.

Alongside 17 of its own objects, the Lebanese Directorate General of Antiquities will have on exhibit around sixty artefacts on loan from the Museums of Sicily and Sardinia. The exhibition is being organised by the Civita Association under Enrico Acquaro, (Head of the Institute of Phoenician and Punic Civilization of the National Research Council).

The idea is to display works of art produced between the 8th and 4th centuries BC. from a variety of sites throughout the Mediterranean area. It includes a selection of pottery, bronze figurines and jewellery.

The exhibition will occupy a large section of the Museum's newly refurbished Upper Gallery where the 20 glass display cabinets needed for the exhibition can be accommodated. After closing in Beirut, the exhibition will then move on to Cyprus, Tunisia and Malta.

The museums contributing objects on loan to the exhibition are as follows:

- National Archaeological Museum of Cagliari
- National Museum of G.A. Sanna of Sassari

- Communal Museum of Saint-Antioco
- Antiquarium Arbrense of Oristano
- National Archaeological Museum of Palermo
- Whitecker Museum of Mozia
- National Archaeological Museum of Agrigento

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