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In celebration of 2009 as the Year of Astronomy and in conjunction with its new exhibition, *The Sky's the Limit: Astronomy in Antiquity*, the Nicholson Museum presents **Professor Robert Hannah**.

Professor Hannah holds a personal Chair in Classics at the University of Otago in New Zealand where he teaches across the full spectrum of Classical archaeology.

His most recent publications include the books *Greek and Roman Calendars: Constructions of Time in the Classical World* (2005), and *Time in Antiquity* (2009). He has co-authored a catalogue of the Greek, Roman and Islamic lamps in New Zealand museum collections, and co-edited a volume of essays on Alexander the Great (both due 2009).

Professor Hannah is Associate Dean (Research) in the Division of Humanities at the University of Otago and Honorary Curator of the Classical Collections at the Otago Museum.



Nicholson Museum Invitation

Thursday 18 June 2009

Professor Robert Hannah

Sun, Moon & Stars: the development of the Classical Athenian calendar



Societies throughout the ancient world used the sun, the moon and the stars to mark, measure and tell the time through the cycle of the days, months and years. A problem they faced however was that months, measured by the moon, did not easily coordinate with seasons, measured by the sun.

Ancient Greek civic calendars were moon-based and yet also had to provide appropriate dates for seasonal festivals. At the end of the 5th century BC the Athenian astronomer Meton successfully devised a cycle that coordinated lunar and solar time over periods of 19 years. This lecture will examine how Meton achieved this, and something of its impact on later times.

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6 for 6.30 pm

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