

MUSIC FREEDOM DAY

PRESS RELEASE

MUSIC FREEDOM DAY 2010 GETS GLOBAL ATTENTION

Mumbai, Kabul, Cairo, Amman, Gdansk, The Hague and New York are some of the cities organising Music Freedom Day on 3 March this year — a day that will also see the release of the Freemuse CD 'Listen To The Banned' and a hand-over of the petition for the release of imprisoned singer Lapiro de Mbanga to the Embassy of Cameroon in Paris.

In collaboration with Mondomix and Vigier Guitars, Freemuse will visit the Embassy of Cameroon to hand over more than three thousands protests from all corners of the world.

Concerts

In The Hague, Holland, a two day event is organised by MusicForce in collaboration with Freemuse. The Dutch Human Rights Ambassador, Mr. Arjan Hamburger, will attend the opening event in Holland, which focuses on rap and hip-hop culture.

In New York, Music Freedom Day will be celebrated by a unique new project called 'The Impossible Music Sessions' connecting censored artists from around the world with artists in New York. Brooklyn-based Cruel Black Dove will play a tribute to the music of the illegal Iranian band The Plastic Wave, who will appear via Skype and e-mail from Tehran.

In Mumbai, Blue Frog, India's premier live music performance club for global music has dedicated 3 March to Music Freedom Day. Blue Frog features a concert by French artist Barbara Carlotti. The event is organised in collaboration with Alliance Francaise de Bombay.

Radio and tv programmes

Joining for the fourth consecutive year several national broadcasting stations in Germany, Norway, Sweden and Spain will produce and present special programmes on music censorship and freedom of expression

From Kabul the citizens of Afghanistan will be made aware of the day by Tolo TV and Lemar TV which will focus on music censorship and freedom of expression for musicians in all their music programmes on 3 March, including the popular 'Afghan Star Show'.

Seminars

In Amman, the capital of Jordan, a seminar will focus on the situation for alternative music, and in Gdansk, Poland, the freedom of expression organisation Indeks 73 is hosting a public debate on "music freedom and freedom in music" followed by a concert. This event starts already on 2 March 2010.

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Music Freedom Day is an "advocacy and awareness event" initiated in 2007 by Freemuse and national broadcasting corporations. The aim is to highlight musicians and composers rights to freedom of musical expression and focus on global violations of these rights