



Wednesday, 30 of April: Jazz for Syria

Jazz for Syria, an international event raising awareness and support for Syrian refugees, will take place on **UNESCO's International Jazz Day** Wednesday, 30th April, 2014. The event consists of three simultaneous concerts in Beirut (Lebanon), Amman (Jordan) and The Hague (The Netherlands) connected via Internet broadcast and virtual interaction. All concerts start at 20:00 local time.

In addition to the main message of reconciliation and peace through music each of the concerts has its peculiar purpose, namely:

- The concert in The Netherlands aims to raise awareness about the situation in Syria. Its second goal is to raise funds to buy musical instruments for workshops with children in refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan. The concert is hosted by **Tony Overwater** who will feature established Dutch artists such as **Jan Akkerman, Freek de Jonge, Dick de Graaf, Wolter Wierbos, Gerard Kleijn, Oene van Geel** and **Konrad Koselleck** accompanied by the **Rembrandt Frerichs trio**. All of these artists have played in Syria or have a special relationship with this country. They will share their stories and perform in **Korzo, The Hague**. Two days later the Rembrandt Frerichs trio will go to Jordan to deliver the instruments straight to Syrious Mission and the children of the Syrian refugee camp.
- The concert in Jordan is the official opening concert of the Amman Jazz Festival 2014 at the **Zara Expo Theater**. The main goal of this concert is to showcase the creative results of a one-week music workshop with Syrian refugee children from

Zaatari camp initiated and held by **SYRIOUS Mission**. The showcase will also involve such Dutch artists as **Teema, Lilian Hak, Bauke Wijnja, Brendan Jan Walsh and Daniël Kool**. On the same night Amman Jazz Festival will present the project "Tribute to Paco De Lucia", a concert by **Andalucia Trio** (Jordan) featuring **Laila Sabbagh** (Palestine), and a number of Jordanian guest musicians.

- The main goal of the concert in Lebanon is to give Syrian jazz musicians and others a stage to share their musical message of Peace for Syria with the world. The program will feature well-known Syrian and Lebanese bands such as: **Raed El Khazen, Linda Bettar, Fatet Le3bet, Tanjaret Daghet, Mabrad, Zeid Hamdan, Itar Shameh (Rasha Rizk, Ibrahim Sulaimany and Omar Harb), Lynn Adib and Hani Sawah**. Similar to the concert in Amman, the Beirut stage will turn into the place where Syrian refugee children from Shatila camp can present their collaborative music work created during the workshops held by the Hani Sawah team. The concert will take place in the **Babel Theater in el Hamra**. The after party and a big jam will take place in Yunkunkun club in Jemaizeh after 10.30 at night.

Get the tickets via:

Den Haag - <http://korzo.nl/nl/producties/jazz-syria>,

Amman – at Zara Expo box office

Beirut – at Babel Theatre box office

The concerts will also be **streamed online**. For more information and links **visit our Facebook page**: <https://www.facebook.com/syrianmusiclives>