

Global Week For Syria أسبوع عالمي لسوريا

2nd Edition

17 April - 1 May 2016

Hundreds of Syrian and international artists

Beirut, Amsterdam, Leiden, Rotterdam, The Hague, Angers,
Arnhem, Baghdad, Berlin, Brussels, Chicago, Cologne,
Copenhagen, Dortmund, Kiev, Lilongwe, Linz,
London, Los Angeles, Madrid, New York,
Oxford, Paris, Stockholm,
and much more.



**Global Week for Syria - the multi-disciplinary call for peace,
support and co-creation**

Global Week for Syria is an opportunity

to open new possibilities for **cultural exchange** and **networking** between eastern and western cultures;

to create and diffuse an **alternative narrative** about Syria and Syrians in Europe and beyond;

to provide an opportunity for **professional Syrian musicians** to perform;

to remind all Syrian people of their **shared heritage and identity**;

to serve as a focus of **faith and hope** for a positive future.

“For me it is a week of sharing music with the world. Of celebrating the miracle of peace through music. Since the war in Syria shattered our lives I decided not to take things for granted. Having a week like that is a miracle in itself. It is important to savour the ecstasy of life. Those few beautiful moments of our lives. Music is a mix of immediate expressions of feeling about the present which summarises many immeasurable things. Sharing these moments with many people around the world is even more beautiful. We want to share with the world beautiful things about Syria.”

Hannibal Saad (initiator and the artistic leader of Global Week for Syria)



*Syrian musicians, Beirut
Jazz for Syria 2014*

History of the Global Week for Syria

2012 Music and Beyond launched **Syrian Music Lives** project - Portal and Social Media Platform.

This Project aimed, among other things, at preserving the great momentum that has been generated and gained in Syrian music life up to the current moment through: creating a permanent link between Syrian musicians; making available written and audiovisual information about the latest news, activities and creative work of Syrian musicians and informing the public about Syrian living music and the musical life of Syria: <http://syrianmusiclives.com>

2014 we have been asked by the **UNESCO International Jazz Day** to organise concerts series in the Netherlands and elsewhere in connection with the jazz festival we did In Syria before 2011. This resulted in the project **Jazz for Syria**, an international event raising awareness and support for Syrian refugees. The event consisted of three simultaneous concerts in Beirut (Lebanon), Amman (Jordan) and The Hague (The Netherlands) connected via Internet broadcast and virtual interaction. The event included 9 Dutch bands in Den Haag, 7 in Beirut, and one Dutch band and one other in Amman.

2015 we produced the **First Global Week for Syria Edition**, which presented the total of 30 acts with 20 international, 11 Syrian and 4 Lebanese musicians in 4 venues across Beirut, 6 cities across Europe. The festival in Beirut produced in collaboration with Swell Group (swell.solutions).

Music and Beyond is the lead nonprofit organisation charged with planning, promoting and producing this annual celebration. Global Week for Syria is happening in many places around the world. For 2016 edition Music and Beyond will run 6 cities in the Netherlands and, in collaboration with Swell Group, the main stage in Beirut. All other concerts around the world will be managed and covered by our partners.



Global Week for Syria 2016

- . **Music Festival in Beirut** World/Rock/Jazz/Contemporary Classical Music – Lebanon, Beirut;
- . **Live Concerts, Fundraising Events and Conferences** - The Netherlands, UK, US, France, Austria, Spain, Germany, Canada, USA and other countries across the globe;
- . **Over 100 Online Performances (#4Syria action)** continuously streamed online on our portal syrianmusiclives.com, ongoing action – the big presentation of collected dedication videos during the Global Week for Syria festival;
- . **Talks and Panel Discussions** with scholars and cultural activists - Lebanon, Beirut; The Netherlands, Leiden; The United Kingdom, Oxford; United States of America, Chicago;
- . **Musical and Cultural Workshops** - Lebanon, Beirut;
- . **Syrian Big Band Codarts Union project** that will take place on **UNESCO's International Jazz Day** – The Netherlands, The Hague, Rotterdam, Amsterdam
April 30th - May 1st, 2016

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Artistic Program and Special Projects, The Netherlands

Syrian Big Band Codarts Union

Music and Beyond Foundation, in collaboration, with *Codarts Big Band* is initiating an artistic-cultural exchange project with Syrian, Dutch professional and student artists called *Syrian Big Band Codarts Union*.

The *Syrian Big Band Codarts Union* will take place during two events: the UNESCO International Jazz Day which aims to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe, and the Global Week for Syria a multi-disciplinary call for peace, support and co-creation.

This project will be the reunion of former *Syrian Big Band* members who had to stop their activities due to the conflict in 2011. This core team currently living in the Netherlands and neighbouring countries, will join with students from the Codarts University of the Arts Rotterdam to perform big band music with an oriental flavour in collaboration with invited soloists that include: Tineke Postma, Dick de Graaf, Michalis Cholevas, Ruven Ruppik, Ilja Reijngoud, Nizar Rohana, Abdalhadi Deeb, Maryana Golovchenko, Mohamad Fetian, and Ibrahim Kevo.

Venues:

- [The Hague Program \(Korzo\)](#) - 15:00, April 30th
- [Rotterdam Program \(Grounds\)](#) - 19:30, April 30th
- **Amsterdam Program (Bimhuis) - May 1st, 2016**



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Artistic Program, The Netherlands (Continued)

- **Leiden Program (Rijksmuseum van Oudheden) - Monday, April 18th for more details click [here](#)**

10:00 - 17:00 Symposium “Syrian Heritage and Dutch Research”

Scholars from Leiden University and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: Dr. Olivier P. Nieuwenhuijse, Dr. Bleda S. Daring, Dr. Frans A.M. Wiggermann, Prof. dr. Jesper Eidem, Dr. Diederik J.W. Meijer, Prof.dr. Wilfred H. van Soldt , Drs. Theo J.H. Krispijn, Dr. Lucinda A. Dirven, Dr. Karel C. Innemee, Dr. S. Mat Immerzeel

19:30 - 21:15 Concert

1. Frank Scheffer “Syria Journey” (video screening, talk)
2. Nouri Iskandar String Trio
Sousan Iskandar – violin;
Jehad Jazbeh – violin;
Basilius Alawad – cello.

- **Amsterdam Program (Splendor) - Tuesday, April 19th for more details click [here](#)**

The concert is organised and produced in collaboration with *Splendor* collective. The program of the concert will mainly consist of collaborative performances by Splendor musicians and Syrian professional musicians. As a part of the concert program we will stream a short dance performance by talented Syrian refugee youth from the camp in Luttelgeest (collaboration with *De Vrolijkheid*).

- **Arnhem Program (Rozet - Arnhem Public Library) - Friday, April 22nd**

The concert will be produced in collaboration with *Syrian Female Journalists Network*, who has 40 active members worldwide Wereldvrouwen!Koor (NL) the initiative of Charivari Wereldmuziek Festival 2015 as well as the band Kon Fusion (NL)

Global Week for Syria - Day-to-day program Beirut Festival

17 - 24 April

Date	Venue	Description	type	Time
27 - 10.04	@B&Z Cultural Center	Workshop Lucas Dols (NL)	workshop	10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
17/04 Sun	@Metro	Tanjaret Daght (SY) Darwish (SY) and El Ras (LB)	concert	9:00 PM
18/04 Mon	@Metro	Eivind Aarset (NO), Michele Rabiaa (IT) & Marcel Wierckx (NL/CA) Valentine Clastier (FR) & Steven Kamperman (NL) feat. Diab Sukkari (SY)	concert	9:00 PM
	@UNESCO Palace	Sonbola Choir (LB), Fayha Choir (LB), Basmeh & Zeitooneh Choir (LB) featuring Ahmad Qaabour (LB)	concert	6:00 PM
19/04 Tue	@Onomatopoeia	Marcel Wierckx (NL/CA)	workshop	2:00 - 5:00 PM
	@t-marbouta	Electro-meeting with Nareg Abajian (SY), Khaled Omran (SY) and local and international guests	concert	9:00 PM
20/04 Wed	@Onomatopoeia	Marcel Wierckx (NL/CA)	workshop	2:00 - 5:00 PM
	@Radio Beirut	Flux Fusion Night with Florian Zenker (GR), Gjertrud Lunde (NO), Dani Shukri (SY) with local and international guests	concert	9:00 PM
	@Onomatopoeia	Marcel Wierckx (NL/CA)	concert	7:00 PM
21/04 Thrs	@Onomatopoeia	Marcel Wierckx (NL/CA)	workshop	2:00 - 5:00 PM
	@La salle Montaigne - Institut Francais	Valentine Clastier (FR) & Steven Kamperman (NL) Florian Zenker (GR), Gjertrud Lunde (NO), Khaled Omran (SY), Dani Shukri (SY), Nareg Abajian (SY)	concert	8:30 PM
22/04 Fr	@t-marbouta	Richard Dumbrill (UK)	workshop	6:00 - 9:00 PM
	@mezyan	Tony Overwater (NL) - Salon Joussour	workshop-lecture	6:00 PM
	@La salle Montaigne - Institut Francais	Salon Joussour with Tony Overwater (NL), Florian Zenker (GR), Steven Kamperman (NL), Lebanese, Syrian musicians and a special surprise guest	concert	9:00 PM
23/04 Sat	@t-marbouta	Richard Dumbrill (UK)	workshop	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	@t-marbouta	Richard Dumbrill (UK)	public talk	6:30 PM
	@La salle Montaigne - Institut Francais	Orontes Guitar Quartet (SY) and Chamber orchestra, the American Arts Festival Baroque Ensemble (LB)	concert	8:30 PM
	@Radio Beirut	Flux Electronic Night with Brendan Jan Walsh (NL), Aisha Devi (CH) and Tadafok (LB)	concert	9:00 PM
24/04 Sun	@mezyan	Impro night with local and international musicians featuring Sophie Loretan and Simon Jaccard (CH)	concert	8:00 PM - 1:00 AM

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Program overview Beirut Festival

Panel discussions and talks with scholars and cultural activists will mainly focus on topics like preservation of the cultural heritage in times of conflict, role of culture in peace building actions, creation and development of the concept of the Culture of Peace. Confirmed participants to be announced soon.

Three types of workshops:

- a) Musical Workshop **for professional Syrian musicians** living inside of Syria as well as the ones living in Lebanon provided by audio-visual artist, teacher of Max MSP at Amsterdam Conservatory: Marcel Wierckx (NL/CA).
- b) **Training for trainers**, working with Syrian refugee children in Lebanon with experienced trainer, professional musician, expert in non-violent communication Lucas Dols (NL).
- c) Musical workshops with **Syrian refugee children in Lebanon** aged 6 to 16 years old by Zaki Alhamwi (SY).

Our partners refugee organisations for b) and c) workshops are [Basmeh & Zeitooneh](#).

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Our partners - organisers

With our special team we coordinate the live broadcast on our website and social media platform.

Country	City	Organizer (Private initiative/NGO)	Type of event
Austria	Linz, Vienna	Orwa Saleh	Concerts
Denmark	Copenhagen	Lis Raadjerg	Concert
France	Paris, Angers	<i>Coeur Pour la Syrie</i> , Apurba Mukherjee	Concerts
Germany	Berlin, Cologne, Dortmund	Rama Jarmakani, Florian Zenker, Oriental Culture Cafe	Concerts
Lebanon	Beirut	Swiss Embassy in Beirut, <i>Music and Beyond Foundation with Swell Group</i>	Concert, conference
Malawi	Lilongwe	Emmanuel Michael Mwanyongo	Talk
The Netherlands	Leiden, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague , Arnhem, Luttelgeest (AZC)	<i>Music and Beyond Foundation, Splendor, RMO, Syrian Female Journalists Network, Ex-orientale Lux, De Vrolijkheid</i>	Concerts, conference
Spain	Madrid	<i>Journalists Without Borders, Souriat Without Borders</i>	Concerts
Sweden	Stockholm	Yesser Abboud	Concert
UK	London, Oxford	Simon Hewitt Jones/Richmix, <i>ICONEA</i>	Concert, conference
Ukraine	Kiev	Cloud Jam	Concert
USA	New York City, Los Angeles	Kinan Azmeh, Christine Moore, <i>The Markaz</i>	Concert, conference

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Partners and Supporters:

Funding partners:

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NL), Fonds Podium Kunsten (NL), AFAC (LB), FELM (FI), French Institute in Beirut (LB), Goethe Institute (LB), Ettijahat (LB), Madani (SY), AWO Bezirksverband Mittelrhein e.V. (GR), Integrationsagenturen Nordrhein-Westfalen (GR)

Embassies: Swiss Embassy in Beirut, Norwegian Embassy in Beirut

Municipalities: Municipality of Leiden

Sponsors: t-marbouta (LB), Mezyan (LB)

Involved organisations: Tamas/Syrian Civil Coalition (SY), Jazz in Motion/Salon Joussour (NL), Basmeh & Zeitooneh (LB), OrangeRed (JO), A Heart For Syria/ Un Coeur pour la Syrie (FR/CA), ICONEA (UK), Syrian Female Journalists Network (NL), World Music Forum (NL), Swell Group (LB/SY), De Vrolijkheid (NL), Souriat without Borders (SP), Splendor (NL), Ex Oriente Lux (NL), Codarts (NL), Syrian Researchers (SY), Irtijal (LB), Fayha Choir (LB), Sonbola (LB), مِعْزَف | me'zaf (LB); Zico House (LB); War Child (NL/LB); DOTE (NL); FDCD (LB); Onomatopoeia (LB); Ta3beer (LB); Lamsat Ward (LB); Promo Partner - Beirut Jam Sessions.

Music and Beyond

Music and Beyond is a Music Management and Festivals Making company with experience in international co-production and crossover music production. The company has produced many international festivals in different cities mainly in Syria and in Europe; Jazz, World and Modern Classical crossover productions.

For the past 10 years we created and ran two major international music festivals and conferences to introduce the world to Syria. **Jazz Lives in Syria Festival** was held annually in the Damascus Citadel from 2005 to 2011 and in other Syrian cities, and became the largest musical event in Syria.

2009 and 2011 Music and beyond produced **Oriental Landscapes festival**. The artistic vision of the festival entailed the organisation of academic lectures, concerts and workshops, and bringing together creative musicians, lecturers and specialists from Syria and the rest of the world.

The production involved composers and musicians from many international cultures from over 20 Countries, the projects took place in: France, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and the Middle East. We involved many composers from the USA, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, in many co-productions and recordings, and we managed to get over 50 different international sponsors to cover our events.

Jazz Lives in Syria

YouTube channel: <http://goo.gl/jjtc3w>

Syrian Big band YouTube channel: <http://goo.gl/7jq5Gz>



Oriental landscapes

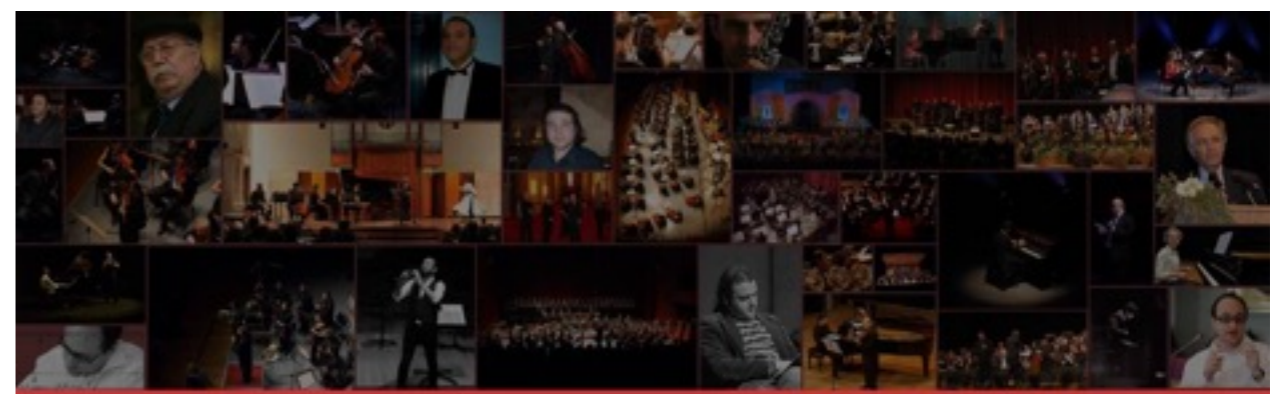
YouTube channel: <http://goo.gl/v2k8uz>

World music from Syria YouTube channel: <http://goo.gl/EzwbN4>



Contemporary Music from Syria

YouTube Channel: <http://goo.gl/mJw53g>





“Music you might end a war with”

– The Daily Star, April 2015, Lebanon