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European Music Nights A Jazz Night in Nicosia at Bandabuliya Stage

"A Jazz Night in Nicosia" as part of European Music Nights, featuring Cahit Kutrafalı Quartet and Sara So Far will take place on Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 20:30. Sara Makipaa (vocal), Cahit Kutrafalı (bass), Charis Ioannou (saxophone), Ermis Michail (guitar), Stelios Xydias (drums) will perform at the concert. The EU promotes culture as a way to bring communities together, fostering a link between the present and the future, and making culture accessible to all.

Music constitutes an important pillar of European culture and is probably the cultural and creative sector with the largest audience reach. It is an essential component of Europe's cultural diversity and it has the power to bring positive changes to many levels of society. It also has a strong economic significance: the music sector, based on small and medium businesses, employs more people than film

Sara So Far (Sara Makipaa) has been performing and recording with several band formations and as a solo artist mainly in Belgium, the Netherlands and surrounding countries, while also being a passionate teacher (voice, piano and music in general). In 2018, Sara has started a collaboration with Cypriot bassist Cahit Kutrafalı. Cahit Kutrafalı Quartet is a four-piece jazz band, which performs original music composed by Cahit Kutrafalı. The band has performed at various venues and festivals in the past and brings both Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot musicians together in the same ensemble. The band recorded together Kutrafalı's debut album "As It Is" and his recent release "Transitions" which has been released both in Cyprus and Turkey.

As part of the EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community a series of activities and projects to raise awareness about arts, music and cultural heritage were supported. This includes the "Confrontation through Art Project" by EMEA and the "Cypriot Intangible Cultural Heritage" project by Folk-Der. Additionally, since 2012 the European Union, has provided €14.7 million for the preservation of Cyprus' cultural heritage in support of the work of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage via UNDP.

The EU has been supporting cultural and music events through EU Infopoint (EUIP). Since 2015, EUIP organised four Europe Day event concerts, a Theremin Concert, European Music Nights Cyprus Chamber Orchestra Classical Music Concerts, European Music Nights Othello/Sonare Choirs Concert, Environment themed Art and Photography Competition exhibition, and an exhibition of the winning artworks of the Europe Day "United in Diversity" art competitions targeting primary schools.

Background

Music is one of the most popular forms of art, widely consumed, and a vibrant expression of Europe's cultural diversity. Strengthening this sector contributes to the promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, culture as a catalyst for creativity. In its efforts to promote further creativity, diversity and innovation in Europe's music sector, the Commission works with all concerned stakeholders.

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