

SAVE THE DATE

Al Kamandjâti Festival

A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD'S TRADITIONS,
IN THE SACRED LAND OF PALESTINE AND AT ITS HEART, JERUSALEM

FROM THURSDAY 5 TO SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2018



To celebrate springtime, the non-profit organization Al Kamandjâti has the pleasure to invite you on a very special musical and spiritual journey through Palestinian cities and villages.

18-day tour through the sacred land of Palestine

From North to South, Palestine's secular heritage will reveal its artistic and historical secrets during alternative visits designed by our professional tourism partners. The festival will make stopovers in Nablus, Jenin, Al Khalil (Hebron), Gaza, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, as well as in the desert that leads to the Jordan Valley.

A special journey across musical & sacred traditions

Al Kamandjâti Festival has invited musicians and thinkers from all over the world: Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Mayotte, Turkey, Kuwait, Azerbaijan, India... and Palestine of course! Over a hundred artists are involved in this adventure, which will also include a creation: **Marco Polo – A Musical Journey on the Silk Road**.

An ambitious and rich program for this edition

The artistic director of this event is Alain Weber, an expert in the field of traditional music who has been in charge of numerous festivals, including the Fes Festival of World Sacred Music. The festival will bring together concerts and creative performances, improvised musical encounters, public readings, lectures, photo exhibitions and guided tours.

Highlight of the touring festival: the enthralling Jerusalem

The setting for the festivities are some of Jerusalem's richest heritage sites. Festival-goers will immerse themselves in an extraordinary city, at the root of the monotheistic religions, where current events and ancient heritage, fervor and wisdom all come together.

A significant contribution to the local economy

The festival's team has made it a priority to cooperate with local actors. From one city to the next, the team has enlisted all available local resources and skills to ensure the event's sustainability. In addition, it will promote local know-how and production, such as the various handicrafts – glass, ceramics, pottery and embroidery – of the city that won the 2016 World Crafts City award: Al Khalil (Hebron).

A glimpse of Al Kamandjâti's fieldwork

Founded by the viola player and conductor Ramzi Aburedwan, the non-profit organization aims to create more and more synergy between those working in the realms of culture and education. It develops projects on many levels: teaching and training programs, music production in Palestine and abroad, and preservation of Palestinian and Arab cultural heritage.



Get to know some of the artists invited in April 2018!

Marco Polo and the Silk Road - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mggzekHUwi8>

Salman el Ammari (Kuwait) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqSOIW7CuYA>

Ingie (Azerbaijan) - <https://youtu.be/veSP97WJgsl>

Gasbah (Algeria) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVJv1ZBjkJs>

Deba Ensemble (Mayotte) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMIBw1fGKa4>

Rhoum Al Bakkali Ensemble (Morocco) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=23&v=CjHElqY19BU

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