



## INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

La Fête de la Musique, initiated in France in 1982, spread out around the world for the last 25 years. This international event, dedicated to musical practice and live music in general, open to all kinds of audience is really unique. As a matter of fact the Fête de la Musique – Music Day is celebrated on every 21<sup>st</sup> of June all over the world, taking care of each country's cultural specificities.

Nowadays, la Fête brings people together involved in the event in more than 120 countries and 350 cities : which means educational structures, cultural centers, diplomatic networks, city councils, local authorities, ministries for culture, associations, music professionals, artists, music schools, academies of music... Those public and private organizers show through this joint event their desire to foster improve the visibility of the current artistic realities of their countries, enhance exchanges in the musical field with other countries.

With this in mind, the principles of Music Day are as follow :

- 1/ Music Day takes place every year on **June, 21<sup>st</sup>**.
- 2/ Music Day is a **live music celebration** which highlight the diversity of musical practices **in all the musical genres**.
- 3/ Music Day appeals to **spontaneity and free participation**, open to individuals or ensembles (instrumental or singing) and musical institutions to give both **amateurs and professionals** the opportunity to express their musical talent.
- 4/ All concerts are **free to the public**. The co-organisers are in charge of promoting musical practice and live music with **no profit-making intention**.
- 5/ Music Day is an exceptional day for **all types of music and public**.
- 6/ Music Day is as often as possible an outdoor event taking place in streets, squares, public parks, playgrounds etc. Indoor venues may also be used as long as they respect the rule of free entry to the public. Music Day is the opportunity **to access and open places which are not traditionally concert venues to the public**: museums, hospitals, public buildings...

The organisers undertake to respect the founding spirit and principles of the Fête de la Musique as set out in this charter.

The French Ministry for Culture has entrusted ADCEP (Association pour le Développement de la Création, Etudes et Projets), an independant cultural association with the national and international coordination of the event. Its mission consists in giving information and communicating with the

different interlocutors involved in the events taking place on the June, 21<sup>st</sup>, in order to promote and contribute to the development of the Fête de la Musique around the world.

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