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PRESS RELEASE

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL JEW'S HARP FESTIVAL 2006



The 5th International Jew's harp Festival will take place in Amsterdam from July 28th through July 30th. The Jew's harp is the most widely circulated musical instrument in the world. It is associated with the Flower Power era, American country music and Ennio Morricone's famous spaghetti western music. During the festival, which the Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ is organising in association with the International Jew's Harp Society, hundreds of players, Jew's harp makers and researchers from remote corners of the world will come to Amsterdam in order for the Dutch audience to get acquainted with the astounding versatility of this small instrument.

Concerts

The core of the festival is the participation of some 60 very accomplished instrumentalists and their ensembles which represent the diverging musical traditions in an excellent manner. The programme consists of 8 main concerts which will take place in the Main hall of the Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ. Asian Jew's harp players with their electrifying and idiomatic sound will interpret the authentic manner of playing as it has been performed for centuries in *South East Asia, the cradle*. In the concert *Sjamanism and Folklore* you will hear that Scandinavia has a distinct Jew's harp folklore. In Europe much experimenting takes place in collaboration with modern instruments. The Dutch groups Oorbeek + Plunk, that will perform in the *Contemporary Jew's Harp* concert are a good example of this. Musicians and composers from various continents will join forces in *East meets West*.

Lectures, films and workshops

The Bam hall will continuously be used for lectures and films. Peter van Amstel will give a lecture on the Jew's harp culture in South East Asia. The lecture of José Pignocchi (Argentina) will be accompanied by a film about the *Trompa-Guajira* an Indian Tribe in Venezuela that makes their own Jew's harps. Six workshops will be given in Studio 1, amongst others by Aron Szilagi (Hungary) *Jew's harp for beginners* and by Tran Quang Hai (Vietnam) *Advanced playing techniques and overtone chanting*.

Activities for children

During the festival the Sound Garden will be open for the children. In our unique Sound Garden children can play on various sound installations and also attend a Jew's harp & human beatbox workshop, organised by the Dutch duo Plunk.

Jew's Harp Market

Every day during the festival there will be a market, where the participating Jew's harp builders from far away countries will demonstrate their various Jew's harp models. Combined with the workshops an ideal opportunity to purchase a first Jew's harp and get a short introduction on how to play this instrument.

Summer Stage

The festival will attract hundreds of musicians from all over the world. Interesting musicians from Yakutia, America, Kyrgyzstan and Italy will perform at the Summer Stage in the Entrance hall of the Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ. Free admission.

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NOTE FOR EDITORS

For more information, photographs and press tickets during the Jew's Harp festival please contact Leonie Kinds, marketing and communication manager, via T 020-788 2010 Email: leonie@muziekgebouw.nl

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FRIDAY JULY 28TH

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| 15.00 hrs | Grote Zaal | opening | Opening Festival - Phons Bakx with ensemble & a 'surprise guest' |
| 12.30 hrs | Klankspeeltuin | children | workshops Jew's harp & human beat box |
| 16.00 hrs | Atrium | market | Jew's harp market |
| 17.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | film | Irian Jaya and Bali - Short films from Indonesia |
| 19.30 hrs | Bam Zaal | lecture | Peter van Amstel - The Jew's harp in South East Asia |
| 20.30 hrs | Grote Zaal | concert | South East Asia, the cradle |
| 23.00 hrs | Grote Zaal | concert | Late Night Concert I - Tran Quang Hai and friends |

SATURDAY JULY 29TH

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| 10.00 hrs | Studio I | workshop | John Palmes - Mouth Bow |
| 10.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | lecture | Fred Crane - Session of short lectures |
| 11.30 hrs | Studio I | workshop | Tran Quang Hai - Vietnamese Jew's Harp |
| 12.00 hrs | Atrium | market | Jew's harp market |
| 12.00 hrs | Entreehal | Summer Stage | Soloists and ensembles |
| 12.30 hrs | Klankspeeltuin | children | workshops Jew's harp & human beat box |
| 13.30 hrs | Studio II | workshop | Steven Stoop - How to make a Jew's harp |
| 14.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | lecture | José Pignocchi and a film about the "Trompa-Guajira |
| 15.00 hrs | Grote Zaal | concert | Shamanism & Folklore - Music from Scandinavia and Siberia |
| 15.30 hrs | Bam Zaal | film | Film Irian Jaya and Bali - Short films from Indonesia |
| 17.00 hrs | Studio II | workshop | Steven Stoop - How to make a Jew's harp |
| 17.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | film | Trumpi - Anton Bruhin travels to the far east |
| 20.30 hrs | Grote Zaal | concert | East meets West - A mix of Cultures |
| 23.00 hrs | Grote Zaal | concert | Late Night Concert II - Navrang |

SUNDAY JULY 30TH

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| 10.00 hrs | Studio I | workshop | Spiridon Shishigin - Yakutian techniques |
| 10.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | lecture | Fred Crane - the Jew's harp on 78 rpm records |
| 11.00 hrs | Grote Zaal | concert | The Jew's harp as a classical instrument |
| 11.30 hrs | Studio I | workshop | Workshop by Aron Szilagyi - Jew's harp for beginners |
| 12.00 hrs | Entreehal | Summer Stage | Soloists and ensembles |
| 12.00 hrs | Atrium | market | Jew's harp market |
| 13.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | lecture | Valentina Süzükei - The Tuvan Jew's harp |
| 14.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | lecture | Leo Tadagawa - Excavated Asian Jew's Harps |
| 15.00 hrs | Bimhuis | concert | Contemporary Jew's Harp - Oorbeek + Plunk + J.M. Nasim |
| 15.30 hrs | Bam Zaal | film | Film Trumpi - Anton Bruhin travels to the far east |
| 17.00 hrs | Bam Zaal | film | Spiridon Shishigin - Films by Gerd Conradt |
| 20.30 hrs | Grote Zaal | concert | Tradition versus renewal - America and Europe |

Festival: FIFTH INTERNATIONAL JEW'S HARP FESTIVAL 2006
Datum: July 28th through July 30th 2006
Location: Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ
Reservations: T +31(0)20 - 788 2000 / www.muziekgebouw.nl
Prices: Passepartout 8 concerts (workshops not included): € 66,00



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