

Press release of the International Festival of Nomads 2022



THE 2022 NOMADS FESTIVAL, AN EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE IN M'HAMID EL GHIZLANE

"Culture is not a luxury, it is a necessity" Gao Xingjian

The International Festival of Nomads announces its return after two years of interruption with a special edition full of surprises, which will take place on November 12 and 13, 2022 in M'hamid El Ghizlane. Two days of very varied musical and cultural experiences, thanks to talented artists of international renown from diverse backgrounds.

"Finding ourselves in the desert for this rebirth is a strong signal that we can send to the world thanks to the expression of the beautiful energies that have intersected in this festival since its creation in 2004" Nouredine Bougrab

The city of M'hamid El Ghizlane, once a stopover for trans-Saharan trade caravans, will host the 2022 edition of the International Festival of Nomads on November 12 and 13, on the initiative of the Association Nomades du Monde. Large-scale event famous worldwide for having invited renowned international musicians such as Cheick Tidiane Seck, Bombino, Kader Tarhanin, Afel Bocoum, Tamikrest, Terakaf who performed alongside renowned Moroccan artists (Nass El Ghiwane, Nouamane Lahlou, Mehdi Nassouli, Doueh, Saïda Charaf, ...) and young local talents. It is one of the biggest events in southern Morocco. Annual multidisciplinary festival whose main objective is to preserve the precious heritage of our ancestors, threatened with extinction, and to revive their traditions, customs and wisdom.

This large gathering also contributes to the development of skills and improves the livelihoods of the inhabitants of M'hamid El Ghizlane and the Drâa-Tafilalet region. The event is supported by the Province of Zagora, the Ministry of Culture, , and several other partners.

For two days, the cultural encounter will be punctuated by music and dance performances - more than ten concerts, an exhibition of Moroccan crafts, a fashion show, a comic strip workshop, demonstrations of traditional activities and sports (sand bread, camel racing, sand hockey, archery and crossbow), conferences, etc. The Nomads Festival will promote the diversity of artistic expressions by welcoming the Angolan lyrical singer **Té Macedo**, the Tuareg blues of the Malians **Aratan N'Akalle**, Maalam Gnaoui **Majid Bekkas**, **Hind Ennaira** rising gnaouia star, the Amazigh music of Moroccan musicians **Tassuta N-Imal**, other artists from India, Senegal, Algeria, ... and of course many other musicians from

Morocco. With its varied and dynamic program, this event attracts festival-goers from all over the world and is suitable for all tastes and all audiences.

The International Festival of Nomads, which gives pride of place to intercultural dialogue, is an excellent model of unity in diversity. The 2022 edition has many surprises in store for you again, in a spirit of openness, tolerance and respect, friendship and peace.

Dates / Places / Rates / Contacts:

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2022

M'hamid El Ghizlane - Zagora – MOROCCO