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Baroque Music Festival 2007

The 3rd Al Kamandjati Baroque Music Festival took place in Palestine in December 2007. The festival brought together 20 musicians from Palestine, France, the United Kingdom, the USA, and Italy. They performed 7 Baroque concerts in churches and concert venues throughout Palestine, under the artistic direction of Mr. **Peter Sulski**.

This year's festival was notable for the **large number of Palestinian musicians participating** in the tour (ten musicians), including several young Palestinian music students.

The first concert took place in Jerusalem, on the 12th of December. Then the musicians performed in Bethlehem and in Birzeit.

On the 16th of December, a concert was supposed to take place in **Gaza**, in the Latin Church, as happened last year. However, since the Palestinian musician in the group for that day's concert could not get the permit to go there, the other musicians refused to perform without him, and the concert was cancelled, as well as the planned visit to the Qattan Center for the Child in Gaza City. But we will try again next year.

Then, the musicians performed in Jericho on the 17th of December, in Taybeh on the 19th, and in Ramallah on the 20th.



Taybeh, 19/12/07, Latin Church



Ramallah, 20/12/07, Latin Church

The last concert took place in Nazareth, where some of the young Palestinian musicians performed in front of their parents and families.

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It took place in collaboration with the French Cultural Center in Jerusalem, the Ecole Biblique Française in Jerusalem, the French Alliance in Bethlehem, the Chapel of the University of Bethlehem, the Latin Church in Birzeit, the French Cultural Center in Gaza, the Latin Church in Gaza, The Municipality of Jericho and The good Shepherd Church in Jericho, the Episcopal Church in Rafeedia-Nablus, the Taybeh Municipality, the Latin Patriarchal Church in Taybeh, the French Cultural Center in Ramallah, the Latin Patriarchal Church in Ramallah, Orpheus and the Science and Culture Center in Nazareth.

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We hope to see you at the same time next year!

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