



Al Kamandjati Association is pleased to present you its ANNUAL CALENDAR 2010 / 2011.

This schedule will enable our friends to know in advance the entire annual program of the Association, with its events, festivals and concerts both in Palestine and abroad. We also want to encourage Palestinians and people from

abroad to take part in these events whilst discovering Palestine; this is why we have chosen «**Visit Palestine**» as the theme of our 2010 - 2011 activities.

In spite of hard living conditions for the Palestinian people due to the Israeli occupation, and of the fact that when we hear about Palestine in the news, it is often given a negative impression, we wanted to show and highlight through our calendar the many beautiful sides to our country, which go unnoticed: its landscapes, architectural heritage, nature, culture, history, and so much more.

Al Kamandjati Association

Al Kamandjati is a Palestinian Association created in France in October 2002 and then recognized as Palestinian in September 2004. The aim of the association, created by Ramzi Aburedwan, is to set up music schools for Palestinian children and in particular for the most vulnerable ones. Today, Al Kamandjati Association works in Palestine with more than 450 Palestinian children from 4 to 18 years old: in the old city of Ramallah, the refugee camps of Al Amari, Jalazon, Qalandiah, the village of Deir Ghassana, the cities of Jenin and Tulkarem. Al Kamandjati also started working in October 2008 with 50 children in 2 Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon: Chatila and Bourj el Barajneh.

The association also organizes yearly festivals (the Music Days Festival, the Baroque Music Festival), gathering more than hundreds of musicians, Palestinians and foreigners, performing all around Palestine in order to democratize music.



Monthly Al Kamandjati students' concerts

Al Kamandjati association will organize monthly students' concerts. Those concerts will take place every last Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in Al Kamandjati centre in Ramallah, and every last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, in Al Kamandjati centre in Jenin. All the concerts are free admission.



Monthly concerts of AK teachers and guest musicians

Those musicians will perform a western classical concert every 2nd Wednesday of each month in Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center (Ramallah) at 7 pm, an oriental concert every 3rd Friday of each month in the Danish House in Palestine (Ramallah) at 7 pm, and an oriental concert every 1st Saturday of each month in Al Kamandjati centre in Jenin at 4 pm.



The Ramallah Orchestra

After 5 years of continuous effort to make the students improve and build their musical skills, Al Kamandjati Association started thinking of building and developing a local orchestra where those students can perform together and put in practice everything taught since the beginning of their musical learning, accompanied by teachers, amateurs and professional musicians. The orchestra is one of the best ways to establish a dialogue in music between the musicians themselves. This year will be the 2nd tour of the Ramallah Orchestra since its creation in October 2008. It exists to give advanced students an experience of playing in a symphony orchestra and a chance to work together on some more challenging repertoire: indeed, we decided to perform the 9 Beethoven Symphonies over 5 years (2 symphonies per year, ending with the 9th Symphony in 2015).



The Baroque Music Festival 12 - 22 December 2010

Ramzi Aburedwan, President of the association, is the initiator of this festival organized by Al Kamandjati Association since 2005. Musicians from Palestine and abroad, professional and students, gather in order to perform 20 concerts in several Palestinian localities during the month of December.

The baroque music: the orchestral music of the baroque period (generally considered to have begun around 1600 and ended around the death of Johann Sebastian Bach in 1750) is very different to today's orchestral music. It was scored for much smaller ensembles, based around a core of string players, supported by a harpsichord and coloured with wind instruments such as oboes and flutes. The music can be divided into two groups: orchestral suites and concertos. The orchestral suites consist of several pieces based on the dance forms popular at the time, such as minuets and airs. The concerto form is very different to the concertos of the classical and romantic periods: instead of one soloist being always distinct from the orchestra, the soloist of the baroque concerto continually merges with and emerges from the ensemble.



Chabada , Angers (France) February 2011 (date to be confirmed)

The association organizes every year in the Chabada of Angers a festival in support of its activities in Palestine. Around 1,000 people attend the event every year. It is an opportunity not only to talk about the association and its work, but also about life in Palestine, under the Israeli occupation.

Several great musicians participated to the festival, as support for the association: Suad Massi, Trio Joubran, Kamilya Joubran, Idir, Origines Controlees, Kwal, Dal'ouna, Trio Khoury...



The National Ensemble of Arabic Music

The NEAM was created in 2009 by an initiative of Ramzi Aburedwan, founder and President of Al Kamandjati Association, in order to revive the Arab musical heritage. And the creation of this ensemble, led by Khaled Saddouk and Ramzi Aburedwan, counts among the main objectives of the Association. The ensemble performs classical

Arabic music, such as samaiat, longat, muashahat, as well as songs of Farid Alatrash, Mohammed Abdel Wahab, Riyad Sunbati and Mohamed El Kasabgy.

The NEAM performed 6 concerts in Jerusalem, Ramallah, Jenin and Nablus, where it presented some of the most beautiful Muashahats, including melodies composed by Khaled Saddouk and lyrics from the poetess Fadwa Touqan and the poet Abdelrahim Mahmoud.

| Date | Time | Event | Place | City | Country |
|------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 26/10/2010 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 27/10/2010 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 6/11/2010 | 04:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 6/11/2010 | 04:30 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Child Club | Jalazon camp | Palestine |
| 7/11/2010 | 03:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Women Center | Qalandiah camp | Palestine |
| 10/11/2010 | 05:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Deir Ghassana | Palestine |
| 10/11/2010 | 07:00 PM | Chamber music concert | Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 11/11/2010 | 03:30 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Child Club | Al Amari camp | Palestine |
| 24/11/2010 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 28/11/2010 | 07:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | The Danish House in Palestine (DHIP) | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 30/11/2010 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 4/12/2010 | 04:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 10/12/2010 | 08:00 PM | Ramallah Orchestra | Nuzha El-Hakawati Theatre | Jerusalem | Palestine |
| 11/12/2010 | 07:00 PM | Ramallah Orchestra | Ramallah Cultural Palace | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 12/12/2010 | 12:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Beit Atfal el Soumoud Center | Bourj el Barajneh camp | Lebanon |
| 12/12/2010 | 04:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Beit Atfal el Soumoud Center | Chatila camp | Lebanon |
| 12 - 22 /12/2010 | | Baroque music festival | several | several | Palestine |
| 12/1/2011 | 07:00 PM | Chamber music concert | Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 21/01/2011 | 07:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | The Danish House in Palestine (DHIP) | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 25/01/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 26/01/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 5/2/2011 | 04:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 5/2/2011 | 04:30 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Child Club | Jalazon camp | Palestine |
| 6/2/2011 | 03:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Women Center | Qalandiah camp | Palestine |
| 9/2/2011 | 05:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Deir Ghassana | Palestine |
| 9/2/2011 | 07:00 PM | Chamber music concert | Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 10/2/2011 | 03:30 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Child Club | Al Amari camp | Palestine |
| FEBRUARY | | Musicians for Palestine | Chabada | Angers | France |
| 19/02/2011 | 07:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | The Danish House in Palestine (DHIP) | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 22/02/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 23/02/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 26/02/2011 | 07:00 PM | National Ensemble of Arabic Music | to be defined | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 27/02/2011 | 08:00 PM | National Ensemble of Arabic Music | Nuzha El-Hakawati Theatre | Jerusalem | Palestine |
| 5/3/2011 | 04:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 9/3/2011 | 07:00 PM | Chamber music concert | Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 19/03/2011 | 07:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | The Danish House in Palestine (DHIP) | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 29/03/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 30/03/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 2/4/2011 | 04:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 13/04/2011 | 07:00 PM | Chamber music concert | Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 16/04/2011 | 04:30 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Child Club | Jalazon camp | Palestine |
| 16/04/2011 | 07:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | The Danish House in Palestine (DHIP) | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 17/04/2011 | 03:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Women Center | Qalandiah camp | Palestine |
| 20/04/2011 | 06:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Cultural Center | Deir Ghassana | Palestine |
| 21/04/2011 | 03:30 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Child Club | Al Amari camp | Palestine |
| 26/04/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 27/04/2011 | 07:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Al Kamandjati Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 7/5/2011 | 04:00 PM | Oriental Ensemble (Takht Sharqi) | Al Kamandjati Center | Jenin | Palestine |
| 8/5/2011 | 12:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Beit Atfal el Soumoud Center | Bourj el Barajneh camp | Lebanon |
| 8/5/2011 | 04:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - AK students | Beit Atfal el Soumoud Center | Chatila camp | Lebanon |
| 11/5/2011 | 07:00 PM | Chamber music concert | Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center | Ramallah | Palestine |
| 10-24 June 2011 | | Music days festival | several | several | |
| JUNE | | Ramallah Orchestra | to be defined | to be defined | Palestine |
| 26-30/06/2011 | 08:00 PM | Classic, oriental, jazz concert - by teachers, students and international guests | Talitha Kumi school | Beit Jala | Palestine |
| 1/7/2011 | 11:00 AM | Final concert | Talitha Kumi school | Beit Jala | Palestine |
| August | | Ramadan evenings | several | several | Palestine |



The Music Days Festival 10 - 24 June 2011

On the 21st of June, first day of summer, more than 250 cities in the world are celebrating the "Music Days festival", a free and popular event started for the first time in France in 1982. This is why, since 2006,

Al Kamandjati celebrates this event too, on its own way, through an annual festival welcoming over 100 musicians from different cultures around the globe, presenting more than 60 performances. The concerts take place all over Palestine, in cities, towns, villages and refugee camps from Hebron to Jenin, passing by Jerusalem; in centers of the Red Crescent, orphanages, retirement houses, cultural centers, children's centers, educational institutions, concert halls and theatres. The performers vary from amateurs to those that have made music their life profession, from local to foreign ensembles, bringing in vibrant melodies of jazz, classical, rock, percussion groups, eastern beats and traditional Palestinian and Arabic music.



Al Kamandjati Summer camp 25 June - 1 July 2011

The association organizes every year, since 2007, a summer camp for most of its students (from Ramallah, Deir Ghassana, Jenin, Tulkarem, Al Amari, Qalandiah and Jalazon). This year too, the children will gather with their teachers in Talitha Kumi School (Beit Jala), in order to practice music intensively. Some guest musicians will also join the camp; coming from Europe, USA... Individual lessons will take place, as well as chamber music sessions, oriental ensembles, jazz bands and orchestras. A concert will be performed every night by the teachers and students.



Ramadan evenings

The association will organize during the month of Ramadan evening concerts, in collaboration with several institutions. Dates and locations to be defined.



Al Kamandjati Association

The academic dates to remember:

- 14th September 2010: beginning of the academic year
- 15 - 18 November 2010: Eid el Adha - association closed
- 23 December 2010 - 5 January 2011: Christmas holidays - association closed
- Mid of March 2011: deadline for the inscription to the academic year 2011 / 2012
- May 2011: inscription of Al Kamandjati students to the summer camp
- 1 - 31 August 2011: holidays -association closed
- 1st September 2011: beginning of the academic year

For all the events for which dates and/or locations are not defined yet, brochures will be released and distributed, as well as the information available on the website on due time.

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