



FestFlash 3 – September 2008

FestFlash on Intercultural Dialogue – Arts Festivals' Declaration on Intercultural Dialogue brought to life!

Highlight: The “Medieval Rose” Festival links Europe via common roots



The Medieval Festival of Rhodes includes different kind of arts and crafts, such as dancing, theatre, street performances, music, singing, juggling and games as well as illuminated manuscripts exhibitions, wood sculpture, mosaic and other traditional crafts demonstration and work shops. All events that take place are inspired from the period of the middle ages, based on history, thrills and myths. Old customs are reproduced **by local people and artists from different countries of Europe** (i.e. Italy, Germany, France, Portugal, Greece).

The events are located outdoors, inside the castle walls of the well preserved Medieval Town of Rhodes (built by European knights – protected by UNESCO) and around other Byzantine castles of the Island. The extension of the festival through the island and to include particular Castle Fairs (international intermunicipal festival) is intended.

Workshops led by experienced European artists are to take place in 2009 to train local people on medieval arts, customs, juggling and historical recreations. The aim is to track back the common roots and relics of the **multicultural community of medieval Rhodes**.

The **local organizing committee has already visited medieval festivals of France, Germany, Sweden and Portugal in order to develop an intercultural dialogue** and obtain know how.

The international Medieval Festival of Rhodes can be accessed basically by everybody; it is organized all by **volunteers** and is **admission free**.

Link to the project's website: www.medievalrose.org & www.medievalfestival.gr

About FestFlash

The monthly **FestFlash** brings news about festivals and their activities implemented in the spirit of the [Arts Festivals' Declaration on Intercultural Dialogue](#).

It is the roadmap to **EFA BOOKS 4** that will be published by the end of 2008. EFA BOOKS 4 showcases most outstanding examples of festivals' work and reflects on the challenges in the context of intercultural dialogue.

More on the Arts Festivals' Declaration's website at www.efa-aeef.eu where 25 language versions of the Declaration can be downloaded! To sign up the Declaration, write to juliane@efa-aeef.eu.

The **Arts Festivals' Declaration on Intercultural Dialogue** is an initiative of the [European Festivals Association](#) in the framework of the [European Year of Intercultural Dialogue](#).

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