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31st HARMONY FESTIVAL CONFIRMS FINAL MUSIC LINE-UP
June 12-14 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA

May 17, 2009 (San Francisco North Bay, CA) — Celebrating 31 years of “**Harmony From the Roots Up**”—and continuing its focus on progressive ideals, community activism, and uplifting music—the producers of the Harmony Festival (<http://www.harmonyfestival.com>) are very pleased to reveal the final line-up of confirmed musicians and performers. The Harmony Festival is **the West Coast’s premier music and progressive lifestyle event**—described as a hybrid between Burning Man and Bioneers—which will once again be held at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa, California, this year on **June 12, 13, and 14**.

This year’s festival features a diverse line-up of internationally renowned, community-based music headliners. The Main Stage features reggae hip-hop social activist **Michael Franti & Spearhead** (Saturday), with their new albums: neo-soul singer-songwriter **India.Arie** + reggae/funk/hip hop sensation **Matisyahu** (both on Sunday) + popular progressive indie rock band **CAKE** + funk-a-teers **ALO** (Animal Liberation Orchestra) (both on Friday), **Sierra Leone’s Refugee All-Stars** + Somalian-born political rapper **K’Naan**, Rockin’ Roots band **The Duhks** + veteran jamband chameleon **Steve Kimock** with his new band **Crazy Engine**.

2009 debuts the action sports-themed **Eco Cup stage** featuring punk legends **Dead Kennedys** + **Bad Brains** plus fast-rising **Pepper** and **Rebelution**. The Sacred Sunday Show includes **Rev. and Rickie Byars Beckwith**, **Agape & Social Prophet Choir**, and **Shabaz**. **Harmony After Dark** features an amazing “**Spirit of Miles Davis**” tribute with legendary jazz artists Airto Moreira, Mike Clark, Mike Stern, Eddie Henderson and featuring Charnett Moffett collaborating with contemporary DJs and rappers—a show being recorded live and not to be missed!

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Other performers include:

HIGHTOWER + RADIOACTIVE + CIPES & THE PEOPLE + DREAMING DEAD
TALL BLACK GIRLS + ONE WORLD ORCHESTRA WITH TINA MALIA & FRIENDS
+ EGYPT CENTRAL + ZEPPARELLA + WHISKEY THIEVES + AMERICAN DRAG +

In celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the legendary *Mystic Beat Lounge - Techno-Tribal Dance*, in 2009 audiences will be transported over **two evenings** to the new edge of sound, light, technology and talent. Performers include **Balkan Beat Box**'s gypsy beats, tribal grooves of **Medicine Drum with Wisdom**, multi-genre trance DJ/Producer **Shpongle**, U.K. chillout pioneers **The Orb**, the U.K. dub-reggae beats of DJ **Gaudi**, sonic explorer **Random Rab**, and Bay Area hip hop dubstep artist **Abai**. Also included are visual feasts of dazzling fire performances served up nightly by **Luminesque**, innovative jugglers and aerialists **NANDA**, among others. Very special guests are **Matisyahu**, **K'Naa**n and **Kitaro** who make multiple appearances at Harmony this year.

Music on the *Goddess Temple Stage* includes soulful, liquid grooves of Canada's **Wassabi Collective + The Duhks**, down-tempo **LYNX & Janover**, and local performers **Nicki Bluhm & The Gramblers**, **Coyote Grace**, **Natasha James**, and **Jennifer Faust Band** plus:

WOMENROCK + LO CURA + DREAMING BEAR + BOURGEOIS GYPSIES + KIRTAN
DEBRA GIUSTI & THE GODDESS DANCERS + THE SHAMANIC CHEERLEADERS
JOWAH BELLY DANCE + JIVA JIVE + LOVELUTION + BOLLYWOOD

A variety of musicians and performances can also be experienced in the *Ambiotica Chill Lounge*, *Earth Temple Dome* and *Kids' Magical Playground*.

Final line-up is subject to change, please refer to web site for final schedule.

Tickets are now available at InTicketing.com, HarmonyFestival.com, and at dozens of participating vendors throughout the Bay Area including select Copperfield's Books and Whole Foods (a complete list of outlets is at <http://harmonyfestival.com/tickets/ticket-outlets.html>)

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Ticket Pricing:

Day tickets: \$30 advance/\$40 gate

After Dark: \$30 advance/\$40 gate

All-weekend passes (all shows except Sunday night gala): \$119 (\$149 at the gate)

All-weekend pass (except Sunday gala) plus camping: \$149

All-weekend pass (except Sunday gala) plus camping and small vehicle pkg: \$169

All-weekend Shabbaton pass (except Sunday gala) plus camping + parking: \$300

Kids age 7-12 are \$10, 6 and under are **FREE**.

On-site camping for tents, cars, campers and RVs is \$30 - \$75/day for the weekend. People are invited to join the Children of Abraham's communal campsite all weekend long, for an additional fee.

In 2009 we're also pleased to offer **four new VIP Packages:**

Basic VIP Package (\$300 per person, good all weekend) includes:

- VIP Parking
- Entrance to all performances and access to special VIP viewing areas in every venue
- Access to the VIP Camping Area and Lounge in the beautiful Redwood Grove behind the Main Stage
- Complimentary hospitality ice, beverages, and snacks

Standard VIP Package (\$500 per person, good all weekend) includes: all of the above plus 3-nights dinner at The Showcase Café prepared by one of Sonoma County's finest caterers Isa Jacoby, Saturday continental breakfast, Sunday brunch

Deluxe VIP Package with RV parking (\$1250 for two people all weekend) includes: all of the above plus Concierge Service (orientation, food and beverage delivery, transportation around grounds, scheduling of events, massage, guided meditation, and more

Deluxe VIP Package with RV upgrade (\$1750 for two people all weekend) includes: all of the above plus exclusive gift bags and an RV provided by Harmony Festival

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General festival information is available at www.HarmonyFestival.com, info@harmonyfestival.com, or 415-721-7515.

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