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UNESCO Concert for Peace: Music for Dialogue and Reconciliation
20 April 2009 – Theatre La Fenice, Venice, Italy

A [UNESCO Concert for Peace](#) will take place at the Theatre “La Fenice” in Venice (Italy) on 20 April 2009. This concert will re-launch music as a tool for encouraging inter-cultural dialogue to achieve reconciliation.

This event will bring together [UNESCO Artists for Peace](#), and fifty musicians, representing four different religions, twelve countries and cultures from Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Belgium, Italy and Syria. All have generously responded to UNESCO-BRESCE’s appeal to perform together to demonstrate that music knows no barriers. Music has the potential to rise above destruction to build a bridge for mutual understanding and lasting peace. Ms [Claudia Cardinale, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador](#) is the guest of honour.

In sustaining UNESCO’s constitutional mission, “...since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed,” UNESCO-BRESCE is promoting this benefit concert to support activities and projects related to inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue and to the process of peace building in South East Europe.

The City of Venice historically known over the centuries as the crossroad of various cultures and religions renews and supports UNESCO’s appeal for sustaining and promoting dialogue and reconciliation.

The UNESCO Concert for Peace is also organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Venice and the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

This UNESCO Concert for Peace, will use music as a unifying conductor, so that basic common values to achieve well being, respect and dignity, can be identified and defined and most importantly be promoted.

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