## **Dutch Performing Arts at WOMEX 2013**

From October 23 until 27, Dutch Performing Arts/Performing Arts Fund NL will be present at WOMEX. Together with World Music Forum NL and the Netherlands Embassy UK, we have worked out a Dutch program to help promote world music from The Netherlands worldwide. Our activities are also supported by two Dutch rights organizations, Buma Cultuur and SENA.

Around seventy Dutch professionals are present representing music from the Netherlands and scouting for great music from elsewhere for Dutch venues and festivals. You can find Dutch delegates all over the trade fair. At our Dutch umbrella stand (176+177) you will be able to find information and meet with Dutch delegates. At the service desk we will help you with any questions you might have. We will also distribute the Dutch face-book. A practical guide of who's who and who's doing what at Womex, including a comprised overview of world music in the Netherlands.

The Dutch presence at WOMEX is a fair indication of what the Netherlands have to offer in terms of music, venues and festivals. The Netherlands harbour a lively world music scene, which has recently been researched in commission of World Music Forum NL. The comprehensive report has been published in the booklet 'A World of Sounds and Opportunities – World music from the Netherlands'. Music journalist Stan Rijven will present the results of this exploratory research at Womex. We welcome you to this presentation on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October 12:00-13:00 in Networking Room 1, Motor Point Arena. Afterwards at 13:15 you are welcome for the Dutch networking lunch at our stand.

Specifically we like to point out two new grants presented by the Performing Arts Fund NL: international festivals and venues can apply for support for Dutch presentations abroad and for composition commissions. Please come to the Dutch umbrella stand for inquiries about these grants and other supporting activities.

Finally we will also host a small networking dinner on Saturday October 26, where we match international professionals to Dutch delegates, particularly Dutch agents, musicians and representatives of supporting organizations. This networking dinner is for invitees only.

On behalf of Dutch Performing Arts, we wish you a fruitfull WOMEX and we are looking forward to meeting you in Cardiff.

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The Dutch activities at WOMEX 2013

Dutch Umbrella: meeting point and info-desk Wed 23-10 until Sun 27-10 @ Trade fair, stand 176+177

## A World of Sounds & Opportunities

World music in the Netherlands, presentation by Stan Rijven Fri 25-10, 12:00-13:00 @ Networking Room 1

Have a Dutch Toast! Join us at our networking lunch

Fri 25-10, 13:15-14:15 @ Trade fair, stand 176+177

**Dutch networking dinner** (for invitees only) Sat 26-10, 18:00-20:00 @ Bayside Brasserie

Keep an eye out for the Dutch face-book!