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RBF FRANCE'S PRESTIGIOUS
PRIVATE CONCERT TO RAISE
THE ISSUE OF THE DARFUR
SILENT GENOCIDE



January 21st 2014

RBF France is a Forum of Strategic Thinking that gathers top French decision makers, experts, artists and opinion leaders. **RBF France** develops a shared vision to analyze historical, political and socio-economic causes at the root of ethno-national conflicts and propose concrete and effective tools in order to prevent it becoming mass crimes and genocides.

Breaking the silence of an ongoing tragedy



Bonjour à tous,

Je tiens tout d'abord à vous remercier de vous être déplacés si nombreux ce soir pour participer à ce concert exceptionnel donné au profit des réfugiés du Darfour.

Je voudrais remercier tout

d'abord le collectif Urgence Darfour et saluer le formidable travail de Caroline Madsac et du docteur Jacky Mamou qui n'ont cessé ces dernières années d'alerter l'opinion publique sur la situation dramatique qui règne au Soudan et en particulier au Darfour.

Je voudrais également remercier chaleureusement les artistes qui se sont mobilisés et ont accepté de donner de leur temps bénévolement pour mettre leur talent au service de cette juste cause.

Je salue notamment la cantatrice Nathalie Dessay et le journaliste Patrick Poivre d'Arvor qui ont accepté de relever le défi en prêtant leur voix à ceux dont la tragédie prospère

sur fonds d'indifférence et de silence coupable.

RBF France a souhaité organiser et sponsoriser cette soirée exceptionnelle pour rompre ce silence et alerter l'opinion publique sur cette terrible tragédie qui dure depuis plus de dix ans et qui a fait, selon l'ONU, plus de 300 000 morts et plus de 2 million et demi de déplacés.

Je rappelle qu'en juillet 2010, la Cour Pénale Internationale a lancé un mandat d'arrêt international à l'encontre du Président soudanais en exercice - Omar El-Béchir - à la tête

d'un régime accusé d'avoir perpétré des crimes contre l'Humanité et un génocide.

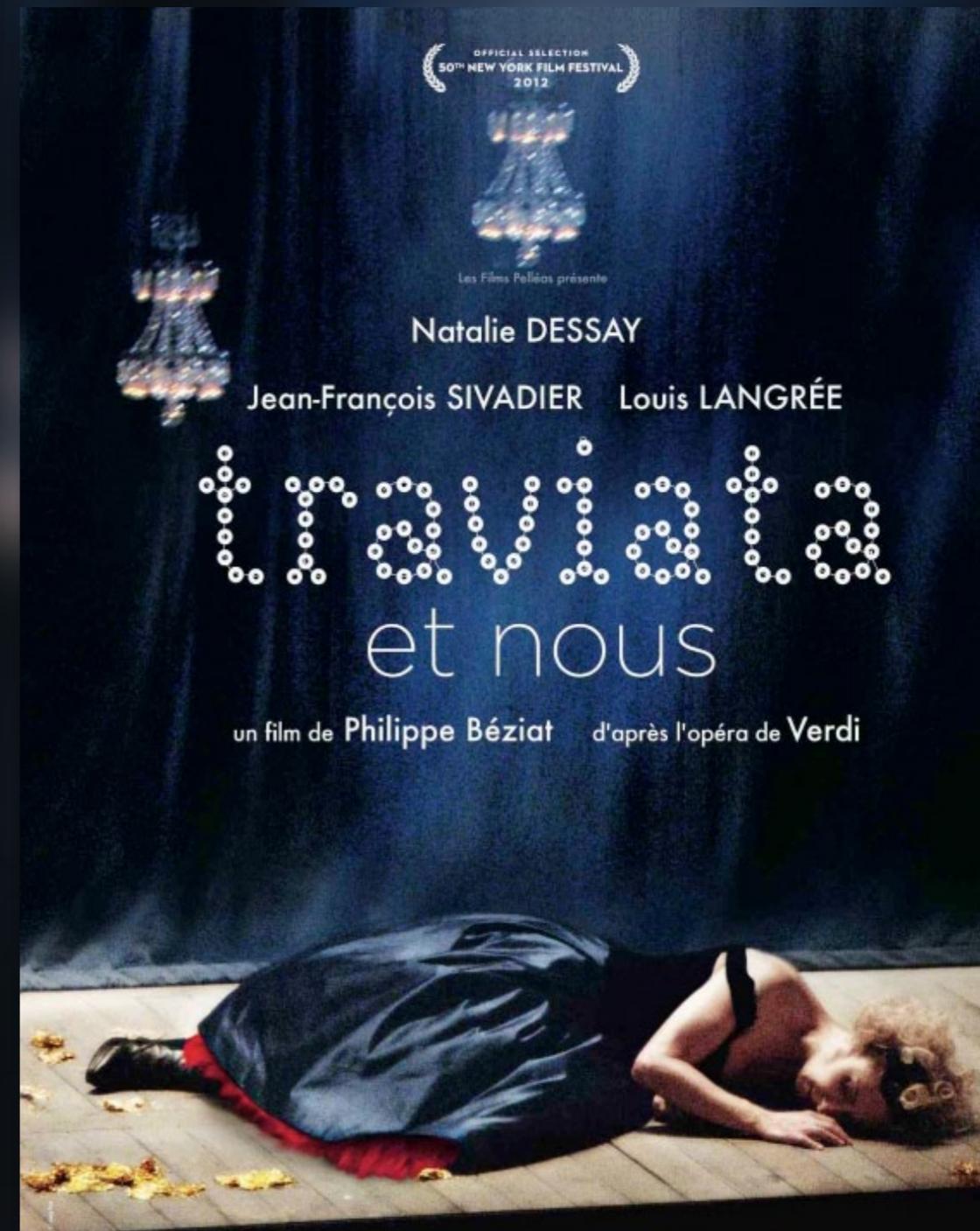
Les enjeux de ce conflit sont donc majeurs, à la fois pour l'avenir du continent africain et plus largement, pour la crédibilité de la justice internationale. C'est également un enjeu majeur pour la France.

Je vous remercie encore une fois d'être venu nombreux et vous souhaite une

excellente soirée en compagnie de ces formidables artistes qui donneront, j'en suis sûr, le meilleur d'eux-mêmes pour donner une voix aux sans voix.

RBF France is proud to have initiated this exceptional event that brings together world-famous artists dedicated to raising awareness about a ten-year ongoing and silent tragedy. By remembering the Darfur plight, RBF France aims at ending the indifference and breaking the guilty silence of the West without which this tragedy could not continue

David Khalfa
Président of RBF-France
Remembrance Forum



Mrs. Natalie Dessay, world famous soprano, guest star of RBF-France private concert

Raising the issue of a deafeningly silent genocide

In today's showbiz and entertainment driven society, art and artists are very effective and powerful tools of advocacy. Performance by well known artists reach a wider public and influence the decision makers indirectly by raising an issue through non-traditional means.

The **RBF France** recently organized a private concert by world-famous singer Natalie Dessay, together with many renowned journalists and eminent personalities. The event took place on January 21st 2014 at the magnificent Maison Kenzo. Located in the heart of Paris, the Maison Kenzo is a Japanese house designed by Kenzo himself that measures 1,200 square metres.

This event was supported by the Darfur Emergency Collective. Created in 2005, the Darfur Emergency Collective gathers more than 120 organisations in France and 250 personalities. Its main objectif is to raise awarness and alert the public opinion about the tragedy of the Darfur genocide.

Indeed, in the face of a defiant rebellion, Khartoum launched an all-out war against the Darfur civilian population. The army and the Arab janjawid militias were free to kill black Africans on a grand scale, forcing millions

of people to flee their destroyed villages. Rape has been used as a weapon of war to terrorize civilians. Millions of people have been displaced by force and are still to this day languish in the camps.

The **RBF FRANCE** private concert is a follow-up to the conference organized previously at the Senate and entitled « Darfur : the first genocide of the twenty-first century ? ».

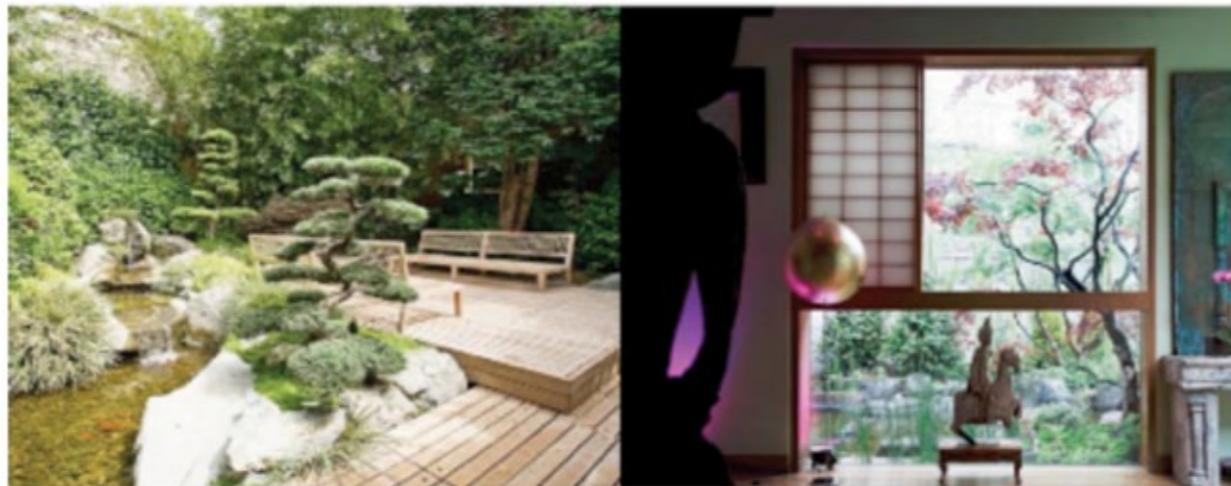
Many politicians, journalists and prominent personalities attended the conference. On this occasion, **RBF France** had the honor of counting among its speakers:

- **Dr. Mukesh KAPILA**, the Special Envoy and coordinator of humanitarian assistance in Darfur currently in charge of the Sudanese conflict at the International AEGIS TRUST Foundation for the Prevention of Genocide
- **Mr. Emmanuel DECAUX**, internationally renowned jurist, Chairman of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (UN) and Vice-President of the National Consultative Committee on Human Rights
- **Mr. Jacky MAMOU**, President of Darfur Emergency Collective





KENZO



The Kenzo House



- *Concert Privé* -



*Au profit des actions du Collectif Urgence Darfour
avec le soutien et la participation de RBF France - Forum de la Mémoire*

Mardi 21 janvier 2014

Cocktail d'accueil à 19h.30 – début du concert 20h.00 précises – soirée suivie d'un buffet

*Dans le cadre exceptionnel de la Maison 8 - 8 rue Sedaine Paris 11^{ème}
Grâce au généreux accueil de Anna et Pascal Breton*

*Natalie Dessay - Laurent Naouri - Liat Cohen - Pedro Houyaté - Laura Mayne - Alain Chennevière
Patrick Poivre d'Arvor - Eve Ruggieri*

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Entrée : 100 €
Entrée soutien : 300 €
Entrée bienfaiteur : au delà de 300 €
(reçus Cerfa pour toutes les entrées)

RBF-France's invitation-card



Mrs. Natalie Dessay
World famous soprano



Mr. Patrick Poivre d'Arvor
Journalist, famous TV anchor of the 8 pm News Edition, writer



Mr. Alain Chenevière
French singer



Mrs. Liat Cohen
Israeli guitar virtuoso



Mr. Laurent Naouri
Internationally recognized opera singer



Mr. Pédro Kouyaté
Malian singer



Mr. Patrick Poivre d'Arvor in front of the assistance



RBF-France's team : Ilan Scialom (Public Affairs Officer),
Katia Bayer (Communication Officer), David Khalfa (President)

Raising the issue of a Deafening Silent Genocide : RBF France's private concert for the Darfur refugees



La Maison Kenzo

Program, January 21st 2014

Registrations opens, Maison Kenzo

Cocktail

Mr. David Khalfa's speech, President of RBF France

Mr. Alteyp Adam's speech, spokesperson of Darfur refugees organization in France

The Darfur Emergency Collective's speech by Mr. Jacky Mamou and Mrs. Caroline Madsac

Mrs. Natalie Dessay and Mr. Laurent Naouri's concert

Mrs. Ève Ruggiéri's speech

Mr. Roger-Pol Droit's speech

Mrs. Liat Cohen's concert

Mr. Pedro Kouyaté's concert

Mrs. Laura Mayne's concert

Mr. Patrick Poivre d'Arvor's poetry reading

Mr. Alain Chennevière's concert

Buffet



Mrs. Natalie Dessay

World famous soprano

Winner of the First Prize at the Bordeaux Conservatory in 1985, Natalie Dessay has appeared on stage in France and on the international scene (Vienna, London, New York, New Mexico...). She has also won numerous international awards including 6 Victoires de la musique and has been nominated Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur in 2011.

« We must manifest a presence, a disgust, a revolt in the face of this human horror. Which is why I refuse therefore to remain silent about the Darfur tragedy »

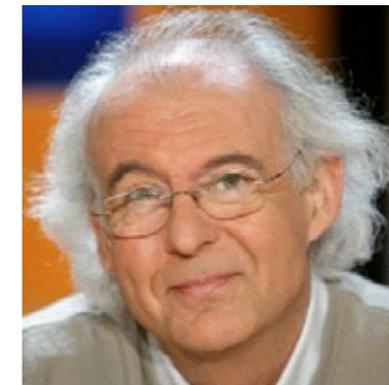


Mr. Patrick Poivre d'Arvor

Journalist, famous TV anchor of the 8 pm News Edition, writer

Patrick Poivre d'Arvor is a television personality and anchor of the 8 pm news edition on Antenne 2 and on TF1. Since then, he has forged a name as a major name on the French audiovisual scene. As a writer, Patrick Poivre d'Arvor has also published more than 60 books. He is a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur and an Officer of the National Order of Merit.

« It pains me to see an entire population abandoned. The tragedy in Darfur is happening with a shocking indifference. Nobody seems to notice the blood bath, except the people directly involved, I have been to Darfur twice. What struck me most was how little had changed between both visits. Even today, nothing has changed. The situation enrages me »



Mr. Roger-Pol Droit

Well-known philosopher, journalist, researcher, teacher, writer

Roger-Pol Droit is a French philosopher, journalist, researcher at the CNRS, professor and writer, having worked for Le Monde des livres, Echos, Le Point, and Clés. Former counsellor for the managing director of the UNESCO, he is also the author of some 30 philosophy publications, some of which are highly successful with the public and have been translated into more than 30 languages.

« We must ensure that we do not accept the unacceptable, we must speak up and bear witness. The true question is to look out for the invisible, the inaudible, of that which is most silent in the misery and sorrows of the world. And the people of Darfur are precisely among the least visible »



Mrs. Ève Ruggiéri
Well-known French journalist TV and radio broadcaster

As a well-known radio broadcaster, Ève Ruggiéri manages the production of opera festivals in France and is ambassador for the association La Voix de l'Enfant. She is an Officer of the Légion d'honneur.

« I am overwhelmed by the plight of the children. What I find most beautiful in the world, is the innocence of childhood and the moment when we expect the most out of life. When a genocide massacres this part of existence, that really shatters me »



Mr. Laurent Naouri
Internationally recognized French opera singer

World renowned opera singer, Laurent Naouri debuted at the Metropolitan Opera in New York and at the Opéra Garnier in Paris. He has worked with the greatest conductors in the most prestigious opera halls, such as the Opéra Garnier, the Opéra de Paris, the Opéra Bastille and the Grand Théâtre de Genève. A reference in the field of classical music in France, this exceptional singer regularly performs recitals and concerts.

« Insofar as the last century tragically saw the notion of genocide become commonplace, I think it is quite logical for RBF France to consider the entire affair as a veritable human tragedy, whatever the scale of events, or the political conditions of the victims. In the end, the phenomenon and the consequences are the same and the necessity to preserve memory remains universal »



Mrs. Laura Mayne
Renowned French singer, songwriter and producer

Member of the successful group Native (more than 1 million discs sold), winner of the 1994 Victoire award for best new group, nominated « group of the year » in 1995, 1996 and 1998, Laura Mayne played the singing voice of Pocahontas in the film « Pocahontas ».

« This is the first time I'm involved in an international cause. As we live in a globalized world, I feel I have every right to participate in this struggle. The cause of the people of Darfur touches my heart and I feel concerned by their plight »



Mrs. Liat Cohen
Israeli guitar virtuoso

Considered a virtuoso of the classical guitar, Liat Cohen is of Israeli nationality and lives in Paris. She has been performing since the age of 14, and her tours are appreciated by the international press all over the world. Many of her concerts have been broadcasted on national radio and television.

« I am an Israeli and a Jew. For me, it's obvious to want to support any population in such a precarious situation as is Darfur. Human stupidity and cruelty know no borders. If each of us contributes in their own small way, we can make a difference at a political level. I think we can allow ourselves some hope in this matter »



Mr. Pedro Kouyaté
Malian singer

Of Malian origin, the musician Pédro Kouyaté made his debut with the great Malian Blues singer Boubacar Traoré, with whom he has toured internationally (Europe and the USA). On arriving in Paris, Pédro Kouyaté started his own group «Pédro Kouyaté and the Mandinka Trance Acoustic» who perform regularly in concert on some of Europe's most prestigious stages.

« I would like my talent, my music and my texts, to help people who suffer. Music and proximity can make a huge difference. Africa is a part of the world and cannot be cut off from it. People in Darfur are suffering like the Europeans once did. We must help Africa »



Mr. Alain Chennevière
French singer

Alain Chennevière created the group Pow woW in the 90's. In less than a year, he shot to frontstage and gained immense popularity. After innumerable tours, a continued presence on television, 2 Olympias, 2 Victoires de la Musique, 10 sold-out gigs at the Casino de Paris, gold and diamond records, 4 albums, and several millions record sales, the group disbanded in 1998.

« I feel concerned by injustice and suffering. Too often, we have ignored crises that seemed too far away. The current situation in Darfur is grave. We can act today to collect funds and help the displaced population there. Modestly, with our guitars and songs, we can try our best to make a difference. This is how I imagine my work as an artist »



Mrs. Natalie Dessay and Mrs. Ève Ruggiéri
World famous soprano and well-known French journalist TV and radio broadcaster



Mrs. Monique Atlan and Mr. Roger-Pol Droit
Well-known philosopher, journalist, researcher, teacher, writer



Mr. Patrick Poirve d'Arvor interviewed by Mrs. Katia Bayer, RBF-France Communication Officer



Mrs. Laura Mayne
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Mr. Pédro Kouyaté
Malian singer



Mrs. Liat Cohen playing with Mrs. Natalie Dessay
Israeli guitar virtuoso / World famous soprano



Artists and VIP's supporting RBF-France initiative on raising the issue of the Darfur silent genocide



DARFUR, BEYOND THE NEWS

RBF France Main Goals

- 1 Promoting and sharing knowledge and expertise to inform the public debate on international conflicts
- 2 Recommending practical tools and solutions to prevent mass crimes and genocides
- 3 Funding and disseminating research and expertise on the history of genocides and their memories
- 4 Supporting the initiatives of civil society leaders dedicated to foster the values of tolerance, democracy and peace
- 5 Organizing and setting up information missions to raise the decision makers' awareness of the emerging threats of genocide and mass atrocities by creating an interparliamentarian task force



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