



Final Conference

Heidelberg

Germany

March 15th, 2012

Over the last two years the Roma Routes pilot project drew together organizations from across Europe to establish a coordinated itinerary of events celebrating Roma culture and heritage. **See www.romaroutes.eu.** Inspired by the Route of Roma Culture and Heritage proposed by the Council of Europe, this project increased the knowledge of people in Europe about Roma history, culture, values and lifestyle. It encouraged the contribution of Roma to Europe's cultural life and diversity and ultimately contributed to giving a positive value to an image of Roma who are, more often than not, perceived in a negative and stereotyped way.

We have made links between culture and heritage institutions and Roma groups across Europe, spreading ideas, exchanging experiences, and co-ordinating the website and programme of events.

The aim of the final conference in Heidelberg is to review the achievements of the project and to look to the future. We hope to increase links with people, groups and organizations active in this field and to further the realization of a Route of Roma Culture and Heritage.

PROGRAMME

09.15 Registration

10.00 Opening – Romani Rose
Chairman of the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma

10.15 Presentation of the Roma Routes Pilot Project – Lalage Grundy
Surrey Heritage Team Manager

11.00 Coffee

11.15 Keynote Speech – Zoni Weisz
“Art, Culture and Identity”

12.00 Keynote Speech – Viv Golding
“Rising New Voices and
Visibilities in Museums”

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Panel discussion
**A vision becomes reality: The
next steps for the Routes of
Roma Culture and Heritage**

Michel Thomas-Penette

(Director of the European
Institute of Cultural Route) tbc

Tímea Junghaus (Roma Art
Historian at the European Roma
Cultural Foundation)

Damian Le Bas (Roma Artist) tbc

19.30 Concert

Duo Markus Stockhausen (trumpet)

Ferenc Snétberger (guitar)

The music of this Duo is marked by each member's influence on the others. Snétberger's technique on the strings is phenomenal. Stockhausen looks for the unusual on his instruments. So two musicians came to an artistic consense that is pure magic for the audience.

For further information please visit our homepage www.romaroutes.eu – an interactive website promoting the Roma cultural events and allowing a wide range of people to contribute.

The official conference language will be English. If you wish to attend the final conference, please confirm before March 12th 2012, via email to: info@sintiundroma.de

Entrance to the concert is 14 Euro or 9 Euro reduced fare.

Please order tickets via email to: info@sintiundroma.de



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