

PRESS RELEASE

MINI BASSES FOR MUSIC STUDENTS IN RAMALLAH



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Goethe-Institut Ramallah officially handed over a donation of mini basses to the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music on 25th July 2019. The instruments have put a long journey from their maker in Germany behind them, and are now in the hands of the conservatory's young music students.

SUPPORT FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

The handover ceremony of ten mini basses was held at the Ramallah branch of The Edwards Said National Conservatory for Music in the presence of its executive director, Sima Khoury Odeh, and its Ramallah branch director, Istimar Rimawi and the director of the Goethe-Institut, Mona Krieger. The musical instruments support the conservatory's educational work in Palestine and foster the development of musical competencies. The presented mini basses are not only high-quality instruments made by the maker Freudenberg in Germany, but also appropriate for children due to their small size. In her speech, Sima Khoury Odeh complimented the Goethe-Institut on its efforts in supporting culture and education in Palestine. In the academic year of 2018-19, more than 320 students have been learning music in the Ramallah Branch of the conservatory.

MUSIC ESSENTIELL FOR INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING

According to the words of the well-known Palestinian writer Raja Shehadeh, "A society that produces good musicians and which has the ability to listen to and appreciate music, whether Western or Arabic, is surely a happier and more vibrant society", music is vital in order to endure difficult situations and can especially support young people in finding focus and purpose while cultivating a lively and creative musical culture.

CLOSE AND LONG-STANDING COOPERATION

The Edward Said National Conservatory of Music and the Goethe-Institut Ramallah have been collaborating since the 2015 Sea Festival in the Gaza Strip, and look forward to further cooperation.

Goethe-Institut Ramallah wishes all music students great joy and delight in learning to play the mini basses!

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