

PRESS RELEASE

16^e edition of Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival

**Aznavour at the opening night of
Mawazine Rhythms of the world Festival**

For its 16th edition, the festival's opening night of the National Theater Mohammed V will showcase the legendary Charles Aznavour, on Friday May 12th.

Rabat on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. He is undoubtedly the greatest living French-speaking songwriter and one of the greatest voices of modern popular music.

By welcoming Charles Aznavour on the opening night of Mohammed V National Theater on Friday May 12th, Mawazine not only confirms its international outlook and vision, but also demonstrates yet again its continued commitment to bring to the Moroccan public leading names in world music.

Coined by CNN as the "Entertainer of the Century" in 1988 with a career spanning 70 years, Charles Aznavour boasts over 100 million records sold, 1,200 songs, 80 feature films, 294 albums, hundreds of gold, platinum and diamond records, and thousands of concerts in 94 countries around the world.

Under his real name Chahnour Varinag Aznavourian, Charles Aznavour has played and recorded in seven languages and saw his songs covered by many artists such as Elton John, Bob Dylan, Sting, Placido Domingo, Céline Dion, Julio Iglesias, Edith Piaf, Liza Minnelli, Sammy Davis Jr., Ray Charles, Elvis Costello and many others.

Charles Aznavour has gained wide popularity around the world with his song SHE, number 1 in many countries and present in the Coup de Foudre blockbuster in Notting Hill. He also had other great hits with The Old Fashioned Way, Yesterday When I Was Young, La Mamma, La Bohème or What makes a man, etc.

Aznavour celebrated his 92nd birthday on May 22nd, 2016.

Useful Information:

- **16th edition of Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival: from 12 to 20 of May 2017.**
- **Charles Azanour** will perform on stage at Le Théâtre National Mohammed V **on Friday May 12 2017.**

About Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival

Established in 2001, the Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival is the essential rendezvous for music amateurs in Morocco with, for the last 15 years, over 2 million festivalgoers



at each edition. Held every month of May over nine days, Mawazine offers a rich and diversified program where world stars from the four corners of the world make of the cities of Rabat and Salé a world stage for music. Committed to promote Moroccan Music, the Festival devotes more than half of its shows to national artists. As a firm believer in the values of peace, tolerance openness and respect, 90% of the concerts are free of charge so that everybody can enjoy it. Mawazine also participates in the region's economy, attracting tourists from all over the world; thus making of Morocco once every year a world music stage.

About Maroc Cultures Association:

Created In compliance with the provisions of November 15, 1958 Dahir, and further to a General Assembly held in Rabat on October 23, 2001, Maroc Cultures is a non-profit association whose main mission is to offer to the public of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër region a highly professional cultural and artistic entertainment worthy of the capital of the kingdom. Echoing the fundamental values of His Majesty King Mohammed VI development policy, Maroc Cultures materializes this mission through Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival as well as various events, multi-disciplinary symposia, plastic art exhibitions and concerts.



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