

PRESS RELEASE

16th edition of Mawazine Festival Rhythms of the World

Ms Lauryn Hill at Mawazine

*Queen of hip hop and soul, Ms Lauryn Hill will perform on Monday, May 15th
at the OLM Souissi*

Rabat, tuesday, February 28th, 2017 - Mawazine festival treats the Moroccan public to an exceptional show, starring the pioneer of American hip-hop: Ms Lauryn Hill.

As a lead singer, Lauryn Hill's mythical voice has enchanted generations of fans. With The Fugees band, she was the Queen over the hip-hop scene of the 90s. The album, *Blunted On Reality* paved the way for the band's career, selling over 4 million copies. In 1996, their album, *The Score* hit the shelves to remain until now the best-selling rap album in the United States, with 18 million copies, not to mention the legendary cover version of *Killing Me Softly* (1973) by Roberta Flack.

In 1993, though only aged 18, Lauryn Hill outshined the whole cast of the cult film, *Sister Act II*, offering one of her best interpretations.

In 1998, she released her first solo album, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*. The album sold more than 20 million copies worldwide. In the 1999 Grammy Awards, out of 12 nominations, Lauryn won five awards in the R & B categories, including the album and the song of the year.

Later, Lauryn Hill takes a more spiritual path, focusing more on the message of her songs rather than their musical medium, the purpose being to bring a slice of reality more consistent with her fans, as illustrated in her

2001 album *MTV Unplugged 2.0*.

In 2015, to celebrate Nina Simone, Lauryn Hill unveils an elegant and faithful cover version of the former's songs as part of a documentary devoted to the legendary singer. She also chooses to sing five other titles from the giant soul music singer in the album, *Nina Revisited: A tribute to Nina Simone*.

Today as a singer, composer and actress, she prefers to keep a low profile, rarely appearing on the stage. Expect a golden voice and an exceptional artist for a memorable concert in Rabat.

Useful Information:

16th edition of Mawazine Festival Rhythms of the World: May 12th to 20th 2017.

Lauryn Hill concert will take place on the OLM Souissi stage Monday, May 15th, 2017

About Mawazine Festival Rhythms of the World

Established in 2001, the Mawazine Festival Rhythms of the World 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,



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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.