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Press Release

INDIA, JAZZ UP!

Paolo Fresu & Rita Marcotulli live in concert featuring special guest Trilok Gurtu

The Embassy of Italy in New Delhi, in collaboration with the Cultural Institute of Italy in Mumbai and the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru, is meticulously working on the organization of the 2024 flagship event: **India, Jazz Up! – Paolo Fresu & Rita Marcotulli live in concert featuring special guest Trilok Gurtu**, a one of its kind jazz concert bringing together three world-acclaimed musicians trespassing into the immense palette of colours of contemporary music. The synergy the seasoned artists will re-create on stage, perfectly embodies the core mission our Institutions are working tirelessly to achieve: building bridges between Italy and India while fostering bilateral partnerships in a variety of sectors. Cultural cooperation is a powerful tool to strengthen and enhance the Indo-Italian friendship.

For the very first time eclectic musical personalities come together for a special trio performance that combines formal elegance with both traditional and modern elements originated in the Mediterranean area and India, intertwining the most significant roots of Jazz with the charm of world music. The Maestros with illustrious careers, undisputed virtuosos, aim at going beyond boundaries and at exploring new trends. These extraordinary artists seek inspiration by challenging each other in a live jam session, a precious experience that will be shared with the audience.

Paolo Fresu: inside his trumpet sound runs the sap that has illuminated the European jazz nouvelle vague, the depth of a thought that doesn't limit itself to music, the unending passion that always leads him. The magic lies in the spontaneous way in which he managed to convey the deepest meanings of his native land with arts.

Rita Marcotulli: is a famous Italian pianist and composer. Respected for her distinctive style of sound and ability to improvise. Her source of creativity is vast and also includes influences from Brazilian, African and Indian music.

Trilok Gurtu: master drummer and world music pioneer, He has stood at the confluence of where Indian classical music, Western jazz and funk, African music and Brazilian music meet. The multi-instrumental and multi-cultural approach has been part of his modus operandi for five decades.

The tour kick starts on 29th February 2024 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. On 2nd March the trio will then perform on the stage of NCPA in Mumbai and the conclusive concert will take place on 3rd March at the Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts in Bengaluru.