

Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Salle des Étoiles - Sporting Monte-Carlo

## Diana Krall

Freshlyground / The Sporting Summer Band / Zhang Zhang Band



The 66th Monaco Red Cross Gala will be held on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, in the presence of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, President of the Monegasque Red Cross and H.S.H. Princess Charlène, in the enchanting surroundings of the Salle des Etoiles - Sporting Monte-Carlo.

For the organization founded in 1948 by Prince Louis II, this fabulous evening pays tribute to donors generosity, whose loyalty and faith allow to grasp the importance of its



heavy task around the world. Supported and guided by the convictions of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, its President, the Monegasque Red Cross has continued to expand its action in the face of tragedies and disasters that plague men, women, children, all over the world, every day. In the year 2013, the Monegasque Red Cross multiplied its programs and international aid missions, and spent over 970,000 euros to alleviate their plight.

The 66th Monaco Red Cross Gala promises to be unforgettable thanks to the presence of exceptional artists, selected and invited by the Group Monte - Carlo Société des Bains de Mer's Artistic Direction. After a surprising aquatic show, guests will be greeted by the Zhang Zhang Band, led by a violinist from the Monte-Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra.

In the early evening, Sandrine Quétier and UNESCO artist for peace and spokesperson for the "Slave Route" project Marcus Miller will open the Gala and will proceed to the drawing of the prestigious tombola. On this occasion, Sandrine Quétier will be wearing a dress from Haute Couture house Akris.

During dinner, South African group Freshlyground, one of the greatest achievements of South African crossover music will perform its greatest hits composed of original sounds blending afro and soul, supported by the incredible voice of singer Zolani Maholà.



This year, the Gala committee is honoured to welcome Diana Krall who will perform with natural sensuality, the great jazz standards. With fifteen albums to her credit, the



captivating Canadian singer and pianist is one of her generation's most brilliant jazz artists. In 2004, this talented and charming singer released her first original album 'The Girl in the Other Room", composed with her husband Elvis Costello. Her latest opus Glad Rag Doll (2012) revisits 1920s and 1930s vintage hits, alongside country and blues songs.

The concert will be followed by a scintillating fireworks display. Finally, Justin Caldwell and Erin McCarley, singers and guitarists from «The Sporting Summer Band» will extend the evening to the tune of dance music.





To maintain perfect harmony with the Monegasque Red Cross' image, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer teams have imagined and created a minimalist décor in red and white tones. Fully dressed in white, the legendary Salle des Etoiles will be decorated with rounded screens on which the various highlights of the evening will be projected. Mirror tables topped with monochrome red and covered with an elegant floral frieze will be decorated with freshly cut flowers composed of 6000 Harlequin roses and 4500 hydrangeas balls.

Every year, a renowned artist donates a work of art specially created for the Monegasque Red Cross. For the 66th edition of the Monaco Red Cross Gala, artist Mateo Mornar has created "Gaia" - a wooden and plastic painted sculpture of the following dimensions: 162 x 44 x 149 cm. The artist was "inspired by the treasures of love and altruism that the Monegasque Red Cross deploys, in Monaco as well as in distant lands, to soften the daily lives of disadvantaged". "Gaia" Goddess of the home, nature and harvest in Greek mythology, personifies the Earth as a living being. Benevolent and soothing, she opens



her arms wide in a gesture of welcome and generosity. The work will be exhibited in the hall of the Monte-Carlo Sporting.

<u>Hours and Admission</u> Dinner (drinks not included) and concert 8:30 pm - 1000 €

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