

PRESS RELEASE

16th edition of Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival

The festival's music scene will be Rock'n Roll on Saturday May 20th with the rock icon Rod Stewart

The living british legend Rod Stewart have been confirmed as the saturday night headline for mawazine. The festival goes all out with the unexpected presence of Rod Stewart who will be closing the festival.

Rock n roll lovers, brace yourselves, you will not be disappointed !

Rabat, on (date) March 2017 : Rod Stewart is one of the best selling artists in the history of recorded music, with over 200 million records sold worldwide. His signature voice, style and haircut have transcended all genres of popular music, from rock & roll, new wave and even tackling the Great American Song Book; making him one of the few stars to enjoy continued success over five decades. He has garnered two inductions into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and won countless awards including a Grammy and the ASCAP Founders Award for songwriting.

Having recently passed his fiftieth anniversary as a recording artist, he continues to add new chapters to an incomparable career. With his twenty ninth solo studio album, *Another Country*, Stewart picks up where his last album. 2013's globally acclaimed *Time*, left off.

Holding the album « *Another country* » together is that voice—a voice that led the Godfather of Soul, James Brown, to call Stewart "the best white soul singer," a voice about which Elton John once said, "Bar none, Rod's the best singer I've heard in rock 'n' roll." That distinctively raspy, impressively expressive, and surprisingly versatile voice, has been heard around the world; from his early days with the Jeff Beck group, through the glory years bouncing between the glorious Faces and a triumphant solo career, right up to the five volumes of the *Great American Songbook*, the official best-selling series of new recordings in pop history. Rod Stewart is sure to enjoy many more years of success in the studio and on the stage alike.

Useful Information:

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

Rod Stewart's concert on Saturday May 20th 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.