

A1 Festival of Light Saturday 25 March 2006: Line-up

(programme is subject to change)

The A1 Festival of Light is proud to present a list of star performances by the London's finest home-grown and international artists. The line-up includes:

5pm: London Urban Collective (UK):

The Urban Collective Project gives thirty young people from areas in need of urban regeneration the chance to write, record and promote their own album with the help of music industry mentors, guest artists and producers. The results are taking the public and the music industry by storm.

“The music is a triumph” *The Times*

“ This release shows what marginalised youth can achieve with access to facilities and encouragement” *Metro Life*

Appearing with LUC at the Festival of Light are

***Red and Pink
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<http://www.londonurbancollective.com/>

6.05pm Dessislava Stefanova and the Dessibelles (Bulgaria):

Created by lead singer Dessislava Stefanova, the Dessibelles is a trio of vocalists who perform traditional Bulgarian songs – catchy, fiery and wonderful. Dessi also regularly sings with the story-telling company, A Spell In Time. She has a hauntingly beautiful voice and has performed very successfully at a number of Cultural Co-operation events and on film soundtracks, including *Atlantis*.

<http://www.londonbulgarianchoir.co.uk/about.php>

6.40pm Mukka (Balkans/UK):

Eastern European-Arabic-Klezmer ensemble, Mukka, perform highly infectious cross-cultural fusions from the Balkans. Wild dance rhythms mix effortlessly with *doina*, heartfelt songs by Romanian singer Dana Codorean-Berciu. These musicians from Russia and the UK could light up a small city with their energy, and are famous for London gigs where complete strangers join hands and dance like crazy.

<http://www.mukka.co.uk/>



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7.20pm Ethio Traditional Band (Ethiopia):

Ethio Traditional Band perform traditional Ethiopian music and feature two dancers. They were a big hit with children and adults alike at the Diaspora London Music Village 2005. The band is part of the Genna Arts and Theatre Group, which promotes the arts and culture of Ethiopia. They have played at the Union Chapel, at Coin Street as part of the Celebrating Sanctuary Festival and at City Hall to mark the Ethiopian Easter.

8.20pm Kasai Masai (Congo):

Kasaï Masaï brings us the Traditional Sound of the most remote equatorial villages with an Urban Twist. The band is a 6-piece outfit, consisting of d'jembe, guitar, saxophone, bass, drum and MC. To get you up on your feet and dancing, they are also joined occasionally by one or two female dancers!

Kasai Masai made a powerful impression at the Diaspora London Music Village 2006.

<http://www.kasaimasai.com/>



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