



INTERNAL COMPASS MUSIC

Matanel Foundation Activity Report 2023

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State of the Program

The 'Matanel' Creative Music Program in Mitzpe Ramon has finished its seventh year. This program is an expression of our perception regarding advanced music education and preparing our students for life as an international musician. The program is a 3-year curriculum. The year consists of two 12-week semesters. In addition to the 12 weeks of the semesters, there is a one-week winter festival, a ten-day summer festival each year, and 3 weeks of 'Coda & Fermmata' Festivals. These festivals are a real celebration of music, and they take an integral part of the curriculum. We had a fantastic year.

Main Achievements

During the year 2022-2023, with the exit from the Covid-19 crisis, together with the contribution of the Matanal Foundation, the 'Matanel' Creative Music Program in Mitzpe Ramon had developed significantly in many different dimensions:

1. After six years of operating without any support and recognition from the state of Israel, in May 22', the 'Matanel' Creative music program had finally got the recognition of being an official school for arts and music in Israel by the Israeli ministry of culture and sports. The 'Matanel' Creative music program is an official academic institution for music in Israel.
2. 9 wonderful students have finished their 3-year study at the school. We had a respectful musical ceremony in honor of their efforts and achievements.
3. After sending a successful Israeli delegation to Omaha to participate in concerts and academic lessons with the students and faculty of University of Nebraska, we have signed a memorandum of understanding agreement with the university, as well as student exchange agreement, planned to begin in 2025.
4. The Mitzpe Ramon Jazz club is now celebration one year since its reopening by Meev'er Arts Center. The club hosted about 200 events in the past year, including 2 international festivals. In June 2023, after a renovation project, Fermatta & Coda festival, a festival that is operated by the students, filled the club with people, culture and music. Every night the club hosted two recitels that was played by the students.

5. With the exit from the Covid-19 crisis, we have made a big effort to reconnect with our international collaborations. A project of 20 international guest artists was pulled out in the past school year, as the 'Matanel' Creative Music Program will host these artists in Mitzpe Ramon for concerts, lessons, and master classes.

6. Internal Compass Japan was initiated by the Japanese pianist Haroka Yabuno in October 22'. IC Japan is a project that tries to imitate the working model of IC Mitzpe Ramon and the 'Matanel' Creative Music Program. In addition to that IC Japan, there are another initiatives that tries to expand their musical and educational working models, taking inspiration from our project in Mitzpe Ramon.

7. Spotlight on graduates –

Gal Costa – Gal is an avant-garde jazz style piano player. He studied classical music when he was young, and was attracted to jazz orientated music in his 20's. During his 3'rd year he played in concerts all over Israel, including big venous and festivals.



Lilla Ashuach – Lilla plays the flute. Her story is similar to gal's with the fact that they both started from classical music education, and later went to jazz. Lilla is a fantastic musician, and we foresee a bright future for her in the field of music as a performing musician, composer, and producer.

Moving Forward

Meev'er, Arts & Creativity Center started to run a project called "Cultural and Musical Eco-System in Mitzpe Ramon". The purpose of the project is to make Mitzpe Ramon a capital of music in an international scale. In the years to come, we want to see the school, its students and alumni, taking key positions in the Eco-System project and having a big participace in the Negev music scene. Furthermore, we want to see our students and alumni get involved in the musical activity in Israel and abroad. In 2022/23, as the project started, both 3rd year students and alumni from previous years made an incredible impact on the cultural field in Mitzpe Ramon by initiating a local radio station, taking positions as music teachers in the local conservatory, and performing.



'Matanel' Creative Music Program
5th year graduates. June 2023. Left
to right, 1st row: Ehud Ettun,
Jaquelin Fay, Gal Costa, Yoel Chajes,
David Alfandary, Nimrod Ben-
Menachem, Yaari Ben Barak, Noa
Solomons, Rotem Yakobson
Aharoni. 2nd row – Brianna Perez,
Yael Shichror, Lilla Ashuach, Mor
Stanislav Porat.

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Thank you!

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