

## Many Musics in Europe Annual Conference of the European Music Council in Budapest

This year the European Music Council (EMC) will follow the invitation of the Hungarian Music Council and hold its annual conference in Budapest, Hungary (22 - 24 April 2005). Under the title Many Musics in Europe, the conference aims to intensify the relation between European political institutions and representatives of music organisations. It will highlight the cultural diversity within the European music sector. Politicians, youth representatives and music professionals will join the conference and contribute with their experiences to the discussions for a wholistic view on the impact music and culture can have in Europe.

Christina Coker, Chief Executive of the National Foundation for Youth Music (UK), will deliver the keynote speech after the conference has been inaugurated through Adrienne Csengery, president of the Hungarian Music Council, and Beata Schanda, president of the EMC.

The up-following panel discussion will animate the participants to think about the role of cultural diversity in a globalising world and about the special needs of many musics in Europe. A set of interesting workshops will provide practical knowledge on fundraising, youth participation and the mobility of artists. All workshops will be lead by qualified experts, e.g. two heads of the Cultural Contact Point, Geoffrey Brown (UK) and Attila Zongor (Hungary) will team up for the workshop on fundraising.

An open space for the exchange of experiences and knowledge, as well as the opportunity to get in closer contact to other music organisations from all over Europe will be enabled. An information and network market will be installed where EMC members will present their multifaceted range of activities. This insight in the member's activities will be deepened through presentations of examples of good practices.

Two outstanding concerts will colourfully demonstrate the diversity of music. On Friday night the Hungarian Music Council will present different musical styles and groups of Hungary. On Saturday night the conference participants have the choice to pay a visit to the newly opened "Palace of Art" and afterwards listen to the famous and fascinating African singer Cesaria Evora. The concerts will round up the promising programme of Many Musics in Europe.

The EMC is a regional group of the International Music Council (IMC), which is dedicated to the development and promotion of all kinds of music. For further information about the EMC and the conference don't hesitate to contact the EMC at [info@emc-imc.org](mailto:info@emc-imc.org) or visit [www.emc-imc.org](http://www.emc-imc.org).