

HUMANITARIAN SPECTACLE: Slobodan Trkulja, Mariza and friends brought the house down at the “Arena” (PHOTO)

The band “Balkanopolis”, joined by the well-known fado singer and other international music stars, gave a magnificent concert before the audience of 5000 people.

Led by musician Slobodan Trkulja, the band “Balkanopolis” and friends put on a fantastic humanitarian concert at “Kombank Arena” before 5000 people, performing for almost four hours.

Alongside of the legendary local band, the huge audience was also amused by the singing of fado diva Mariza, Lebanese singer Mayssa Karaa, American jazz star Oleta Adams as well as a singer from Senegal Baaba Maal.

All proceeds from the ticket sales will be paid into the special account of the Government of the Republic of Serbia designated for aiding and rehabilitating the areas of Serbia that have been gravely affected by unprecedented floods which occurred exactly one year ago.

The musical spectacle was opened by Slobodan Trkulja who immediately excited the audience with his well-known hits.

– “Good evening, good people! Thank you immensely for coming here tonight! Balkanopolis and friends will have their first performance at the “Arena” tonight. We have a lot of guests so there won’t be much talking, but there will be a lot of music...”- said Trkulja before performing song “The Angel”.

Shortly afterwards, the first guest came on stage. The aforementioned Lebanese singer Mayssa Karaa showed her singing talent. In addition to performing a couple of her own hits, the girl from Beirut sang “Svadbarska” (The Wedding Song) in Serbian together with Trkulja, which absolutely delighted the audience.

“Balkanopolis” continued to entertain the fans with excellent music. The second guest, great jazz singer Oleta Adams, joined them on stage and performed the famous song by George Michael “Don’t Let The Sun Go Down On Me” with Slobodan Trkulja, among other songs.

Soon afterwards, Mariza appeared on stage. The fado queen impressed the audience with her fantastic voice.

– “I love Serbia!” – exclaimed Mariza, who performed “Meu Fado Meu” together with Trkulja.

The Fado diva had a great interaction with the audience, singing in Portuguese along with them.

– “I feel at home here!” – Mariza admitted and got a thunderous round of applause.

After the set with the phenomenal Portuguese singer, Slobodan Trkulja and “Balkanopolis” performed together with a Senegalese singer Baaba Maal and brought the audience to their feet.

At the end, all guest music stars sang together a song by Slobodan Trkulja in Old Church Slavonic language. They all received thunderous ovations from the crowd.