

The French Troubadours: Tété, Eric John Kaiser

"FÊTE DE LA MUSIQUE COMES TO AMERICA II !" TOUR

A celebration of modern French musical culture



Every June, the French holiday "Fête de la Musique" (Festival of Music) welcomes musicians – both amateur and professional – to join an ecstatic and eclectic cultural happening. Hundreds of thousands of performers and listeners take to the streets and clubs to engage in a literal "free-for-all" celebration of music. Imagine a mash up of Mardi Gras, SXSW and Bonnaroo simultaneously taking over the streets and the stages in every

major city in America!

Since its beginnings in 1982, the "Fête de la Musique" has come to be celebrated in over one hundred countries throughout five continents. Last year the "Fête de la Musique Come to America" tour opened in Los Angeles on June 19th, headed to San Francisco on June 21 and ended in Portland after going through Seattle. It was a large success gathering crowds of over 600 in San Francisco and over 200 in Portland and Seattle.

Like last year this coming tour will introduce and feature French recording star Tété and Eric John Kaiser's Portland French Troubadour and - in the spirit of the French festival - will include a variety of types of performance – from large scale outdoor celebrations and club shows to intimate house concerts.

Tour Dates :

Wednesday June 17th : : Mc Kinleyville

Thursday June 18th : San Francisco

Friday June 19th : Sacramento

Saturday June 20st : Santana Row (San Jose Jazz Festival)

Sunday June 21st : Hermosa Beach with Scott Fisher (Boogaloo)

Wednesday June 24th : Seattle (Sunset Tavern)

Friday June 26th : Portland (Berbati's Pan)

Saturday June 27th : Portland (French American School Festival)

Saturday June 27th : Troutdale (McMenamin's Edgefield)

TÉTÉ Paris, France based / Senegal born to French mother / Sings mainly in French

Tété is a platinum-selling star who plays contemporary French soul – mixing old school with a new school vibe. He has been called the “French Ben Harper” due to his infectious live presence and



strong political/social outlook. Born in his father’s homeland of Senegal, Tété was raised from a young age by his mother in northeastern France. A self-taught musician, Tété ignored his Afro-Caribbean roots, drawing inspiration from Anglo-Saxon pop and folk traditions. Tété is acclaimed as a brilliant guitarist and extraordinary poet and in 2001 was signed to Sony/Epic, releasing four albums to date.

He tours extensively, headlining European festivals of over 40,000 (Francofolies de La Rochelle, Solidays, Trans Musicales), as well as venues that seat over 7,000 (Olympia, Zenith, etc). He has toured Australia, Japan, and South America and Africa. He will be releasing his new album for Epic /Sony next Autumn.

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ERIC JOHN KAISER Portland, Oregon based / France born to American mother / Sings mainly in French



Eric John Kaiser calls himself “Portland’s French Troubadour.” His modern pop-rock sound fuses rock, hip-hop and reggae and is complemented by his French lyrics. Think Manu Chao meets the Rolling Stones. A French native, Kaiser played over 350 concerts throughout France (including the Festival Solidays) and was interviewed on French National TV and France Inter (French NPR). He left his Parisian career as a documentary film maker and radio personality to move to Portland and begin his American music career. He purposely took the international route through Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland and Britain. His first European/American release, L'ODyssée, was recorded at the Paris studio of Philippe Baïa (producer for Sony Music/V2 Music)

Since he’s been living in Oregon, Eric John Kaiser has toured the West Coast twice from Los Angeles to San Francisco and has opened for the Stereophonics at the Wonder Ballroom in Portland and played at Dante’s, Holocene and Reed College. He has also toured in Quebec and in France. He will be releasing his new CD « French Troubadour » next April 15th touring in Belgium and in France to celebrate this event.

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