
PRESS RELEASE

EUROPEAN MINORITY LANGUAGE SONG CONTEST

SUNS 2012 - INTRODUCING THE NINE FINALISTS

Udine, September 17 – The international jury for *Suns 2012* announces the nine finalists who will compete in the European minority language song contest in Udine. The date is 9 pm, November 2; the location Teatro Palamostre.

Out of over forty participants to the preliminary round, representing ten different linguistic communities, two Friulian bands have been selected to play live at *Suns 2012*: **Jonokognos** with 'Mai mai' and the young punk quintet **Mig 29 over Disneyland**, hailing from Carnia, with 'Profitadôrs'.

Jury members Andrea Ioime (il Friuli- il Gazzettino); Onno Falkena (Omrop Fryslan – Liet Foundation), and Paolo Cantarutti (Radio Onde Furlane) picked another seven artists: the French Provençal songwriter **Billy Fumey**; the folkish rock band **Casper Nicca** (Grisons Romansh, Switzerland); the Alghero-based Catalans **Claudia Crabuzza** e **Claudio Gabriel Sanna**; the Ladin-speaking **Jean Ruaz**; the Sardinian rappers **Randagiu Sardu & Quilo Sa Razza**; Burgenland Croat pop rocker **Ruben Dimitri** and Occitan-language folk band **Somi De Granadas**.

This year will mark the fourth edition of *Suns*, the minority language song contest organized by ARLeF- Agenzie Regionâl pe Lenghe Furlane and Cooperativa di Informazione Friulana. Year after year, a growing number of participating artists makes *Suns* (which means *sounds* in the Friulian language) one of Friuli's most interesting musical events. Exactly a year after a greatly successful first time in Friuli for the *Liet International*, the biggest event of its kind in Europe, Udine becomes once again a city of continent-wide importance for the promotion of innovative music in traditional minority languages.

Both a jury and an audience award will be handed at *Suns*; the two winning artists will be among the finalists at this year's edition of *Liet International*, on December 1 in Xixón - Gijón in the Principality of Asturias.

Moreover, 2009 *Liet* winners **ORKA**, an original ensemble from Far Oer, will be performing at this year's *Suns*. ORKA channels the dark, melodic and sharp sounds of their homeland through their unique electronic music played with their handmade, DIY musical instruments.

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