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Official 2009 MYSTIC BEAT LOUNGE/TECHNO-TRIBAL DANCE
(GRACE PAVILION) Musicians Bios – 10th Anniversary Celebration
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THE ORB virtually invented the electronic genre known as ambient house, resurrecting slower, more soulful rhythms and providing a soundtrack for early-morning ravers once the clubs closed their doors. Paterson's ambient sets incorporate a wide array of samples and sound effects, ranging from BBC nature recordings to NASA space broadcasts and special effects. With those samples mixed underneath the music of ambient pioneers such as Eno and Steve Hillage—and with his first recordings released in 1988 and still going strong—his sets have become popular worldwide. We are blessed to have this DJ pioneer in the house! www.theorb.com, www.myspace.com/orbisms

BALKAN BEAT BOX (and NANDA) A quasi-circus event, Balkan Beat Box performs with a core of 6 musicians, collaborating with artists from Bulgaria, Morocco, Spain, Israel, and Turkey who draw on a variety of styles from around the world. Every event keeps the audience guessing what the next surprise will be. BBB is a natural reaction of musicians who wanted to erase political borders on the dance floors from NYC to the Middle East. People are listening and moving to the new BBB sound worldwide. www.balkanbeatbox.com

K'NAAN (and NANDA) In a country whose name is synonymous with strife, it's easy to brand Somalian K'naan with the "political rapper" tag. But this emcee is creating his own musical path through reggae, funk, pop, soul and above all, hip-hop. His sophomore album *The Troubadour* was recorded at Bob Marley's Kingston studio and released in January, 2009. It represents the sum of his life experiences in his homeland. For critics who have said that hip hop has nothing left to say, *Troubadour* proves that it all depends on where you look. This artist has a lot more to share in the coming years.

GAUDI (also ACE Benefit, Harmony Hall) DJ Gaudi's eclectic style and versatility has kept him at the forefront of his field throughout a notable and prolific career. His music, which is an organic fusion of dub, world and nu-beat, is in production, on the playlists and regularly being performed live in the UK and internationally. www.gaudimusic.com, www.myspace.com/gaudimusic

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SHPONGLE JOINED BY MATISYAHU AND LUMINESQUE Shpongle is back, with a new album, *Nothing Lasts*, which reminds us not only about the impermanence of life but also how to rewrite the ambient agenda with sonic waves in a sea of synths, battalions of Brazilian batucada beats, flamenco and piano solos, vocal soarings from Hari Om and trancey dubs. This really is more music from the otherworld, a place of undefineable and indescribable beauty where all cultures collide, genres are rode over roughshot, and nothing is outlawed. For those who know them, these will be sentiments they recognize and welcome as further evidence of Shpongle's reputation. To those who don't, welcome to a new universe with its own language and musical map, a place of beauty and impermanence. See bios of very special guest Matisyahu and Luminesque above. www.twistedmusic.com/artists/shpongle, www.myspace.com/therealshpongle

RANDOM RAB FEATURING PHA DROID Emerging from his own distinct corner of the West Coast electronic music scene, Random Rab offers a powerful, timeless contribution to sonic exploration. Rab is a master of manipulating our temporal awareness, leading us into seemingly ancient worlds, where to our amazement, we find visible shreds of the future. Playing only his own originally produced music live, the depth and craftsmanship of this offering is remarkable. With an array of drum machines, samplers, sequencers, and instruments, it is a clear devotion to expression and perfection. The beats are smooth, bold, and overwhelming. The original vocals, melodies and hitting bass merge seamlessly into a tapestry of unique and unexpected journeys. www.randomrab.net, www.myspace.com/randomrabmusic

LUMINESQUE, FEATURING KITARO (also Harmony Hall) Luminesque is a cutting-edge dance, fire and circus performing arts ensemble combining classical dance, belly dance, martial arts, exceptional fire dance technique, cirque, and visionary choreography. Their show is like nothing you've experienced, with amazing solo showcases including wicked hot fire hooping, unparalleled poi spinning, and epic aerial silk dancers. Their vision is to inspire and bring outrageous beauty to life! **Kitaro** is a star, but he is very modest. "Nature inspires me. I am only a messenger", he says. "To me, some songs are like clouds, some are like water". Since 1983 his reverence for nature leads Kitaro to annually give thanks to Mother Nature in a special "concert" on Mount Fuji: on the day of the August full moon he beats on the Taiko drum from dusk to dawn. www.luminesquefiretroupe.com, www.kitaromusic.com

MEDICINE DRUM (with Wisdom) Medicine Drum's sound and style has always been individual and mystical. Founded in London in 1994 by percussionist and Earthdance founder Chris Deckker, their music is a rich hybrid of styles and textures. Medicine Drum is back with a new all star line up featuring Greg Ellis on drums (Juno Reactor, The Matrix), Rara Avis on electronics, Lisbeth Scott on vocals (Peter Gabriel's "Last Temptation", Narnia) and special guests MCs Wisdom and Dakini Star (The Goddess Alchemy Project). Medicine Drum continues to stretch the boundaries of electronica with their dynamic live shows which often include ritual dance theatre and performances by

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indigenous artists such as Native American drummers, African musicians and dancers. Their cutting edge sound and visually stunning stage presence continues to draw critical acclaim from around the world. www.medicinedrum.com,
www.myspace.com/wisdomcreationsband

ABAI is a talented, classically trained instrumentalist and hip hop vocalist, originally from Hayward, CA and the DC/Baltimore area. His most recent release, *Multicultures*, was on 12" for Myka 9's project *Magic Heart Genies* and has been recognized as a dance floor favorite. Abai's live performance is a fusion of live vocals, DJing and instrumentation with an energy that combines the non-stop music styles of the DJ with talented live drums and keyboards and conscious vocal styling. Abai is destined to win crowds and inspire on the dance floor. It's been a long time coming for Abai, and he's ready to share his musical vision with the world. www.myspace.com/abaimusic

DAVID STARFIRE artfully blends world music, hip hop and breakbeats to create an eclectic, signature sound that is catching the attention of music fans across the globe. The classically-trained multi-instrumentalist, producer, composer, and DJ has performed world-wide and recently signed to international label Six Degrees Records, home to acclaimed artists Bebel Gilberto, Cheb i Sabbah, Darsh Dale, Midival Punditz, Michael Franti, Guadi/Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, DJ Spooky and many more. His EP, "Bombay Beatz", reveals the possibility of a world united through sound, merging Hindi, Punjabi, and English vocals with hip-hop, UK breakbeats and traditional Middle Eastern instruments. www.myspace.com/davidstarfire

NANDA fills the house with unrelenting skill and comedy woven into a sonic soundscape along with a tidal wave of dance, juggling, and crazy Kung-Fu acrobatics. The profoundly organic performance given by these four friends has been evolving slowly over the last twenty years, since the young gentlemen met as toddlers in their hometown of Port Townsend, Washington. Nanda began recording conscious hip hop mixed with the influence of Tribal backbeat from the desert sounds of L.A. moontribe and the forest sounds of Northern California's 13 moon tribe in the late 1990s. Their name comes from the Japanese expletive used in reaction to something surprising or outlandish. NANDA is joined by special guest, K'NAAN (see Main Stage bios) and will also play solo and with Antics between sets. www.myspace.com/soundofnanda

LIQUID FIRE MANTRA Come peer into an Enchanted Mirror and witness the unraveling of emotion, revealing the fractals of the authentic self. Journey into the dark and see mesmerizing fire illuminate love while uniting the past, present and future. Warm your soul with engaging storytelling through the art of Ritual Theater--a fusion of tribal fire, primordial spinning, and Balinese mask dancing. Come celebrate the ritual of life and believe in the power of art! www.LiquidFireMantra.com

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KALALEA FIRE is a world-class fire dance troupe of 5 women based on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. They have come together to create a dynamic performance of synchronized dance, fire spinning, theater arts and choreographed fire-dance routines. Blending Tahitian, African, hip-hop & Middle Eastern dance with martial arts, Chinese Opera & Hula, Kalalea takes fire performance to the next level. Bringing the spirit of Aloha they share a spin on island flavor with their audience, creating a whole new idea of beauty, feminine grace, and power. www.kalaleafire.com

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