

ANNUAL REPORT

THE SIXTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF ARTISTS IN FEZ.

October 5th-8th, 2023





































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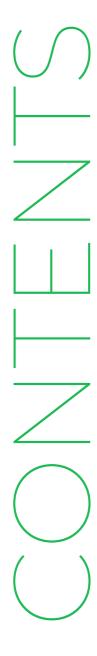
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About the FEZ GATHERING

A dynamic, Fez-based event consisting of exhibitions, discussions, and workshops and other activities that bring together artists from Morocco and the international community. It offers a global platform for participants to discuss and explore the role of art in a modern world. The Fez Gathering is organized by the Fez Art Lab, supported by many partners.

ABOUT THE 6TH EDITION OF FEZ GATHERING "GENTRIFICATION, ART, AND CULTURAL HERITAGE"

During its sixth edition in October 2023, the Fez Gathering focused on how art is used to address current challenges related to gentrification during various panels, art installations, performances, and events. The multi-day, public event focused on the function and potential of art and culture to transform urban spaces without displacing communities and institutions often associated with gentrification, while also strengthening and supporting existing artistic communities. The event offered space for intergenerational dialogue, highlighting the contemporary Moroccan art scene, and promote emerging young Moroccan artists, particularly within an ancient city like Fez.

This edition of the Fez Gathering aimed to evoke debate that goes beyond discussing "art for art's sake" among other factors, such as whether the arts are shaping and being shaped by the external forces of exchange, cultural heritage, markets, and religions through an exploration of how art serves as a bridge that crosses into a possible future.

ABOUT FEZ

For centuries, Fez has bridged economic, intellectual, cultural, social and spiritual differences between the "East" and "West," as well as between "North" and "South." The city of Fez in Morocco is a UNESCO world heritage site. It is the home of Al-Qarawayyin, the oldest functioning university in the world. It was the spiritual homeland of intellectuals such as Leo Africanus, Ibn Khaldun and Ibn Battuta. In present times, annual international cultural events such as the Fez Festival of Sacred Music and the Fez Festival of Sufi Culture, as well as the presence of new thinkers, contemporary artists, innovative artisans, and scholars, are new milestones in the important cultural role of Fez in the region.

20 ARTISTS PARTICIPANTS

Local, National and International participantion Morocco, Germany, USA, Argetina, Poland, Italy, France

We were privileged to host a diverse ensemble of over 20 talented artists, each bringing a unique flair to Fez Gathering. Hailing from various fields including visual arts, academia, and pedagogy, these creative minds converged to weave a rich tapestry of expression. From seasoned professionals to emerging talents, the artist participants played a pivotal role in shaping the vibrant and dynamic atmosphere of the festival.





















ABDELHAMID BELAHMIDI

Photographer, Morocco



I was very impressed with the Fez Gathering event. The quality of the speakers, their technical expertise, as well as their thought-provoking and idea-stimulating human approach, were the great strengths of this event

SOFIA MELLINO

Experienced Media Art Professional- Argentina



I will keep those 82 hours in Fez forever in my heart.

HIGHLIGHTS

FEZ GATHERING

HACKATHON

4TH - 6TH OCTOBER 2023 EUROMED UNIVIRSITY, FEZ

Hackathon of Hope and Innovation

The Fez Gathering Hackathon stands as a beacon of solidarity and innovation, responding to the recent earthquake that struck Morocco. In the wake of this devastating event, a collective of academics, scientists, innovators, and students from the Euro-Med university are converging, united by a shared commitment to lend a helping hand.

Through their ingenious solutions and creative endeavors, they are charting a course towards recovery and rejuvenation. The Fez Gathering Hackathon arena is being transformed into a sanctuary of hope and inventive spirit, where every idea, activity, and creation acts as a vessel for positive transformation.

Attendees and participants of the Gathering Hackathon are not merely spectators, but active partners in the journey towards healing. Their contributions provide tangible assistance to those affected by the earthquake. This event stands as a poignant testament to the fact that, in the face of adversity, unity and innovation possess the power to mend even the deepest wounds. Through their collaborative efforts, this Hackathon and its participants are creating a path towards a brighter future for Morocco and its incredibly resilient people.





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HIGHLIGHTS

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HACKATHON 4TH - 6TH OCTOBER 2023 EUROMED UNIVIRSITY, FEZ













ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

- PANEL DISCUSSIONS
- EXHIBITIONS
- WORKSHOPS
- CONCERTS
- PUBLIC PROGRAMS

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EVENT LOCATIONS

- ALIF RIAD, 6 DERB DRISSI, BATHA, FEZ MEDINA
- KAN YA MAKAN CENTER, BAB SEMARINE, FEZ
- MAISON POP, 3 DERB COHEN, BATHA, FEZ MEDINA
- UNIVERSITÉ EURO-MÉDITERRANÉENNÉ DE FÈS (UEMF), FEZ
- NOJOUM FEZ CENTER, 16 IMPASSE HRICHI, EL HAMIYA, DOUH, FEZ MEDINA

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

About the Panel Discussions:

"Gentrification, Arts, and Cultural Heritage"

This year's gathering aims to explore the pivotal role of art in addressing the pressing challenges surrounding gentrification. The event will feature a diverse array of panels, thought-provoking art installations, captivating performances, and engaging activities.

Our overarching goal is to examine how art and culture can be harnessed to positively impact urban spaces, all while ensuring the preservation of communities and institutions vulnerable to the effects of gentrification. We seek to fortify and uplift existing artistic communities, rather than displace them.





2 PANELS DISCUSSIONS

8 PANELISTS

PANEL DISCUSSIONS









WORKSHOPS















7 workshops

140 participants

Workshops hosted by artists from: Morocco, Germany, Italy & Argentina

WORKSHOPS











EXHIBITIONS

GENTRIFICATION, ARTS, AND CULTURAL HERITAGE"
COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION 5TH TO 8TH OF OCTOBER

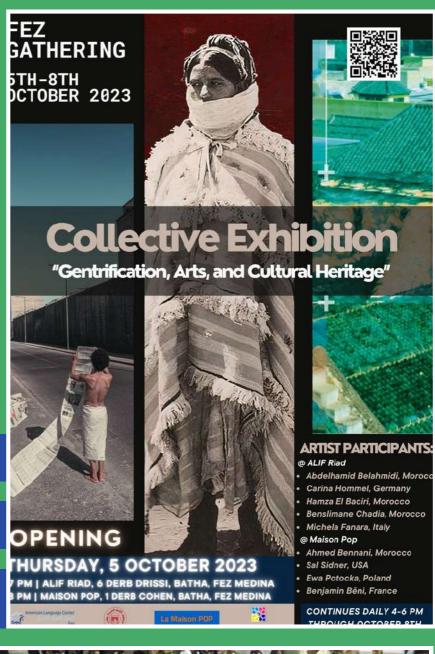
This collective exhibition features works created by international, national, and local artists in the artistic fields of photography, illustration, printmaking, and other media. Curated with a focus on "Gentrification," the exhibition aims to inspire dialogue and examine the connection between gentrification, art and cultural heritage. By extension, this collection provokes critical thought into how art could act as a positive vehicle into a variety of possible futures related to cultural heritage.

9 ARTIST

3 SITES

EXHIBITIONS HOSTED BY ARTISTS FROM:

MOROCCO - GERMANY - USA - FRANCE - ITALY - POLAND





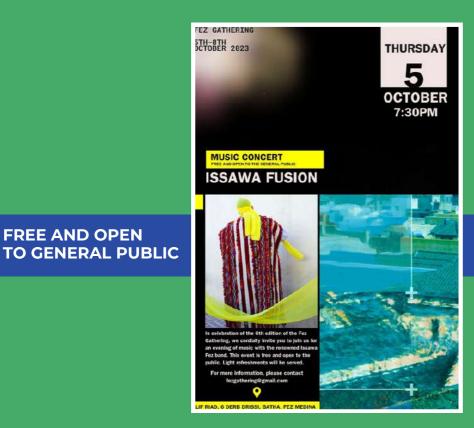








MUSIC CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCE







FREE AND OPEN





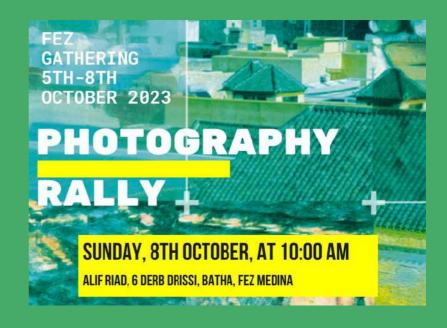






PHOTOGRAPHY RALLY

A photo-based adventure that asks groups of participants to explore the Medina by matching target locations with the photos we provide. It aims to familiarize people from different corners of society with Fez, and break down the social barriers between the old and new. It is not hard to feel as though you are in a time machine when you gaze through the narrow lanes and derbs at something ordinary, but new.











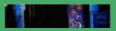


PRESS REVIEW













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Insecret / Fes-accueille-sa-6aeme-édition-de-la-rencontre-internationale-annuelle-d--artistes

Magzoid Fez Gathering 2023: Art, Gentrification, and Cultural Heritage Converge in Morocco

<u>Albayane / La-Gentrification-au-coeur-des-debats</u>

FNH/ La-6eme-Rencontre-internationale-annuelle-d-artistes-de-Fes-du-5-au-8-octobre

<u>فاس تستضيف اللقاء الدولي السنوي للفنانين /Hespress</u>

<u>ستضيف مدينة فاس، خلال الفترة من 5 إلى 8 أكتوبر الجاري، فعاليات اللقاء الدولي السنوي السادس للفنانين/Assafir</u>

<u>فاس تستضيف اللقاء الدولي السنوي للفنانين /media15</u>

<u>Lodj.ma/6eme-edition-de-la-rencontre-artistique-annuelle-de-Fes</u>

Msn/ La gentrification au cœur des débats

<u>ueurome/.ecole-euromed-darchitecture-de-design-et-duranisme-presente-la-6eme</u>

<u>فاس تحتضن اللقاء الدولي السنوي للفنانين /Alousboue</u>

<u>Moroccoworldnews/ fez-gathering-explores-arts-role-in-preserving-cultural-heritage</u>

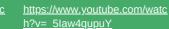
Fes-gentrifizierung-kunst-und-kulturelles

INTERVIEWS AND VIDEOS



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLtFhpyFiww&feature=youtu.be







https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t12wH38UGR8



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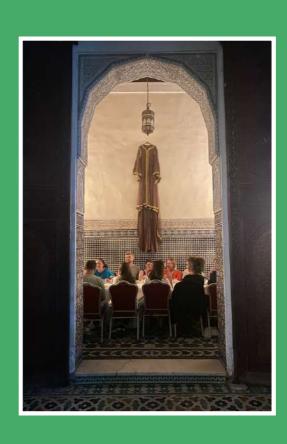






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WHOSE PASSION, COMMITMENT, AND HARD WORK HAVE LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK, TURNING OUR SHARED VISION INTO A REALITY. TOGETHER, WE CREATED AN EVENT THAT NOT ONLY CELEBRATED COMMUNITY BUT ALSO INSPIRED POSITIVE CHANGE. THANK YOU, FOR YOUR INVALUABLE SUPPORT – YOU ARE THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE FEZ GATHERING.

UPCOMING

7TH EDITION OF THE FES GATHERING

EXPLORES THE INTERSECTION OF ART, CULTURE, AND WATER PRESERVATION



UPCOMING



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The Fez Gathering wouldn't have been possible without the invaluable support of our supporters and donors.

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



















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Organised by: the FezArtLab

FezArtLab, established in 2019, is a non-profit organization dedicated to curating culturally innovative projects that resonate with the Fassi cultural landscape, serving the local community by promoting art as a vehicle for education, and facilitating artistic and cultural collaboration. We have a large network of local partnerships and supporters, and have connected over 300 artists through national international including and projects. exhibitions. public programming, private events, and socio-economic initiatives. An example of our initiatives is the International Artist Gathering of Fez, which is now in its 7th year. The event includes panels, exhibitions, breakout sessions and informal activities which provide opportunities for the public to engage with artists and artistic work. The event includes partnerships with local schools, cultural centers and community institutions in order to promote art education and art awareness among young Moroccans.

