

Fez Hamadcha

Morocco/France/UK

Moroccan masters share ancient sufi sounds, divine rhythms, and trance dancing



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Be entranced by the mystical Sufi music of Morocco with **Fez Hamadcha**. This group of six musicians is part of the 17th century Hamdouchiyia Sufi Brotherhood, and bring the transcendental sounds and ritualistic dance of its ancient culture to Sydney Festival at The Grand Lodge at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

The Hamadcha use traditional instruments, percussion and chanting to rhythmic and hypnotic melodies as its members progress towards a frenetic state of ecstatic trance and the calling up of ancient djinns.

Hailing from the 1,200 year-old city of Fez, the spiritual heart of Morocco, the brotherhood are dedicated to preserving their unique cultural and artistic practices. Led by Sufi master **Abderrahim Amrani Marrakchi**, the Hamadcha are a group of versatile and accomplished musicians who, through their thorough knowledge of the repertoire and their remarkable musical skills, are the most renowned and valued Hamadcha of Morocco.

The Hamadcha's melodies are extremely complex, and like their musical instruments, are found only within the brotherhood. This amazing music is played during a ritual that dates back several centuries which praises the effects of trance music, and celebrates their founding Saint.

The Hamadcha has travelled and performed internationally for over a decade, including the Paradis Bronsom Festival in Netherlands, Berlin Sacred Music Festival in Germany, and is regularly welcomed by the Fez Sacred Music Festival in their native Morocco in celebration of the ancient and joyful music.

Experience the sacred sounds and Sufi trance in one of Sydney's most mysterious venues; the Sydney Masonic Centre, home to the Freemasons' United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Join the Fez Hamadcha in an authentic and exciting celebration of the exotic sounds of a distant land and sacred culture.

Where Grand Lodge, Sydney Masonic Centre

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