Mahala Rai Banda
Year of Romania Performance

Date/Time: Monday, September 20, 2010 at 8:00pm

Location: Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center Concert Hall

Tickets: $10.00
Available at the KSU Box Office: http://ticketing.kennesaw.edu

Watch and Listen: Videoclips/ soundtracks available on the Mahala Raï Banda Official Website: http://www.myspace.com/mahalaraibandaofficial

ENJOY HOT BALKAN BEATS FROM THE GYPSY GHETTO: Fight the Negative Stereotypes against the ROMA, one of the most discriminated minorities in Europe!

Background:
Mahala Raï Banda is a Gypsy band based from Bucharest (Romania). Their music is positioned at the crossroads between traditional popular music and club-oriented, so called Balkan Beats. Their rich blend of sophisticated arrangements, traditional elements and modern outlook make them unique among such bands.

Ever since the release of their debut album, Mahala Rai Banda's reputation has grown around the world. The band has played over 200 concerts in 26 countries, and appeared at major festivals and prestigious clubs and concert halls. They have had their tracks remixed and/or reworked by prestigious electronic music producers and artists such as Nouvelle Vague, Felix B (from Basement Jaxx), Balkan Beat Box, DJ Click, Russ Jones, Shantel and more. Most of these reworks appeared as part of the Electric Gypsyland albums. Mahala Rai Banda tracks have appeared on international compilations such as Buddha Bar (France), Bucovina Club (Germany), Balkan Bangers and Gypsy Beats (UK), Balearic Bisquits (Denmark), Balkanology (South Africa), Rough Guide to Eastern Europe (UK), Rromanu Suno (Serbia), Balkan Beats (Germany) Barrio Latino (France), Bar Gypsy (USA) and more, as well as in the soundtrack album of the "Borat" movie.

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