
Fanfarai (Algeria/France)

The Wisconsin Union Theater is pleased to announce the line-up for the 12th annual Madison World Music Festival. The festival will be held on Friday, September 18, at the Wisconsin Union Theater and on Saturday, September 19, at the Willy Street Fair. As in the past, the performances and workshops are all free and open to the public. The Memorial Union terrace stage will be closed starting September 1 due to construction.
Tentative schedule:

**Friday at the Wisconsin Union Theater**
5:00 p.m. Zedashe, Georgia (Shannon Hall)
[Website](#)

7:15 p.m. Tal National, Niger (Shannon Hall)
[Website](#)

8:00 p.m. [su:m], South Korea (Fredric March Play Circle)
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9:30 p.m. Fanfaraï, Algeria (Shannon Hall)
[Website](#)

**Saturday at Willy Street Fair**
3:00 pm Fanfaraï, Algeria
[Website](#)

5:15 pm Ester Rada, Ethiopia/Israel
[BBC review](#)

7:30 pm Sierra Maestra, Cuba
[Info](#)

From Algeria to Ethiopia, South Korea to Cuba and beyond, the 12th Annual Madison World Music Festival offers many styles to explore and enjoy, each bringing something unique to the table. Zedashe provides polyphonic folk music accompanied by dance while Fanfaraï’s upbeat sound is a mix of a brass band and Algerian Rai. Sierra Maestra revives the classic style of Cuban son and Tal National draws from West African classic elements. Ethiopian/Israeli Ester Rada brings a mix of traditional, soul and funk styles and the South Korean [su:m] plays traditional music on traditional instruments. Expect to be surprised and impressed!
The festival is presented by the Wisconsin Union Directorate’s Performing Arts Committee in collaboration with the Marquette Neighborhood Association and is supported in part by the Anonymous Fund and Evjue Foundation and UW Credit Union.