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Prince Claus Fund for
Culture and Development

2017 Prince Claus Awards presented in Amsterdam

Today in a ceremony at the Royal Palace Amsterdam, HRH Prince Constantijn of the Netherlands presented seven Prince Claus Awards for outstanding achievement in the field of culture and development. Their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima and their Royal Highnesses Princess Beatrix, Princess Mabel, and Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands were present.

HRH Prince Constantijn presented the Principal Prince Claus Award jointly to filmmaker and indigenous activist Vincent Carelli (Brazil) and new media designer and environmentalist Ma Jun (China). Prince Claus Awards were presented to documentary filmmaker Khadija Al-Salami (Yemen), public art association L'Art Rue (Tunisia), scientist and environmentalist Brigitte Baptiste (Colombia), visual artist Amar Kanwar (India) and architect Diébédo Francis Kéré (Burkina Faso).

HRH Prince Constantijn, Honorary Chairman of the Prince Claus Fund: “The Prince Claus Fund rewards excellence and creativity of exceptional people and organisations. We hope the award will amplify the impact our Laureates make on their communities and the world at large by setting inspiring examples.”

More information about the 2017 Prince Claus Laureates: princeclausfund.org.

The Prince Claus Awards Ceremony included a performance especially choreographed and performed for the occasion by Faustin Linyekula, founder of Studios Kabako and 2007 Prince Claus Laureate (Democratic Republic of Congo).

Hear their stories

All seven Prince Claus Laureates will tell their stories in a public event on 7 December at 20:00 at the Compagnietheater in Amsterdam: **Louder than words: Global Leaders on the Frontline of Culture**. For more information and reservations: compagnietheater.nl.

About the Prince Claus Awards

The annual Prince Claus Awards honour outstanding achievements in culture and development, particularly in areas where resources or opportunities for cultural expression, creative production and preservation of cultural heritage are limited. All 2017 Prince Claus Laureates will be honoured in their home countries as well in the coming months.

About the Prince Claus Fund

The Prince Claus Fund works toward a world of inclusive societies in which culture thrives. To this end, the Fund's mission is to support and connect visionaries at the forefront of culture and cultural protection and to share their stories.

Note for the Editors

Photos from the 2017 Prince Claus Awards ceremony in Amsterdam can be found here:
<http://tinyurl.com/ycnljah9>

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