

The Festival of Traditional Arts and Crafts is a journey through Italian artistic traditions accompanied by rhythms and colours typical of the Mediterranean culture. The Festival will be characterized by the rediscovery of antique cultures through four days of theatric and

musical performances that will be presented in unique settings of considerable importance from an historical, artistic and religious point of view: the Manger Square of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem



and the Palestinian National Theatre of Jerusalem. During the whole event, various artistic exhibitions will be organized both in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

The event is organised in memory of Padre Piccirillo: his human and cultural commitment still enlightens Bethlehem streets.



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7th December 2009
BETHLEHEM
Convent of St. Caterina
ad Nativitatem

Opening

6.00 pm Concert by the Jasmine Choir of the Magnificat Institute at the Nativity Church (Franciscan Convent Santa Caterina *ad Nativitatem*) on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the Order of Franciscan Friars Minor within the Custody of the Holy Land

8th December 2009 *
BETHLEHEM
Manger Square

Religious artists

11.00 am Performances by Italian *Madonnari* chalk artists from Naples, orthodox iconists, Crib craftsmen, *figurinaios* and sculptors from Tuscany

2.30 pm Exhibition of the final masterpieces

3.00 pm Outdoor Tasting of Italian Medieval recipes and artistic bread made by Italian craftswomen

6.00 pm Mediterranean Sounds: concert by the Italian group Terramaris and Palestinian dancing by the Dabka School of Beit Safafa, introduced by Palestinian violinists

9th December 2009
JERUSALEM
Palestinian National Theatre

Comparing puppet souls

10.00 am - Foot Theatre: performance for children by Laura Kibel

6.00 pm Chi la fa l'aspetti! farse della tradizione popolare emiliana: performance by the acting company Arrivano dal Mare!

8.00 pm We are frail, we shout poetry performed by Teatro dei Sensibili

10th December 2009 *
BETHLEHEM
Manger Square

Arts and Crafts Contaminations

4.00/6.00 pm Artistic Lab for children by Puzzle4peace

6.00 pm Opening Ceremony of the Palestinian Traditional Wedding Dresses Exhibition at the Peace Center

6.30 pm The origin of the Mediterranean Polyphony: Concert by the Italian group Tenores di Bitti Mialinu Pira at the Nativity Church (Franciscan Convent Santa Caterina *ad Nativitatem*)

* In case of rain all the activities will be held at the Peace Center premises.

EXHIBITIONS
10th - 13th December 2009

Bethlehem - Peace Center

Traditional Dresses

Palestinian traditional dresses
Exhibition of Traditional Dresses from the 19th and 20th centuries

St. Joseph's Supper

Presentation of a devotional altar dedicated to St. Joseph made in Salemi (Sicily)

Jerusalem - Palestinian National Theatre

Peintre-Savant

The Black Box exhibition of the *peintre-savant* Stefano Faravelli's travel book in the small theatre laboratory

Salemi

Photographic panels and video projections of the City of Salemi (Sicily)

Devotional Bow Figureheads

Exhibition of photos of devotional bow figureheads, kindly provided by the Naval Technical Museum of La Spezia