



CAUCASIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA ON TOUR SPAIN OCTOBER 2009

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The Caucasian Chamber Orchestra was founded in summer 2005 with support of the German KFW, the Bank of Georgia (BOG) and Georgias First Lady Sandra Roelofs-Saakashvili, including outstanding string players of the Caucasian region under the leadership of the German conductor, composer and pianist Uwe Berkemer. His vision was and is, to demonstrate that music is a unifying force across borders and boundaries, a symbol for peace and mutual understanding.

The Caucasian Chamber Orchestra has started as a permanent full-time performing group of 13-16 professional musicians, based in Tbilisi.

Since January 2008 the orchestra is renewing its financial basis, therefore the orchestra's work takes currently part in project phases. The permanent, fulltime presence and acting in the Caucasus Region is planned again in the future.

Different Concert Tours have brought the orchestra to important Concert places in Europe, like "Konzerthaus Berlin", March 2006, "Hofburg Wien" September 2006 (invited by the OSCE), "Dôme des Invalides" Paris October 2007, "Grand Hall of Conservatory" Brussels October 2007.



Concert in Vienna - Hofburg

European Parliament, has followed already two invitations to play in the European Parliament Brussels (September 2006) and European Council Strasbourg (October 2007).

In November 2007 the Orchestra performed a very successful concert tour through Spain with 9 concerts. In October 2009 the Orchestra was invited again to Spain with 13 concerts.



CCO playing in EP Brussels 2006

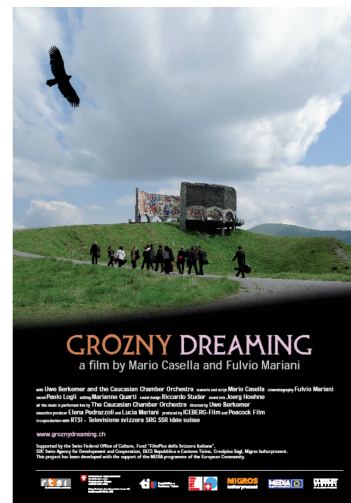
Also in 2009 the Orchestra took part in the Negroamaro Festival in Lecce (South Italy).

Besides frequent travelling abroad, the orchestra has participated intensively in the cultural life of Georgia. In June 2006 the Caucasian Chamber Orchestra performed the second edition of its own International Music Festival "PAX VOBISCUM" with



soloists from USA, Europe and Caucasus Region.

The Caucasian Chamber Orchestra has been the first orchestra for many years which has played in South Ossetia (Eredvi).



CCO in Eredvi 2007; the hall was completely destroyed during the war in 2008

In June 2007 a 90 minutes documentary movie ("[Grozny Dreaming](#)") about the Orchestra and its vision has been shot for the International Cinema (World Premiere August 2008 in Ascona, winner of Lessinia d'oro '08) by the Swiss film makers Mario Casella and Fulvio Mariani.



Projects 2010

In October 2010 the Caucasian Chamber Orchestra is performing a concert tour to Europe (Czech Republic, Germany and Belgium). A scheduled concert tour to Grozny has been postponed to 2011.

Furthermore Uwe Berkemer and his orchestra are nominated for the award of the European Foundation for Culture "Pro Europa" 2010/2011

One of the most ambitious projects of Uwe Berkemer for 2010 is the planned Caucasian Chamber Orchestra Foundation. The main idea of projecting a foundation especially for the Caucasian Chamber Orchestra is to establish a stabile instrument to support the important political vision and message behind the orchestras activities. Maybe in future a Caucasian Chamber Orchestra Foundation will enable the musicians to work again permanently inside the Caucasus and continue its lead for a peaceful living and working together of Caucasian People.