





## **Music of peace**

Message from Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

Henri Matisse once defined Jazz as "rhythm and meaning". Jazz means music at its most creative, its most free. Jazz means diversity at its most varied — from free jazz, swing and Afro-Cuban jazz to Latin jazz, Indo jazz, acid jazz and jazz rap... each style reflects a rich blend of local, national and regional influences.

Jazz means dialogue, reaching out to others, bringing everyone on board. Jazz means respecting the human rights and dignity of every woman and man, no matter their background.

Jazz means understanding others, letting them speak, listening with respect. Jazz means courage – it means standing up for freedom, in the spirit of solidarity.

All of this is the power of jazz – expressed most of all in its ability to touch upon the essential of



## Let's meet at the Elephant for this year's bash

Message from Dr. Evangeline Njoka, Secretary General/ CEO, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO

In November 2011, at its 36th General Conference of Member States, UNESCO officially designated 30th April as International Jazz Day. It is recognized on the official calendars of both the United Nations and UNESCO.





The Kenya National Commission for UNESCO and the UNESCO Regional Office, Nairobi are pleased to collaborate with partners and various artists in hosting the International Jazz Day in Kenya. This year's event will be held today, Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Elephant in Nairobi.

The celebrations are held with the understanding that culture is at the heart of Sustainable Development, and that music is a tool that works towards national cohesion. We hope that you can join us in this year's celebration.