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U.S. EMBASSY PROMOTES VOLUNTEERISM WITH STAR-STUDED “BOB DYLAN PROJECT” CONCERT AT KRIŽANKE

Thirteen of Slovenia’s best-known music artists will come together on Wednesday, September 21, for a concert to promote volunteerism. The artists will reprise the roles they played when they recorded Bob Dylan songs for the “Bob Dylan Project: Volunteer, Slovenia!” CD. The CD was released by the U.S. Embassy on Dylan’s 70th birthday last May. The concert is free, but tickets are required. Many tickets have been distributed to volunteer groups—however free tickets will be available at the Križanke box office on the day of the concert. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Like the CD, the event is being organized by the U.S. Embassy. The concert will feature Katalena, Murat & Jose, Mia Žnidarič and Steve Klink Trio, Brina, Zoran Predin & the Gypsy Swing Band, Hic et nunc, Chris Eckman & the Frictions, Sabina Cvilak and Rok Golob, Severa Gjurin, Peter Lovšin and Španski borci, Laibach, Niet, Vlado Kreslin. Though a lot of the “Bob Dylan Project” interpretations have become staples on Slovenian radio, many will be played live at the concert for the first time. In addition to Dylan songs, the artists will also be performing some of their original material.

In addition to hours of free music, the Križanke courtyard will also feature a variety of booths from all of the non-governmental organizations who have participated in the “Bob Dylan Project: Volunteer, Slovenia!” program. Many of these organizations rely on volunteers to help improve Slovenian society. Among the issues represented will be several environmental issues, trafficking in people, violence against women and children, regional development, rights for the handicapped and more. Concert-goers will have the opportunity to get more information of these issues, and in some cases even sign up to become volunteers.

“This project has succeeded beyond our wildest dreams,” said Embassy Public Affairs Officer Christopher Wurst, the architect of the Bob Dylan Project. “I feel like we’ve been able to shine a light on the importance of volunteerism, and create some amazing music along the way.”

The concert represent the third in a series of four Dylan-related events sponsored by the U.S. Embassy. In addition to the popular music CD, the Embassy last week teamed with Kinoteka on a well-attended Dylan film festival, "Together Through Life." On Saturday, September 24, the project concludes with the premiere of "Forever Young Slovenija," a documentary film featuring the above musicians and organizations, on TV Slovenia's second channel. The film, which also concentrates on the work that volunteers are doing throughout Slovenia, will eventually be distributed to all of the secondary schools in Slovenia.