NEWS RELEASE
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WHAT: The Idan Raichel Project
WHEN: Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Fine Arts Center Concert Hall
University of Massachusetts Amherst

TICKETS: Call 1-800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for tickets or go online to
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ISRAELI SUPERGROUP BRINGS ITS CONCERT OF GOOD VIBES TO FAC
CONCERT HALL

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“The idea that one could create a cohesive album by pulling together unique voices singing in
different languages and from different musical traditions would seem daunting. Yet this
challenge is what Israeli keyboardist and composer Idan Raichel has embraced and brought to
blossom.” - The Washington Post

The Idan Raichel Project brings its acclaimed live concert experience to the UMass Fine Arts
Center Concert Hall on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 p.m. as part of its United States sixteen-
city tour. The tour is the group’s first since the international release of their latest album Quarter
to Six (Cumbancha) in June, which has continued their ten-year streak of top-selling and
critically acclaimed recordings. The Idan Raichel Project have become global ambassadors
representing a hopeful world in which artistic collaboration breaks down barriers between
people of different backgrounds and beliefs.

The leader of this inspiring collective of 10 musicians from a wide variety of cultural origins is
Idan Raichel, a composer, keyboardist and producer who is now a household name in his native
Israel. In 2006, the US-based record label Cumbancha released a compilation of the group’s
first two albums worldwide, bringing even more renown to this inspirational collective. Billboard
Magazine called The Idan Raichel Project “One of the most fascinating titles to emerge in world
music this year…a multi-ethnic tour de force.” The New York Times selected the album as one
of the top world music releases of the year, and media from Peru to Portugal was unanimous in
their praise. The album also received a nomination as one of the best world music albums of
the year by the BBC Radio 3 Award for World Music.

In the past four years, Raichel has co-written numerous songs and toured with GRAMMY
winner India.Arie, performed at the Nobel Peace Prize awards ceremony in Oslo, Norway, co-
written a song calling for racial harmony with Israeli President and Nobel Peace Prize laureate
Shimon Peres, performed for President Obama and family at the Kennedy Center on Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day, performed at the ceremony inaugurating the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Memorial in Washington DC, sold out shows at Radio City Music Hall and other major venues
worldwide, toured India, South America and Africa and released the highly praised Tel Aviv
Session album with Malian guitarist Vieux Farka Touré. This year, Idan joined pop star Alicia
Keys on stage as a special guest during her July concert in Tel Aviv. In August, Patrick Bruel
met Idan during his visit in Israel. The instant chemistry between them has created a moving
performance on stage.

The Idan Raichel Project’s latest album, Quarter To Six, was released on Cumbancha on June
4, 2013. It debuted at number 1 on the iTunes World Music Chart and has been touted as one
of the best albums of the year. The media response has been overwhelming positive with
features in Relix, CBC Music, and a positive review by The Associated Press, which was
featured by over 50 major media outlets including The Washington Post, The Huffington Post,
and The Seattle Times. The album features guest appearances by Portuguese fado star Ana
Moura, Palestinian-Israeli singer Mira Awad, German counter-tenor Andreas Scholl,
Colombia’s Marta Gómez, Vieux Farka Touré and a selection of some of Israel’s top up-and-
coming singers and musicians.

Tickets for the The Idan Raichel Project are $35, $30, and $15; Five College, GCC, STCC
students and youth 17 and under are $10. For tickets call the Box Office at 413-545-2511, toll-
free at 800-999-UMAS, or purchase online at fineartscenter.com. Fine Arts Center Season
Sponsors are Baystate Health and Health New England. Event sponsors include WRSI 93.9FM,
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Don’t miss this opportunity to catch live what the Boston Globe calls “a fascinating window into
the young, tolerant, multi-ethnic Israel taking shape away from the headlines.”

US TOUR DATES:
10/09/13 @ Fox Tucson Theatre – Tuscon, AZ
10/10/13 @ Royce Hall – Los Angeles, CA
10/12/13 @ Nourse Theatre – San Francisco, CA
10/13/13 @ Grand Sierra Theatre – Reno, NV
10/15/13 @ Gates Concert Hall – Denver, CO
10/17/13 @ Knight Concert Hall – Miami, FL
10/20/13 @ Rialto Center – Atlanta, GA
10/22/13 @ Lisner Auditorium – Washington, DC
10/23/13 @ Sandler Center for the Performing Arts – Virginia Beach, VA
10/24/13 @ Kimmel Center – Philadelphia, PA
10/25/13 @ Landmark on Main Street – Port Washington, NY
10/26/13 @ Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts – Storrs, CT
10/27/13 @ Beacon Theatre – New York, NY
10/28/13 @ Zoellner Arts Center – Bethlehem, PA
10/29/13 @ Fine Arts Center – Amherst, MA
10/30/13 @ Maxcy Hall Sports Complex – Potsdam, NY

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