

ANA MOURA: CONSIDER THE "FATE" OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE DON'T SING IN TEL AVIV!



Ana Moura is scheduled to perform at the Israeli Opera in Tel Aviv on 27 January 2012.

We ask Ana Moura to respect the Palestinian call for a Cultural Boycott of Israel until it abides by international law and ends its occupation and colonisation of Palestine.

We ask her not to let her talent be exploited to whitewash the apartheid State of Israel.

Ana Moura is a renowned singer of Fado, which means "Fate". Apartheid Israel believes the Fate of the Palestinian people should be:

- to live under a cruel military occupation
- to be held in Israeli prisons without trial
- to be imprisoned in ghettos by an illegal Israeli Wall
- suffer the colonisation of their lands by illegal Israeli settlers
- to suffer dispossession, torture, and exile

The Palestinian people have chosen a peaceful method to fight against this Fate: that method is Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) which helped to bring down South African Apartheid. This includes the cultural boycott demanded in 2006 by Palestinian artists, filmmakers and cultural institutions.

In his Christmas message Victor Batarseh, the Catholic Mayor of Bethlehem, called for "boycotting Israel culturally, educationally, in sports, economics and trade. This is the only way to make Israel come back to the negotiating table and make peace... It worked with South Africa."

Israel perpetrates its own cultural boycott against the Palestinian people. Palestinian artists and sportspeople are frequently prevented by the Israeli authorities from travelling abroad. In 2009 Israeli police raided the Palestinian National Theatre and shut down the opening of the Palestinian Literature Festival. Your own Palestinian fans will be prevented from attending your Tel Aviv concert, whether they live in the West Bank or in the illegally besieged Gaza Strip.

The Israeli foreign ministry has stated that it "sees no difference between propaganda and culture." ANA MOURA: Please do not lend yourself to Israeli propaganda. Please cancel your Tel Aviv concert.

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