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**‘Let us cultivate our garden’**

**Cappadox Festival 2016**

**19th - 22nd May**

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Cappadox, the definitive Cappadocia experience, returns this spring to present a progressive multi-disciplinary programme of music, contemporary art, gastronomy, nature and outdoor events across four days (19th-22nd May 2016).

Set in the villages of Uçhisar and Göreme in the stunning semi-arid landscape of Cappadocia, in Central Anatolia, a region of exceptional natural wonders; characterised by ‘fairy chimneys’ and cone shaped rock formations, Cappadox is a destination festival that is perfect for first-timers and experienced festival-goers alike.



*Cappadocia General View © Gökhan Göktaş*

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## MUSIC

With five stages and over 21 acts, world music forms a major part of the festival. Cappadox continues to entrance music lovers with a selection of music genres; including ethnic jazz, experimental electronic and classic instrumental. The much anticipated 2016 line-up will see **The Sun Ra Arkestra** under the direction of alto saxophonist Marshall Allen, sideman to Ra since the 1950s and keeper of the interstellar flame and face of the Arkestra since Sun Ra's death in 1993.

Other headline acts include the Tunisian oud player, vocalist and composer extraordinaire **Dhaffar Youssef** and **Christian Fennesz**, a cult figure who has contributed to the electronica genre by combining sounds from his favourite instrument, the guitar, and notebook computers. Plus **Erik Truffaz Quartet**, **Taksim Trio**, **Kaki King**, **Ceylan Ertem - Cenk Erdogan - Cihan Mürtezaoglu**, **İlhan Erşahin** and **Oceanvs Orientalis**, **Karsu**, **Laraaji**, **Esmerine**, **Gevende**, **Şirin Panceroğlu**, **Insanlar**, **Udi Yervant**, **Adam Hurst** and **Emre Engin**. Surprise acts will perform as part of the Full Moon and Sunrise Concerts.



*Mercan Dede Performance, Cappadox 2015*

Each of the stages is located in unique locations, including the Castle of Uçhisar, Perili Ozanlar Vadisi, Red Valley and Çiftlik Evi (Les Maisons de Cappadoce). The final line-up will appeal to festival-goers of all generations.

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## CONTEMPORARY ART (19 May - 12 June)

Drawing on the shifts undergoing Cappadocia and its move from an agrarian livelihood to an economy more reliant on tourism, the Cappadox art programme is curated by **Fulya Erdemci** and **Kevser Güler** (Associate Curator) with the participation of 16 artists and collaborators including **Asunción Molinos Gordo (Cairo, Muscat and Guzmán)**, **Ayşe Erkmen (Berlin and Istanbul)**, **Cevdet Erek (Istanbul)**, **Christoph Schaefer (Hamburg)**, **Hera Büyüктаşçıyan (Istanbul)**, **John Körmeling (Eindhoven)**, **Maider Lopez (San Sebastian)**, **Marilá Dardot (São Paulo)**, **Murat Germen (Istanbul)**, **Murat Şahinler & Fuat Şahinler (Istanbul)**, **Nilbar Güreş (Vienna and Istanbul)** **Özge Önderoğlu Akkuyu & Emin Naci Akkuyu & Murat Taşçıoğlu (Nevşehir)** and **Tomas Saraceno (Berlin)**.

The exhibition will take place in Kızılçukur (Red Valley) as well as Uçhisar. The participating artists focus on farming, 'fast' tourism and the relations of production under transformation. The activities, involving **Tracking to Discover the Flora of Cappadocia**, will bring to the forefront the area's living culture, inhabitants, voices, textures and even blossoming flowers.



*John Körmeling & Charlemagne Palestine, The Pythagorean Frogsichord, 2011-2015, Performance by Charlemagne Palestine at Love Valley, Cappadox 2015*

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## GASTRONOMY

Under the guidance of **Maksut Aşkar**, chef of neolokal; Istanbul's acclaimed spot for New Anatolian cuisine, Cappadox gastronomy events introduce visitors to the traditional food cultures of the region, a legacy which dates back thousands of years to the Greeks and Phoenicians. Maksut will be accompanied by acclaimed guest chefs **Sebbie Kenyon** and **Şemsa Denizsel**. Also, this year **Levon Aras**, Wine Expert and **Nihan Aras**, Researcher on Food Culture will be joining the tastings. The programme involves activities including food and wine tastings as part of **Chef's Table**, **Gourmet Tastings** and **Cappadox Picnic**.

## OUTDOOR

Natural valleys, ancient pathways and striking landscapes make Cappadocia a unique open-air destination. Cappadox's outdoor programme allows visitors to explore the region's unique geography with trekking and cycling routes, to accommodate nature concerts and picnics. Yoga and meditation sessions are held both at sunrise and sunset, which carry forth the high spirit of the Cappadocia region.

The outdoor activities include **Walk in the Nature, In the Valleys; Cycling Tours in the Valleys; Pranayama and Meditation with Live Music; Vinyasa Yoga 'Feel Connected to the Soil of the Earth'; Shamanic Sound Meditation** and **Chi Gong Sessions**.

## TICKET INFORMATION

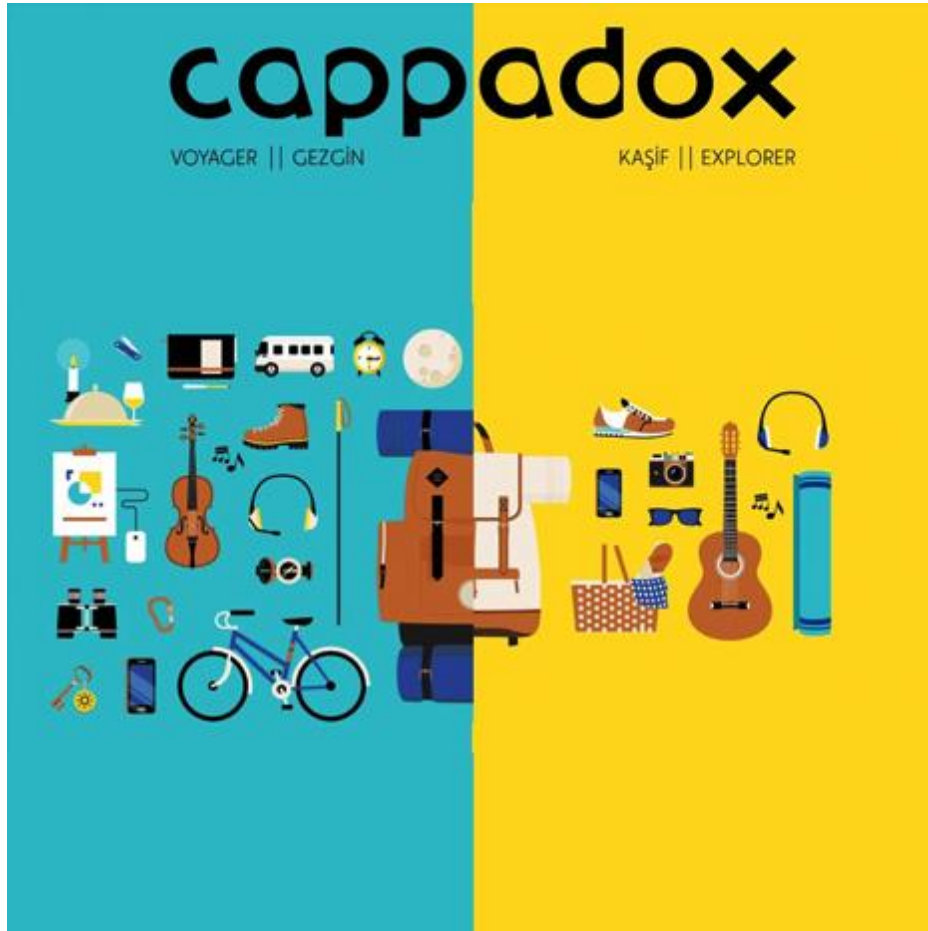
**Cappadox 2016 tickets are currently on sale!**

The tickets are sold for each event and also there is a possibility to pick one of the **two activity packs**, which allows the visitors to combine different types of events. There are two activity packs titled Voyager and Explorer.

**Voyager** comes with plenty of advantages and gives access to all of the Music, Outdoor and Gastronomy events and to the key activities of the festival. The owner of this pack can join the Contemporary Art tour guided by the curator, use the shuttle bus to go to the festival venues and have a personal assistant.

**Explorer** gives visitors the chance to curate their own tour to fully enjoy the festival experience. This pack gives access to a limited number of events, and visitors are asked to make selections of their choice.

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Both packs and individual tickets can be purchased online at [www.biletix.com/cappadox2016](http://www.biletix.com/cappadox2016)

## ACCOMMODATION

Cappadox 2016 is located around *Uçhisar and Göreme*, including the valleys of, Aşk (Love), Güvercinlik, Kızıl (Red), Meskendir and Zemi. Visitors are recommended to make hotel and flight bookings in advance.

Suggested hotels in the villages of Uçhisar and Göreme:

## Argos in Cappadocia

## The House Hotel Cappadocia

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## Notes to Editors

Launched in 2015 (May 16–18), Cappadox offered an extraordinary experience of Cappadocia to global culture hunters. The festival hosted 24 concerts from both local and international artists, 10 contemporary art performances and installations, 10 gastronomy events, 21 outdoor expeditions and a multitude of select well-being sessions spread across three days.

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