

PRAED



Founded by [Raed Yassin](#) and [Paed Conca](#) in 2006, “Praed” is a band whose musical oeuvre can be described as a mixture of Arabic popular music, free jazz, and electronics. In the same year, the band made its first public appearance in Al Maslakh festival in Switzerland, immediately followed by a concert at the Irtijal festival in Beirut. Since then, the band has frequented numerous international music festivals and toured intensively world-wide, spanning Japan, Europe and Canada. Through these endeavors, the band has created a large global network with other renowned musicians as musical collaborators.

The band consists of two regular members: Raed Yassin playing keyboards, laptop, electronics and vocals; and Paed Conca on clarinet, electric bass, and electronics. PRAED performs also under the name PRAED PLUS as a big band with a changing cast. For 2014 we will perform PRAED plus with Axel Dörner, Johannes Bauer, Hans Koch and Stephane Rives. The band’s body of work mainly explores the terrain of Arabic popular music (“Shaabi”) and its interconnectedness with other psychedelic and hypnotic musical genres in the world, such as free jazz, space jazz, and psychedelic rock among others.

Since its inception, Praed has shown a very keen interest in this music as a medium that reflects Egyptian society’s complicated fabric. Through the research it conducted, the band began to discover a strong cultural connection between “Shaabi” sounds and the “Mouled” music that is played in religious trance ceremonies. The hypnotizing psychedelic effect that was embedded in this genre also triggered thoughts around its similarity to other popular music in the world that employ forms of sonic delirium, such as free jazz and psychedelic rock.

Festivals: Al Maslakh Festival in Bern, Zürich, Basel, Genf, Stummfilmfestival in Bern, Doubt Music Festival in Tokyo, Impro Art Festival in Yokohama, Rue du Nord Festival in Lausanne, Archipel Festival in Genf, Bad Bonn-Kilbi in Düringen 2012 and 2014, Filmfestival in Rotterdam, Irtijal Festival in Beirut, Suoni Per Il Popolo Festival in Montreal, Free Resonance Festival in Trondheim, Akouphene Festival in Geneve, the Meteo Festival in Mulhouse.....

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