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THE FOREST VOICES TOUR

Orchéstre Baka Gbiné, talented Pygmies from the Cameroon rain forest, are taking their music on tour. Starting in Baka communities their music will bring people together to discuss the problems and solutions of forest life in modern Cameroon, where their way of life is under increasing threat.

Launching in February 2014 the **Forest Voices Tour** will be a celebration of Baka peoples' music and life within the rainforest. It will aim to promote Baka culture and create an opportunity for different Baka communities to come together to share their love of music. The tour will begin in villages and towns through out the rainforest and then move on in to the major cities where the band will perform to much wider audiences and voice the concerns of the Baka people.

At present the Baka have virtually no representation at local or national level. Global Music Exchange will use the **Forest Voices Tour**, as a unique opportunity to document Baka views and start a process where the Baka themselves have a voice in the future of their forest existence.

Aided by *Global Music Exchange* and afro-celtic band *Baka Beyond*, *Orchéstre Baka Gbiné* have already released two international selling albums. Released in 2006, *Gati Bongo* still remains in the iTunes world music charts.

None of this will be possible however without the support and help of the public who have enjoyed *Orchéstre Baka Gbiné's* music so far. If Global Music Exchange reach their target of £7,500, the tour will be a much needed exchange, empowering the Baka Peoples and encouraging cultural ownership. Following up on this success, it will also create the possibility of a future European tour, widening the discussion on indigenous music and peoples.

An IndieGoGo campaign has been set up in order to raise the funds needed to make this tour possible.

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The Indiegogo campaign can be found this address igg.me/at/baka

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For review copies of the music and any further information about the tour please contact us.

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