

Ruhrtriennale presents Angélique Kidjo

Bochum, June 26, 2024 - The Beninese-French singer-songwriter Angélique Kidjo will be a guest at the Ruhrtriennale on September 4. Her performance in the Gießhalle completes this year's concert series in the Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord. The five-time Grammy award winner has worked with Bono, Tony Allen and the Talking Heads, among others, and will present her concert programme *Mother Nature II* in Duisburg, Germany.

Kidjo fuses Cuban salsa, Congolese rumba, soul, jazz and West African music traditions with modern African pop. Irresistible beats and lively melodies convey important messages about the climate crisis and the fight for freedom. "Music is like a language to me," says Kidjo, "it's so powerful and transformative and we share it and add to it. I've never let boundaries stop me from being creative and developing music."

Already in her youth, Angélique Kidjo actively campaigned against the dictatorship that ruled her home country. As the first African woman to be appointed a UNICEF ambassador, she campaigns for girls' education and against genital mutilation and early marriage. Amnesty International has honoured Kidjo with its highest human rights award for her work against injustice. In 2019, she was honoured with the German Sustainability Award.

Reasons enough to celebrate Kidjo's musical legacy and her social influence with an energetic concert at the Ruhrtriennale.

Tickets for the concert on September 4 in Duisburg's Gießhalle are now on sale. Further information can be found at www.ruhr3.com/kidjo, images are available in the Ruhrtriennale press area at www.ruhr3.com/presse.

With best regards

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