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Netsky receives the Flemish Culture Award for Music 2014 during Music For Life

Today, Flemish Minister for Culture Sven Gatz presented Netsky with the Flemish Culture Award for Music 2014 during Music For Life at domain De Schorre in Boom. The winner was already known before but the scheduled ceremony at Poppunt's SOUND/CHECK project had to be cancelled due to the terrorism threat at the end of November. Right after today's rewarding ceremony Netsky surprised the audience at De Schorre with a secret concert. The jury awarded the prize to Boris Daenen – Netsky – because he is a talented young musician with an excellent international reputation for drum and bass sounds and a strong live show.

Netsky confirmed his musical talent when still a young man. At the age of 21 the producer/musician was elected 'Best Belgian DJ' by Studio Brussel and scooped countless awards for drum 'n bass.

This brought national recognition and won him performances at well-known summer festivals, such as Tomorrowland, Dour, Lowlands and Rock Werchter. This summer he brought the Pukkelpop festival to a scintillating close with a steaming concert. Netsky also made his international breakthrough with performances around the world.

This is the first time that the Flemish Culture Award goes to a musician from the dance scene. Our country has a strong tradition in electronic music (from Front 242 and New Beat to Telex, 2many DJ's, Milk Inc. and now Netsky) and the jury views this award as a recognition of the importance of dance/electronica on the national pop scene.

Flemish Minister for Culture Sven Gatz: *"Boris Daenen, Netsky, is a phenomenon on the dance scene. Belgian through and through, but with incredible worldwide fame. With his exhilarating music he gets whole concert halls, squares and festival fields dancing, right from the very first notes."*

Music For Life

On December 18th 2015 the radio station StuBru started the 'Warmste Week' (the hottest week of the year). Siska Schoeters, Linde Merckpoel and newcomer Eva De Roo broadcast live radio during a whole week at het Provinciaal Domain De Schorre in the city of Boom. During the 'Warmste Week' they broadcast requests and welcome thousands of Flemish people who organised an action for a good cause.

More information is available at: www.musicforlife.be

Flemish Culture Awards 2014

At the initiative of a jury of experts, the Flemish Minister for Culture pays tribute to individuals or an organisation that, in the course of the past year, have made a notable contribution to cultural life in Flanders. The Flanders Culture Awards announces the recipient at a major event in the sector, which generates attention and appreciation for both the sector and the winner. A cash prize of 12,500 EUR is connected to the Culture Award. The Government of Flanders sets aside 20,000 EUR for the Flemish Community Award for General Cultural Achievement. Each winner receives the bronze statuette 'La ultima isla' by Philip Aguirre.

For more information please visit: www.cultuurprijzen.be