

**Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz Presents**  
Paris-based trio **Delgres** in concert,  
**A Contemporary Creole Blues with an African Flair**  
**on Friday, October 5, 2018**

LOS ANGELES, CA –**Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz** (TRK), the innovative performance space at **Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles**, is pleased to welcome award-winning Paris-based trio **Delgres** on **Friday, October 5, 2018 at 7:30pm**. With a mystical, swampy blend of Mississippi delta blues, Carribean rhythms, and Big Easy funk, Delgres gives voice to their ancestors, slaves from the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe who found refuge in New Orleans.

With musicians Pascal Danae (guitar/vocals), Rafgee (sousaphone) and Baptiste Brondy (drums/vocals), Delgres is a new breed of power-trio, with foot-stomping grooves and slide guitar twang soaked in urban rhythm!

Delgres' sound is soaked in blues though urban and open to the world, and sounds somewhere between Ali Farka Toure, Tinariwen and the Black keys.

The trio of musicians behind Delgres draw inspiration from the history and music of front man Pascal Danae's ancestors, former slaves from the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe who fled and found refuge in New Orleans.

The group takes their name from Louis Delgrès, an African officer who gave his life fighting against Napoleon's enforced reinstatement of slavery on Guadeloupe in 1802. Rooted in a lived history of diaspora, Delgres links French, Caribbean and US cultures, creating a soulful musical gumbo of swampy Mississippi Delta blues, Caribbean rhythms and Big Easy funk and drive.

The 75-90 minutes long shows will start at 7:30pm and will take place at Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz, the innovative performance space at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, 10361 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90064 (310-286-0553). Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. A no host bar will be available. Tickets are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/ofmdyxh>.

**Video links –**

Mo Jodi: <https://youtu.be/nNCfA2sCbbc>

Can't let you go: <https://youtu.be/I1ksZ2o9WF4>

**Delgres –**

Delgres, a name rooted in history: In 1802, only 8 years after it was abolished by the French Revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte restored slavery in the French colonies. In Guadeloupe the mixed blood commander, Louis Delgrès gave his life in vain to prevent the return of the abomination. Afterwards fierce repression fell upon Guadeloupe, and thousands were forced into exile or fled, some to Louisiana, the birthplace of the Blues. Still to this day the air vibrates from the remaining fragrance of a secret blues that is echoed in the music.

Delgres was formed by **Pascal Danaë, Baptiste Brondy and Rafgee** in 2015. That same year Delgres was awarded Best World Music Album at the Victoires de la musique (French “Grammy” awards).

### **Pascal Danaë –**

Born in the Parisian suburb to Caribbean parents, Danaë picked up his first guitar at age 15 beginning the journey of a globe-trotting musician who would one day share the stage with Harry Belafonte, Neneh Cherry, Peter Gabriel, Gilberto Gil, Youssou N' Dour, Ayo, and has recorded, co-written or sung duets with the likes of Morcheeba, Richard Bona, Souad Massi, Yael Naïm, Asa and Mayra Andrade (He wrote her single “We used to call it love”).

After garnering plenty of experience throughout his different lives in Paris, London and Amsterdam, he distinguished himself with a solo album, acoustic and intimate, in 2007 (*London > Paris*) and then won his first award with the Afro-Brazilian trio, Rivière Noire (Best World Music album at the Victoires de la Musique in 2015).

### **Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz –**

Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz (TRK) is a non-profit institution dedicated to the promotion of art and culture in the West Los Angeles area. This 220-seat theater welcomes multidisciplinary and multicultural shows. TRK’s mission is to be an open window on French and international cultures and to inspire and sustain a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

“The goal of our programming is to produce a range of live performances with an eclectic array of creative artists from around the world,” says Pierre Leloup, Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz Director, “Our events bring diverse cultural traditions from across the globe to our stage, enriching the lives of our students and attendees from the greater Los Angeles area.”

### **Links –**

- Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz – <http://www.theatreraymondkabbaz.com>
- Theater Raymond Kabbaz on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/TheatreRaymondKabbaz/>
- Theater Raymond Kabbaz on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/TRKAB>
- Facebook Event Page – <https://www.facebook.com/events/1098200477010129/>
- Delgres on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Delgresband/>
- Delgres official website – <https://www.delgresmusic.com/>

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