



MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Conchita Wurst and Kasha Nabagesera: Artist meets Activist in support of LGBTI rights

Austrian pop artist and worldwide LGBTI icon Conchita Wurst, who won the Eurovision song contest in 2014, will meet with the 2015 Right Livelihood Award Laureate, Ugandan LGBTI rights activist Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera in Stockholm on 27 November, three days before the annual Right Livelihood Award ceremony.

Wurst and Nabagesera will be available for photos and interviews with the media after the meeting:

Date: 27 November 2015

Time: 11:30am – 12pm

Venue: Hotel Hasselbacken, Hazeliusbacken 20

Registration: press@rightlivelihood.org

Nabagesera is due to receive the 2015 Right Livelihood Award next Monday in the Swedish Parliament in recognition of “her courage and persistence, despite violence and intimidation, in working for the right of LGBTI people to a life free from prejudice and persecution.” She was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine’s Europe edition in June 2015. Operating within a hostile and repressive environment, Nabagesera has shed light on human rights violations, and has successfully used the judicial system to advance LGBTI rights in Uganda and elsewhere.

Wurst has been a long-term supporter of LGBTI rights. Upon being awarded the Eurovision trophy in Copenhagen, in 2014, Wurst proclaimed: “We are unity and we are unstoppable”. In meeting Nabagesera, Wurst calls for solidarity with the oppressed and persecuted LGBTI persons in Uganda and for recognising their inalienable human rights. Wurst has previously addressed the European Parliament and the United Nations on the topic of LGBTI rights.

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About the Right Livelihood Award

Founded in 1980, the Right Livelihood Awards are presented annually in the Swedish Parliament and are often referred to as 'Alternative Nobel Prizes'. They were introduced "to honour and support those offering practical and exemplary answers to the most urgent challenges facing us today". There are now 162 Right Livelihood Award Laureates from 67 countries. The 2015 Right Livelihood Award ceremony is taking place on Monday, 30 November. www.rightlivelihood.org



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