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Press Release:

Australian flautist Lina Andonovska performs in the Lautem Cultural Centre

On Friday 27th November, Australia musician Lina Andonovska will contribute to celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the Restoration of Independence taking place in the Lautem district. She will perform a program of classical flute music in the Lautem Cultural Centre, Lospalos, including works by JS Bach and Australian composer Lachlan Skipworth intertwined with traditional Timorese folk songs. Lina has recently arrived in Timor-Leste on a two month an Asialink Residency, in which she plans to collaborate with traditional instrumentalists of the Lautem district and other Timorese artists across the nation.

The Restoration of Independence celebrations in Lautem district will occur between the 26 and 29 November and will feature solemn ceremonies for Timor's very special day, as well as fun family events, games and activities for community participation. The art gallery run by Many Hands International will be open for the weekend, presenting the exhibition, *Connecting ancient rock art and contemporary cultural expression*, that draws a connection between living cultural practices in Tutuala village and ancient history as depicted in the rock art. Visit the on-line gallery here:

http://manyhands.org.au/about_us/events/exhibition_connecting_ancient_rock_art_and_contemporary_cultural_expression

Quickly gaining recognition internationally as a fearless and versatile artist, flautist Lina Andonovska has performed in concert halls around Europe, USA, China, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Timor-Leste. Critically acclaimed for her interpretation of recently written works, Rolling Stone hailed her performance of Bun-Ching Lam's piccolo concertino as "superbly played, (ranging) from sustained 'somebody-please-get-that-tea-kettle' squeaks to the flit and flutter of its beautifully lilting trills..." Lina has collaborated and performed with an impressive range of today's most exciting artists and ensembles including eighth blackbird, Crash Ensemble, stargaze, Shara Worden (My Brightest Diamond) and the Australian Chamber Orchestra.

Many Hands International is an NGO predominantly active in the Lautem district and takes a cultural assets based approach to community and economic development. MHI focus on rebuilding cultural knowledge and practice as being fundamental to achieving community health and wellbeing.

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