



## PRESS RELEASE

### **16<sup>th</sup> edition of Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival**

#### **The new US rap generation at Mawazine**

*Wiz Khalifa set to perform on OLM stage on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>*

**Rabat, Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017:** Multi-platinum selling, Grammy and Golden Globe nominated recording artist Wiz Khalifa is set to perform at the Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival on May 13<sup>th</sup>, it was announced today.

Wiz Khalifa burst onto the scene with mainstream success with the release of his first major label debut, ROLLING PAPERS in 2011. Rolling Papers spawned the hugely successful hits “Black and Yellow,” “Roll Up” and “No Sleep” and gave Wiz the platform to win the award for Best New Artist at the 2011 BET Awards and Top New Artist at the 2012 Billboard Music Awards.

His sophomore studio album, BLACC HOLLYWOOD, debuted at #1 on Billboard’s Top 200 album chart and featured the hit single “We Dem Boyz.”

Soon after Khalifa's track, “See You Again,” off the FURIOUS 7 soundtrack, catapulted to the top of the charts across 95 countries. He released KHALIFA in February of 2016 as a thank you to fans which includes the tracks “Bake Sale” featuring Travis Scott, “Zoney” and “Elevated.” In June Wiz released TGOD Mafia Presents: Rude Awakening with his TGOD Mafia collaborator Juicy J. He is currently preparing to release a new studio album later this year.



**Useful information:**

**16<sup>th</sup> edition of Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival from May 12<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**Wiz Khalifa's concert on the OLM stage : Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**About Mawazine Festival Rhythms of the World**

Established in 2001, the Mawazine Festival Rhythms of the World is the essential rendezvous for music amateurs in Morocco with, for the last 15 years, over 2 million festivalgoers at each edition. Held every month of May over nine days, Mawazine offers a rich and diversified program where world stars from the four corners of the world make of the cities of Rabat and Salé a world stage for music. Committed to promote Moroccan Music, the Festival devotes more than half of its shows to national artists. As a firm believer in the values of peace, tolerance openness and respect, 90% of the concerts are free of charge so that everybody can enjoy it. Mawazine also participates in the region's economy, attracting tourists from all over the world; thus making of Morocco once every year a world music stage.

**About Maroc Cultures Association:**

Created In compliance with the provisions of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1958 Dahir, and further to a General Assembly held in Rabat on October 23, 2001, Maroc Cultures is a non-profit association whose main mission is to offer to the public of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër region a highly professional cultural and artistic entertainment worthy of the capital of the kingdom. Echoing the fundamental values of His Majesty King Mohammed VI development policy, Maroc Cultures materializes this mission through Mawazine Rhythms of the World Festival as well as various events, multi-disciplinary symposia, plastic art exhibitions and concerts.

