



**“Quiero tierra  
fuego · pan · harina  
azucar · mar  
libros · patria  
para todos”**

**Pablo Neruda**

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## **Call upon singers and musicians around the world: CANTO GENERAL 2004 in Palestine and Israel**

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The universal poem “Canto General” written by the Chilean Nobel Prize Winner Pablo Neruda and translated into music by the Greek composer Mikis Theodorakis symbolizes the song of creation, martyrdom, and liberation of peoples not only in Latin America but in the whole world.

Therefore it characterises as well the current situation in the Near East and the struggle for independence of the Palestinian people. The vicious circle of violence has not been stopped until now. People in the whole region are suffering from the occupation day by day. Israel and Palestine need a just peace but official politics of the International community has failed so far. Now it is a task of all citizens in the world to help peace and justice growing.

Let us create a strong picture of solidarity and peace for the people in Palestine by performing the “Canto General” in June 2004 in the occupied territories.

We call upon all choirs, singers, musicians around the world who already performed the “Canto General” to gather in Athens in order to travel all together to Palestine and Israel.

We invite all peace-minded people in Israel and Palestine to join our initiative.

**“It is time for the culture not for the tanks”  
Mikis Theodorakis**

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