

Réception en l'honneur de Rosie Katz

Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres

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Dear Rosie,

Rosalie Katz (or Rosie as she is known to friends) has had an awe inspiring career.

From 1981 until 2005 she worked for various music companies, Mountain Records in Cape Town, EMI in Johannesburg and Soweto and especially Midi Trust for almost a decade. In 2005 her career took on new challenges as she worked for the City of Johannesburg for large scale events such as Nelson Mandela Day, Moshito and the 2010 FIFA World Cup. But she never forgot the Music Industry, working for the South African Music Export Council and the Cape Town International Jazz Festival for example, and even diversified her scope with the National Book Week. In 2011 and 2012 she managed the Joy of Jazz camps as well.

She also collaborated on COP 17, the international climate change conference held in Durban in 2011, an important event for us as well as it led to the success of COP 21 in Paris last december. Rosie was then appointed by the National Arts Council as project Manager for our Reciprocal Seasons. Rosie is the best of colleagues we could have wished for. One could always count on her, even in the midst of the huge logistics challenges around coordinating over 300 projects. Between Paris and Johannesburg, she was of every meeting, of every problem solving, of every last minute miracle that enabled such an important and wonderful project. The success of the Seasons is in part to her credit. We salute her work and her vision, and how they have built new bridges between our two countries.

Thank you Rosie.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of France and by virtue of the authority vested in me, I have the honour and pleasure, Madame Katz, by decree of the Minister of Arts and communication, to bestow upon you the title of Knight of the Order of Arts and Literature, de vous faire Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres.