

## **Cayu and Zonta Bonn Support Bonn Refuge for Girls with a New Album**

**Bonn, 8.3. 2023** – To coincide with International Women's day, the Bonn-based band Cayu has released its first album "Tunes of Poets", with which it not only wants to entertain people, but also support girls in need. Together with the international women's rights organization Zonta Bonn, the band has started a fundraising campaign in favor of the Mädchenhaus Bonn e.V. (the Bonn Refuge for Girls). The aim of the association is to offer protection, help and support to girls aged 7 to 18 who have been subjected physical, psychological or sexual violence.

The album is [available digitally](#) from today on Platform Bandcamp and can also be purchased as a CD at Cayu events. After deducting the production costs, all proceeds from the album will go to the refuge.

The band's singer, violinist and composer, Dr. med Eva Henneken, is a family doctor. As such, she has repeatedly witnessed instances of violence against women, which have touched her greatly. Cayu's new album includes the song "It's Time", which deals precisely with this topic and in which Eva Henneken encourages affected girls and women to stand up against violence and get help.

"I have seen trauma in women and girls that has shaken me a lot. Many of the victims remain exposed to the violence over a long period of time and develop secondary illnesses such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression or anxiety disorders as a result of the trauma they have experienced. This often completely thwarts their life plans," she says.

In collaboration with ballet dancer Greta Bückler and videographer Marc Walkenhorst, Dr. Eva Henneken recently made a [video](#) based on the piece "It's Time", which was used as part of an international anti-violence campaign by Zonta ("Zonta says NO").

"I believe that art can be a very powerful medium against violence. With art I want to reach people on a non-verbal level. I hope that this will encourage victims to stand up against violence and draw the attention of non-victims to the issue. Violence against girls and women is a problem for all of society that can only be tackled in multi-faceted ways," adds the doctor.

Ms. Renate Henriks from the Mädchenhaus e.V. explains exactly what the donated money will be used for:

"These vulnerable girls come to us to recover. We discuss together with them what their perspectives can be. We try very hard to support the girls and young women as holistically as possible and provide them with a place to stay. With the help of donations, we can also enable educational activities. For example, we can finance a teacher, leisure activities, equipment in the house - especially computers, vacation stays and therapy. These services are only possible through additional financial support. We have success stories to tell - quite a few girls have been able to develop perspectives for themselves. That's why we need all the help we can get, because every cent contributes to the development and character formation of the girls."

The international women's rights organization Zonta, of which Dr. Eva Henneken is a member, is committed to helping girls and women worldwide and is involved locally in specific projects. In the region, that's the Bonn Refuge for Girls . Dr Monika Wegmann-Jung, the president of the association, says:

“It is very important to raise public awareness of the needs of those in need of protection worldwide because, unfortunately, violence against girls and women is very common in all cultures and is even increasing globally, as recently recognized by the United Nations. We are particularly happy when we can improve the lives of people in our region in very concrete ways. That's why we've already been supporting the Bonn Girls' Home for some time.”

### **More information**

#### **About the band Cayu**

“Cayu” means “wood” in Indonesian. This reflects the philosophy of the band. Cayu is a multicultural band with 5 musicians from 4 nations performing their authentic music mainly with acoustic wood instruments (violin, guitar, double bass, cajon and piano). "Celebrating diversity" is the band's motto. The five musicians of the band Cayu from the UN city of Bonn use their music with a lot of heart and passion for diversity and tolerance. For more information: [www.cayu.art](http://www.cayu.art)

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#### **About the Mädchenhaus Bonn e.V. (Bonn Refuge for Girls)**

Since 1997, the Mädchenhaus Bonn e.V. has been a sanctuary for girls between the ages of 10 and 18 who have been exposed to physical, psychological or sexual violence. It provides a protective space in threatening situations and councilors who cater to all the needs of the girls. The sanctuary is dependent on donations.

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#### **About ZONTA Club Bonn**

The ZONTA Club Bonn, founded in 1958, is part of the non-governmental organization ZONTA International, which is present in 60 countries and campaigns for women's rights and supports projects for the advancement of women and girls. The local chapter supports numerous regional, national and international projects, including the two shelters for women and girls in Bonn.

Further information: [www.zonta-bonn.de](http://www.zonta-bonn.de)

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