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**BEATPORT SPOTLIGHTS MIDDLE EAST DANCE MUSIC SCENE WITH MONTH-LONG
RESIDENCY ON TWITCH CURATED BY PALESTINIAN DJ AND PRODUCER
SAMA' ABDULHADI**

**SAMA' ABDULHADI WILL FEATURE EMERGING DJ/PRODUCER TALENT FROM IRAN,
JORDAN, LEBANON, PALESTINE AND SYRIA**

(BERLIN, DE - April 14th, 2021) - Beatport, the world's leading platform for aspiring and professional DJs, announced today a month-long residency curated by world renowned Palestinian DJ and producer **Sama' Abdulhadi** to spotlight the burgeoning dance music scene in the Middle East. The series begins on Monday, April 19 at 3pm CEST with a livestream featuring artists from The Union, the Palestinian collective Sama' co-founded. All sets will be streamed on Beatport's [Twitch](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Beatport commissioned this series to highlight the musical and cultural developments of the Middle Eastern electronic music scene, which has flourished in recent years. The residency was originally scheduled for earlier this year, but was postponed when Sama' was detained while filming one of the performances in Jericho at a public venue that also contains a mosque. Sama' was [jailed for eight days](#) despite receiving official written permission to film at the location, which had previously hosted concerts and events.

"Sama' is at the center of dance music culture in the Middle East right now," said Robb McDaniels, CEO of Beatport. *"There is no one better to tell the story of how our scene is developing in the region. She has assembled a fantastic lineup of electronic music talent from the region for this residency and we are excited to have her introduce this incredible music to an international audience."*

Sama' Abdulhadi adds *"Honestly, it is a HUGE relief to finally see the Beatport Residency broadcast. I took this on to showcase the scene in the Middle East that has helped and inspired my journey up until this point, and in trying to do something positive, I ended up achieving a different kind of attention to myself and this region. So despite the time in jail, the rumors, the love and hate, and the fact that my case has not yet been resolved, I remain positive and proud to bring things back to music and show the great talents in and around my home country."*

Over the course of the month, Sama' will showcase a lineup of talent that has shaped dance music in the Middle East. Prior to each show, Sama' will introduce the weekly episode and guests. The guests are either part of the current Union or friends of the collective. The Union is a safe space for everyone who can identify themselves with the scene, including musicians, producers, DJ's, visual artists, dancers and for those who would like to contribute. Creating a solid base and a thriving network for creative minds taking part in building the Palestinian electronic music scene. Pushing towards bigger events, international collaborations from around the globe and creating yearly music festivals in Palestine.

Week One "The Union Collective" - In addition to a set from Sama', the April 19th show will also feature performances by the current collective, **SINAN (Ramallah, Palestine)**, **Bruno Cruz (Haifa, Palestine)**, **DJ Dar (Ramallah, Palestine)** and **YA HU (Ramallah, Palestine)**.

Week Two "Friends of Union: DJs of the Middle East" - The April 26th show, will include sets by **Nané Matök (Jericho, Palestine)**, **Jason Kaakoush (Beirut, Lebanon)**, **Yara Muhrez (Damascus, Syria)**, **Nesa Azadikhah (Tehran, Iran)** and **LK (Amman, Jordan)**.

Week Three "Friends of Union: DJs of Palestine" - Sama' will perform again in the third installment on May 3rd. Other artists on the bill are **Orabi (Nazareth, Palestine)**, **Yasmine Eve (Nazareth, Palestine)**, **Julic, Harout S (Nazareth, Palestine)** and **Souty (Nazareth, Palestine)**.

The Lineup and Set Times:

Monday, April 19th at 3pm CEST

Week 1: The Union Collective

15:00 SINAN (Ramallah, Palestine)
16:00 Bruno Cruz (Haifa, Palestine)
17:00 DJ Dar (Ramallah, Palestine)
18:00 YA HU (Ramallah, Palestine)
19:00 Sama' Abdulhadi (Ramallah, Palestine)

Monday, April 26th at 3pm CEST

Week 2: Friends of Union: DJs of the Middle East

15:00 LK (Amman, Jordan)
16:00 Yara Muhrez (Damascus, Syria)
17:00 Nesa Azadikhah (Tehran, Iran)
18:00 Jason Kaakoush (Beirut, Lebanon)
19:00 Nané Matök (Jericho, Palestine)

Monday, May 3rd at 3pm CEST

Week 3: Friends of Union: DJs of Palestine

15:00 Souty (Nazareth, Palestine)

16:00 Harout S (**Nazareth, Palestine**),
17:00 Julic (**Nazareth, Palestine**),
18:00 Yasmine Eve (**Nazareth, Palestine**),
19:00 ORABI (**Nazareth, Palestine**),
20:00 Sama' Abdulhadi (**Ramallah, Palestine**)

About Beatport

Beatport is the worldwide home of music for DJs, producers, and their fans. Founded in 2004, the Beatport family of companies includes [Beatport](#), the preeminent store for electronic music DJs, [Beatsource](#) for the open-format DJ community, and [Loopmasters](#). [Loopcloud](#) and [Plugin Boutique](#) for music producers. The global DJ and producer community has an array of high-quality audio products to choose from, including: full song downloads, exclusive content from leading labels, a streaming music service seamlessly integrated into DJ software and hardware (LINK) and exclusive soundpacks and plugins. All of the content is expertly curated on a weekly basis by a global team that helps define DJ culture. Beatport has offices in Berlin, Brighton, Denver and Los Angeles. Follow us on [Twitch](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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