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Press release 'LIGHT'

A project by Chris Hinze & friends for the purpose of **De Muziekbox/Stichting de Muziekspeelplaats** Den Haag.

It was the end of January 2020, I had just finished my last concert in Germany of my "Incredible India" tour and was starting to plan the next season.

And then Covid-19 came. Never a dull moment for a musician... And so I started composing and recording in my studio. After a few months, some structure started to show and it looked like I had enough material for the start of a new album. I started calling some colleagues: Claron McFadden, Mola Sylla, Sandhya Sanjana, Lucas van Merwijk, Coen Molenaar, just to name a few. Everyone was excited and eager to participate. That was nice.

In the middle of 2021, I was thinking, "what do I actually want to do with this (musicians) production?" And suddenly the penny dropped... Let's donate the income from the sale of this CD to a good cause, such as a (music) project for underprivileged children. And even then, all those involved (musicians, technicians, etc.) spontaneously said yes! No one needed to be paid. For our donation I was also now looking for a small-scale project, but one that included a future and a vision, and which could expand throughout the Netherlands. After some searching, I found it: "The Music Box" The Hague/Laakkwartier where most people are hard-pressed financially. The initiative arose to help their musical neighborhood leader called "Boegbeeld" who already successfully organized this Music-Playground, for local children of residents.

There is very little music being done in schools these days and in primary schools it's completely disastrous. There are very few places where children can come into contact with music in an accessible way. They can play soccer in the street, but music lessons, for various reasons, are not so equally accessible to every child. "De Muziekspeelplaats" foundation helps with this and "Muziekbox Den Haag" is the first of hopefully a series of music playgrounds throughout the Netherlands.

And as a former resident of The Hague, I am happy that, with the proceeds from the sale of the CD "Light", we will soon be able to contribute to this initiative and lend a helping hand to the children who make music together in Laakkwartier/The Hague.

Finally: I would like to thank everyone very much for their spontaneous commitment to participate in this project and for all the beautiful things that have resulted from it.

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