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Cracking percussion festival

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Cambodia's first international percussion festival Cracking Bamboo hits town Saturday

CAMBODIA'S first international percussion festival, Cracking Bamboo, will be held at Chenla Theatre in Phnom Penh on Saturday night.



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Members of the international percussion festival Cracking Bamboo read music before a jam session at Meta House

Under the direction of international tutors from five different countries, drummers from around the globe will have the chance to perform with Khmer musicians.

Cracking Bamboo will also give performances in Indonesia, Vietnam and Laos.

The festival will offer "a platform for an encounter between top-class percussionists with 'modern' instruments from Europe and their forefathers, the traditional instruments of Southeast Asia", a news release announcing the event stated.

Artistic Director Bernhard Wulff, a music professor at Freiburg University in Germany, will direct the multinational group.

Among the group's distinguished players are Khmer musician Yun Theara and Samdandamba Badamkhorol, a member of the renowned Urtin Du singers from Mongolia.

Other performers include Pierre Stephane Meuge (France), Soyounng Seok (Korea), Nagisa Shibata (Japan) and Max Riefer (Germany).

The festival is being presented by Meta House in cooperation with the Asia-Europe Foundation, the Goethe Institute and the Art Plus Foundation.

The event starts at 7pm and admission is free.

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