

## Press Release: Rainforest's cri de coeur as a first single of Shahab Tolouie's second album.

**PRAGUE, June 21.2013** /ATLAS MUSIC/ The Iranian multi-instrumentalist and singer Shahab Tolouie announces the release of his new single, 'Rainforest'. It is just one of the highly anticipated songs from his forthcoming album "Terra Mediterranea", scheduled for release this autumn. 'Rainforest' highlights the problem of deforestation\* of tropical forests around the World.

The central metaphor of the song compares the desperate existence of the Rainforest's soul with the plight of the pit canary, naked and defenseless, "... imprisoned in the air of exhaustion".\*\* Optimism and hope for a "new spring" exists, but without human intervention it is seen as impossible: The Rainforest is a dejected prisoner caught between the remembrance of green times past and the present deterioration. Where, he asks, can it lead? To the great state of enlightenment where he may finally be joined with the infinite existence...?

I am the rainforest air  
I am the Spirit of Autumn, fully naked  
My story that of canaries  
Imprisoned in the air of exhaustion...

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Spring is on its way, and I think about the open leaves of tomorrow.  
Without you I'm in danger of perishing  
Sometimes you make me smile like the sun  
Sometimes you make me cry like a cloud  
But when can I join your infinite existence?

The song, sung in the Persian language, underlines the idea of global human responsibility to our environment. The arrangement is a fusion of Persian and Spanish music spiced with the universal sound of jazz and rock. The multi-ethnic combination of these elements is an essential adjunct to the message - the importance of the unity in our efforts to save the Rainforest.

"Rainforest" is one of Shahab's most requested songs, which wasn't previously released officially but was performed live on BBC Persian TV.

The track is on sale worldwide through CDbaby and iTunes stores.

Free streaming is also available via Shahab Tolouie's official website:

**[www.shahab-tolouie.com](http://www.shahab-tolouie.com)**

**Rainforest deforestation:** We are losing Earth's greatest biological treasures just as we are beginning to appreciate their true value. Rainforests once covered 14% of the Earth's land surface; they now cover a mere 6%. If deforestation continues at the current rates, scientists estimate 80 to 90% of the tropical rainforest ecosystem will be destroyed by the year 2020. Link to study the problem: <http://www.thinkglobalgreen.org/deforestation.html>

**The canary in "the air of exhaustion":** Canaries were once regularly used in coal mining as an early warning system. Toxic gases such as carbon monoxide, methane or carbon dioxide in the mine would kill the bird before affecting the miners. Signs of distress in the bird or its death in more extreme circumstances, indicated to the miners that conditions were unsafe. (*Wikipedia*)

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