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National Music Day was established on the same date as the birth of Wage Rudolf Soepratman, composer of the country's national anthem 'Indonesia Raya'

Music: A Universal Language

On March 9th, 2013, a Presidential Decree was issued for a National Music Day to increase public appreciation of national music, boost confidence and motivation for local musicians, and gain more achievement at the national, regional and international levels.

The decree states that music is a universal and multi-dimensional cultural expression that represents the noble values of humanity and has a strategic role in national development.

The music of Indonesia demonstrates its cultural diversity, the local musical creativity, as well as subsequent foreign musical influences (such as *gambus* and *qasidah* from Middle Eastern Islamic music, *keroncong* from Portuguese influences, and *dangdut* with notable Hindi music influence) that shaped contemporary music scenes of Indonesia, which are also often accompanied by dance and theatre.

Do you have a particular favourite in Indonesian music? Perhaps the sound of *gamelan* or even *campursari*?

Yours trully,
the community editor