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Programme: National Memorial Ceremony for 22 July 2011

The 'National Memorial Ceremony for 22 July 2011' will be held in Oslo Spektrum on Sunday 21 August. The ceremony will start at 15.00 precisely and will be hosted by Haddy N'jie.

Only invited guests will be in Oslo Spektrum during the ceremony itself, but the ceremony is for the whole nation and will be broadcasted live by NRK1 and other channels.

The Norwegian royal family will be present, as well as a number of Norwegian government officials and many of those who were directly affected by the attacks on the government offices and Utøya on 22 July this year.

On stage, NRK's own symphony orchestra, Kringkastingsorkesteret, will set the scene for the ceremony along with a number of artists. The artists taking part include Susanne Sundfør, Leif Ove Andsnes, Karpe Diem, Dumdum Boys, Sivert Høyem, Jarle Bernhoft, Bjørn Eidsvåg, Ingrid Olava and Sissel Kyrkjebø. a-ha will also be reunited for this day only to take part in the national memorial ceremony.

Some of our well known actors will also be present to read selected poems and lyrics. These include Aksel Hennie, Anders Baasmo Christiansen, Ane Dahl Torp, Adil Kahn, Ingrid Bolsø Berdal, Sofie Gråbøl and Maria Bonnevie.

The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.

NRK is producing the memorial ceremony and is responsible for the entire event in Oslo Spektrum. **The ceremony will be broadcast live on TV channels NRK1 and NRK2, on radio stations NRK P1, P2 and P3 and on the internet www.nrk.no from 15.00.** It will also be repeated on NRK1 at 21.30 the same evening.

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Questions regarding the National Memorial Ceremony for 22 July 2011, which do not concern the event itself at Oslo Spektrum at 15.00 on Sunday 21 August, may be directed to the Ministry of Culture's press telephone: +47 902 31 093 or visit the website: www.minneseremoni.no.

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