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**PRESS EMBARGO: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Reprive joins Massive Attack for Meltdown 2008 at London's Southbank Centre**



Reprive, the legal action charity, is delighted to announce that Massive Attack have chosen Reprive as the charity partner for Meltdown 2008 at the Southbank Centre, which runs from June 14 to 22. Being involved with Meltdown gives Reprive an invaluable opportunity to raise awareness about Guantanamo, secret prisons, extraordinary renditions and the death penalty by showcasing a series of artistic events followed by topical discussions.

The acclaimed Bristol-based musicians are longtime supporters of Reprive's work, and are promoting Reprive not only during Meltdown, but also on their forthcoming world tour.

Clive Stafford Smith, Reprive's Director, said,

**"Massive Attack's uncompromising political principles have long been a beacon in an industry that often cares more about copyrights than human rights. We at Reprive are absolutely thrilled to be working with them."**

The following three events will take place in the Purcell Room.

### **Saturday 14 June: Fourteen Days in May**

A screening of the award-winning documentary by Reprive chair and trustee Paul Hamann about the last days in the life of death row prisoner Edward Earl Johnson. Followed by a discussion with Paul Hamann, Reprive's Director Clive Stafford Smith and former death row prisoner Nick Yarris.

### **Sunday 15 June: Taxi to the Dark Side**

A special screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary about the murder of Dilawar, an Afghan taxi driver, in US custody at Bagram airbase in Afghanistan. Followed by a discussion with Reprive's Director, Clive Stafford Smith, and released Guantánamo prisoner Moazzam Begg. Special guests to be confirmed.

## **Saturday 21 June: Rendition Monologues**

A performance of a new play by theatre company iceandfire, based on the testimony of prisoners – some released, some still imprisoned – who have been subjected to the horrors of rendition, illegal imprisonment and torture. Followed by a discussion with Zachary Katznelson and Chloe Davies of Reprive, and released Guantánamo prisoner Bisher Al Rawi.

In conjunction with United Visual Artists, designers for Massive Attack, Reprive is also working on projections and backdrops focusing on renditions and secret prisons, which will be used during Meltdown and on Massive Attack's forthcoming world tour.

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**The Meltdown website is: [www.southbankcentre.co.uk/meltdown](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/meltdown)**

### **About Reprive**

Reprive is a legal action charity, founded by Clive Stafford Smith in 1999. Reprive uses the law to enforce the human rights of prisoners, from death row to Guantánamo Bay.

Reprive investigates, litigates and educates. Working on the frontline, Reprive provides legal support to prisoners unable to pay for it themselves, promoting the rule of law around the world, and securing each person's right to a fair trial. In doing so, Reprive saves lives.

Reprive's current casework involves:

- representing 33 prisoners in the US prison at Guantanamo Bay.
- working on behalf of prisoners facing the death penalty.
- conducting ongoing investigations into the rendition and the secret detention of ghost prisoners in the so-called war on terror.