

The Power of Love

Dutch Metal for the **Red Cross** | Serious Request 2014
For the support of victims of **sexual violence in war territories.**



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For the first time ever many of the biggest and emerging artists of the NL Heavy Music Scene have collaborated to record and release a track to help raising funds for the **Red Cross**, in occasion of **3FM's Serious Request 2014**, a massive dutch charity event that is organised every year by one of Netherland's biggest radio stations.

From December 8th 2014, on www.thepoweroflove.nl, fans will be able to make a donation and download a heavy cover of "The Power of Love", originally performed by Frankie Goes to Hollywood.

Featuring, in random order:

- * Anneke van Giersbergen - a.o ex - The Gathering, The Gentle Storm
- * Floor Jansen - Nightwish, Revamp
- * Simone Simons - Epica
- * Arjen Lucassen - Ayreon
- * Ruud Jolie - Within Temptation
- * Charlotte Wessels - Delain
- * Marcela Bovio - Stream of Passion
- * Daniel de Jongh - Textures
- * Jochem Jonkman - Vanderbuyst
- * Mark Jansen - Epica, Mayan
- * Manda Ophuis - Nemesea
- * Valerio Recenti - My Propane
- * Dianne van Giersbergen - Xandria
- * George Oosthoek - Orphanage
- * Caroline Westendorp - The Charm the Fury
- * Epic Rock Choir - The Theatre Equation
- * Joost van den Broek - Producer, ex After Forever
- * Maaike Peterse - Kingfisher's Sky
- * Anand Mahangoe, Remon Masseling, DJ van Zon - My Propane
- * Ben Mathot - a.o Ayreon, Kytoman Orchestra

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The Cause: help victims of sexual violence in conflict territories.

It's a war within a war.

One in five women worldwide is raped or otherwise sexually abused in their lifetime.

In conflict areas, sexual violence is used as a weapon, to humiliate the enemy, with catastrophic consequences on the victim's physical and mental health.

Often excluded from their community, surrounded by shame, victims also suffer social and economic consequences.

Still, they are the ones who will have to take care of their families, their children, their homes, after everything around them has fallen to pieces.

The **Red Cross** provides shelter, medical care and psychological counselling, but is also committed to giving these women hope for a future, for example through fundings and training.

The Red Cross provides information to the public, the police and armed forces about the consequences of sexual violence, to prevent the victims from being expelled from the community, and to help decrease sexual abuse during war and conflict.

Each year, **3FM** - one of Netherlands biggest radios - organises "**Serious Request**" a large-scale charity event in the country, managing to successfully raise funds for the Red Cross to intervene for different causes. The event takes place from December 18th to December 24th, when some of the most famous DJ's and personalities of the country broadcast live 24h from a "glass house" in the main square of a dutch town.

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