## **COVID-19: Growing Trees Network with a new inspiring afforestation initiative**



On Friday the 22nd of May the worlds famous Danish DJ Martin Jensen will be streaming his ME MYSELF ONLINE concert directly from the unique Forest Tower at Camp Adventure in Denmark. The concert will be streamed all over the world free of charge. The audience is encouraged to donate funds to support Growing Trees Network Foundations effort to establishing Community Forests in Denmark. Martin Jensen has during the COVID-19 streamed his concerts from an empty stadium, a frigate and on Friday from the Forest Tower at Camp Adventure supporting different charitable initiatives.

The music activities of Martin Jensen during the COVID-19 and his focus on planting trees for the climate will also be the launch of the latest initiative by Growing Trees — establishing minimum 2 Community Forests in Denmark dedicated to honor and appreciate all those who have made an extraordinary effort or sacrifice to combat the COVID-19 virus. From closed businesses, deepfelt deprivation, the distance to other people, parents teaching at home to everything we can thank each other for is what these new Community Forests are all about.

To honor and acknowledge the global effort we hereby invite citizens, foundations and companies to donate trees for these new 2-4 Community Forests. Besides inviting the Danes to donate Growing Trees is sending out an invitation internationally to other organizations to initiate something similar.

Lars Heiselberg Vang Jensen, Chairman of Growing Trees Network Foundation, says:

"It is the intention that these new Community Forests shall be living monuments acknowledging the united effort in Denmark and worldwide to cope with the COVID-19 virus. From our daily work we also know that it means a lot to many people that they can plant a tree in the loving memory of a dear one passed away. Through the Community Forests it is possible for everyone to honor the huge societal effort by planting trees.

In many developing countries access to food sources is becoming an even bigger problem. We hope that when other treeplanting organizations adopt the idea they will have focus on planting fruit and nut trees to help the locals become self-sufficient and better equipped to cope on a daily basis with similar crisis in the future."

The new Community Forests are expected to be established in a municipality in Jutland and Zealand and hopefully a couple of places more in the autumn of this year or the spring of 2021. Dates will be announced on <a href="https://www.growingtrees.dk">www.growingtrees.dk</a>.

The coffin manufacturer Tommerup Heilskov and the Real Estate Chain RealMæglerne has already decided to donate the first trees for the new Community Forests.

You can watch Martins concert on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May from 19:00 to 23:00 here: twitch.tv/martinjensentv

## Facts:

- Growing Trees Network Global is known from the worlds first telethon "Denmark Plant Trees" held by the
  Danish TV station TV2 in corporation with The Danish Society for Nature Conservation which in total
  collected 1,081,425 trees to be planted in 46 new forests in Denmark. The telethon got heavy international
  attention under the headline; Probably the first-ever telethon in the world helping the climate. 25 of these
  are being planted this spring.
- The Danish afforestation organization Growing Trees Network Foundation (Growing Trees) facilitates the planting of new Community Forests in Denmark and Community Food Forests in Ghana.
- New Community Forests are not only reducing CO2 and thereby benefitting the climate they are often
  established peri-urban above ground water reservoirs to create habitats for plants and wildlife and outdoor
  activities for the local citizens.

- As one of Denmark's biggest artists with over 1 billion streams and a #45 placing in the DJ Mag Top 100 DJ's Pol, Martin Jensen is constantly pushing the envelope in connecting with his fans through his music and in these unprecedented times, aims to bring people together. Harnessing the uniting power of music, Martin Jensen will host his bi-weekly event Me, Myself, Online at the unique Forest Tower from Camp Adventure, also featured in Time Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places', where Martin Jensen is to perform jaw-dropping and off-the-wall live sets and interaction with the audience. Tune in on Friday May 22 at 19:00 CET for a 4 hour live set like no other.
- In 2019 Time Magazine appointed the Forest Tower at Camp Adventure in Denmark to be among the worlds greatest places to visit: <a href="https://time.com/collection/worlds-greatest-places-2019/5654144/camp-adventure-ronnede-denmark/">https://time.com/collection/worlds-greatest-places-2019/5654144/camp-adventure-ronnede-denmark/</a>

