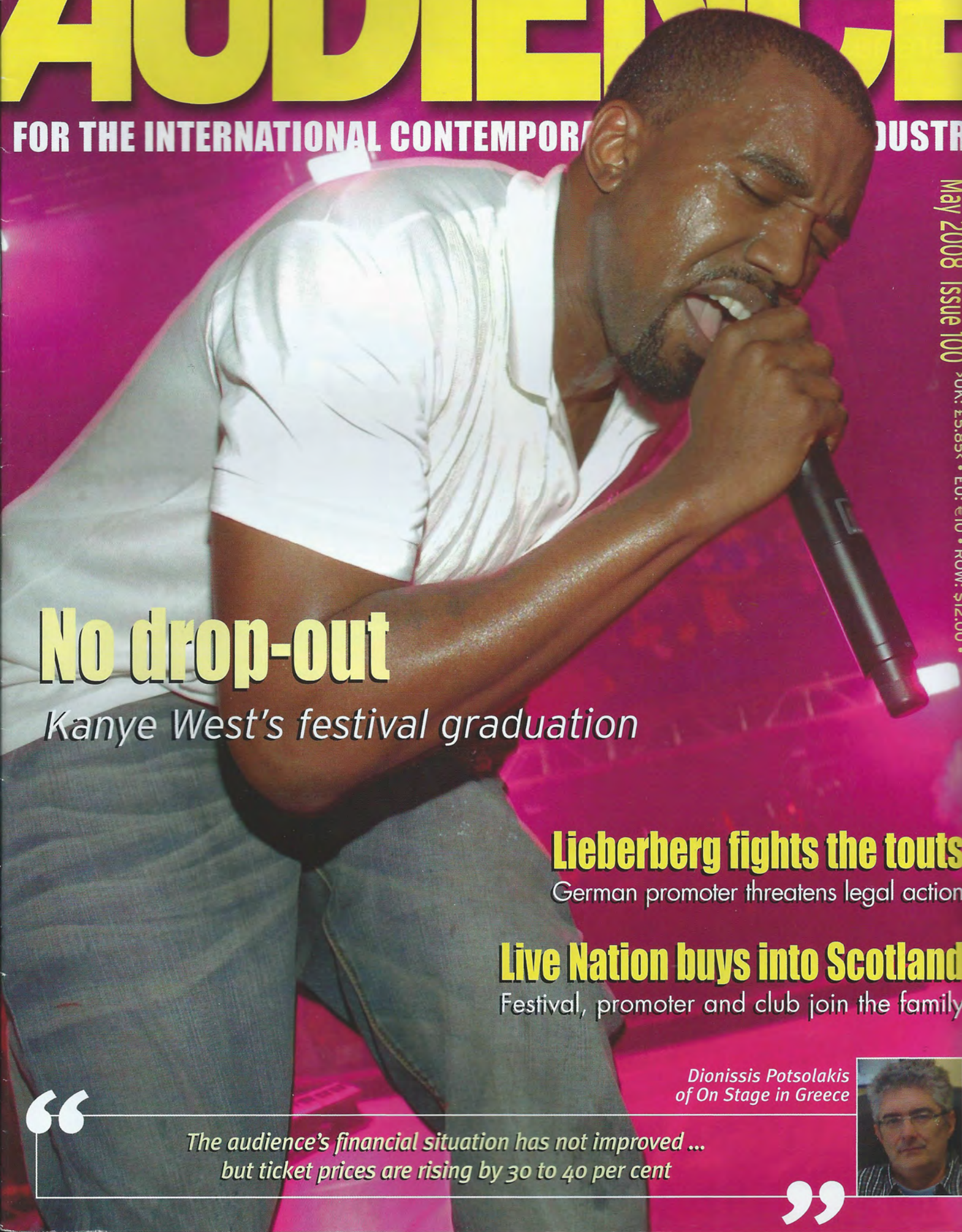


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*Dionissis Potsolakis
of On Stage in Greece*



*The audience's financial situation has not improved ...
but ticket prices are rising by 30 to 40 per cent*

Court orders promoter to pay back \$4.5m

SINGAPORE A judge has ruled that British promoter Tony Hollingsworth will have to repay all S\$6.155 million (US\$4.498m) given to him by the tourism board for the staging of a charity concert he promised to organise, but which failed to materialise.

The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) sued Hollings-

worth and his associated companies Children's Media Ltd and Tribute Third Millennium Ltd in the High Court, after the Listen Live event was cancelled (see *Audience*, issues 85 and 95).

The concert was originally scheduled for 30 September and 1 October 2005. But after a postponement it was called

off in January 2006, although not before Hollingsworth and his companies had received the money from the STB.

A Listen Live event organised by Hollingsworth and due to take place in Los Angeles in June appears to have been abandoned.

Calls to Hollingsworth's London office were not returned.

newsbites

EUROPE Secondary ticketing site Seatwave has strengthened its UK-based European management team by appointing Aksel Van der Wal as its new CFO. Van der Wal previously led Vodafone's global business development unit and worked with PriceWaterhouseCooper's international corporate tax department in the Netherlands.

Kingdom welcomes Mika and Krall

JORDAN Diana Krall and Mika are among artistes launching the Jordan Festival, a five-week-long programme of musical and cultural events beginning on 8 July.

Krall will play an open air show at the ancient Roman Amman

Citadel (cap. 2,000), while Mika, who is of American-Lebanese parentage, will appear at the nearby Amman Amphitheatre (2,500).

Also appearing at other historic sites within the Middle East kingdom will be Placido

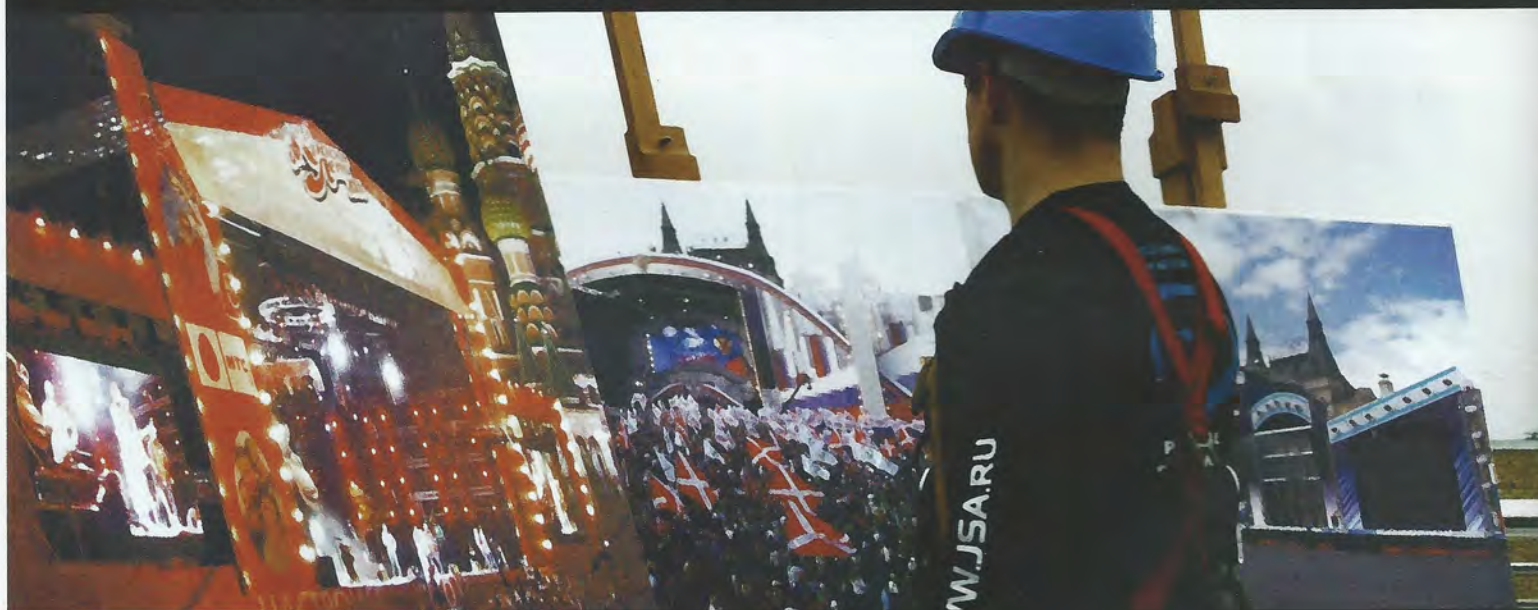
Domingo and Julia Migenes.

The event, which this year will also incorporate the traditional Jerash festival specialising in local and regional artistes, has been organised by the Jordan Tourism Board.

Its MD Nayef al-Fayez

describes the event as "the highlight of Jordan's cultural calendar" and hopes that the combination of the country's "mild climate and some memorable musical performances will result in a unique tourism experience".

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