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Jazzmeia Horn is shown performing at the 2018
Earshot Jazz Festival in Seattle. (Photo: Daniel Sheehan)



Multi-instrumentalist Matthias Schriefel makes a big impression during a collaboration with the hr-Bigband at the 2018 Deutsches Jazzfestival Frankfurt in Germany.

FRANKFURT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF FRUITFUL COLLABORATIONS

The history of jazz in Germany includes one of the darkest chapters in human history: The Nazi regime of the 1930s was a bulwark against the spreading popularity of the genre, labeling it a degenerate art. After 1937, American musicians couldn't get into the country and the government eventually outlawed jazz. But a developing ardor for the music finally blossomed when World War II ended, particularly in regions where U.S. forces were stationed. In cities such as Frankfurt, jazz LPs were available and jazz musicians had opportunities to perform. Indeed, jazz flourished there, even producing important homegrown talent, such as legendary trombonist Albert Mangelsdorff and his saxophone-playing brother Emil.

In the early '50s, a loose consortium of musicians, club promoters and radio journalists formed the German Jazz Federation to share resources and information, and by 1953, that organization had pooled its resources to produce one of the first major jazz festivals in the world: the Deutsches Jazzfestival Frankfurt.

Though the inaugural edition of the festival featured U.S. blues singer Big Bill Broonzy, the lineup was largely comprised of German musicians, celebrating the achievements and burgeoning talent from a nation that was already a European stronghold for jazz. "It was inspiring for the people living here, and there were very

good musicians like the Mangelsdorff brothers, so they decided to do this," explained Olaf Stötzler, who's been the festival's artistic director since 2016.

The festival will present its 50th anniversary edition Oct. 23–27 with programming that reflects how its curatorial approach has expanded well beyond its native focus to capture a kaleidoscopic, global view of jazz. After its first seven years, the festival switched to a biennial schedule in 1960, and it remained on that path until 1990, when it resumed mounting the event annually. In 1964, Jazzfest Berlin was launched, and over the years the country has hosted a growing number of festivals. Facing fierce competition from its neighbors, Frankfurt was forced to sharpen its programming and reach beyond the local scene.

The festival has hosted a parade of U.S. titans, including Don Cherry, Chick Corea, Keith Jarrett, Chet Baker, the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra, Jaki Byard, the Brecker Brothers, Joe Henderson, John Zorn and Charles Lloyd, who first performed at the event in 1966 and returns this year with his quartet.

At the same time, the festival has provided an important platform for some of Europe's most important figures, such as Stéphane Grappelli, Irène Schweizer, Peter Brötzmann, Jan Garbarek and John Surman. As jazz gained popularity and festivals flourished, Deutsches Jazzfestival

Frankfurt widened its scope and began initiating unique collaborations, generating significant, resonant partnerships between German musicians and visiting U.S. players. In 1978, Charles Mingus associate George Adams performed with fellow saxophonist Heinz Sauer—a sideman with Albert Mangelsdorff from the early Frankfurt days—while in 1980, David Murray collaborated with Alfred 23 Harth, a key figure in German avant-garde jazz. Subsequent pairings included saxophonist Pharoah Sanders working with bassist Eberhard Weber, as well as brothers Joachim Kühn (piano) and Rolf Kühn (saxophone/clarinet) collaborating with bassist John Patitucci and drummer Brian Blade.

"The basis to make the festival unique is to do as many premieres as possible, to give a 'wild card' to a musician," Stötzler said. "You're an interesting musician—let us know who you want to play with, and we'll give you the opportunity to form a band and premiere it at the festival. We can't do it with every act on the bill, but this has always been [an important part of] the history of the festival."

One German musician who's benefited greatly from such opportunities is saxophonist Christof Lauer, who first performed at the festival in 1978, when he was only 25, in trumpeter Uli Beckerhoff's band Riot. He said as a late-comer to jazz, hearing artists perform at the event was important to his education. "The

festival helped me a lot to be better known in Germany," he said. "And compared to other festivals I played at this time, Frankfurt was a real highlight for me."

In 1984, Lauer returned, playing with trumpeter Kenny Wheeler and pianist John Taylor, and in 1988 he joined forces with Joachim Kühn and drummer Roy Haynes. For the 2019 edition of the festival, he'll collaborate with the Turkish flutist Kudsî Ergüner, reflecting another frequent thread in the festival's programming: pairing jazz practitioners with varied masters of traditional music styles from around the globe.

In 1984, the artistic direction for the festival passed from original organizers Horst Lippmann and Fritz Rau to the public broadcasting corporation Hessischer Rundfunk. Apart from broadcasting most of the festival live on the radio and programming the lineup, it also sponsors one of the strongest jazz orchestras in the country, the hr-Bigband (aka the Frankfurt Radio Big Band). The large ensemble has maintained a steady presence at the festival and frequently pushes beyond jazz's traditional boundaries. In 2006, the orchestra performed with Cream bassist Jack Bruce, playing his original tunes, while in 2016, the group performed with British keyboardist Django Bates to create a fascinating interpretation of The Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*—a collaboration captured on Bates' 2017 *Saluting Sgt. Pepper* (Edition).

One of the most anticipated acts of this year's festival will be a fascinating project featuring Joachim Kühn, one of the few pianists to maintain a working relationship with saxophonist Ornette Coleman. During their partnership, Coleman left the pianist with numerous unpublished and unrecorded compositions, and earlier this year, Kühn recorded solo renditions of those pieces for *Melodic Ornette Coleman: Piano Works XIII* (ACT). But in Frankfurt, he and the hr-Bigband will debut new arrangements by himself and Jim McNeely, with special guests that include drummer Joey Baron, clarinetist Michel Portal and bassist François Moutin.

For decades, the festival has shown a commitment to up-and-coming talent, and this year it revisits a concept mounted at the festival's inaugural edition: the German All Stars. This performance will showcase an impressive sextet, assembled by Stötzler, featuring some of the most important young players based in Germany: saxophonist Angelika Niescier, trombonist Johannes Lauer, guitarist Ronny Graupe, pianist Julia Kadel, bassist Eva Kruse and drummer Eva Klesse. Each group member will contribute a composition to the sextet's repertoire.

Kadel, who's released two albums of contemplative, lyric post-Bill Evans trio music for the German division of Blue Note, said, "We all play in different projects and offer a certain

musical portfolio, open to be melded with the other's musical languages. I am currently writing a new composition for that sextet, and it will be my first piece about climate change and Earth's destruction. I am excited to see how it will sound with the others. To meet through improvised music is a precious chance to communicate ... I desire these chances for open spaces, for different people to meet each other and share good things that can spread out to the world."

Among this year's other anticipated highlights is the opening evening, which celebrates

the 50th anniversary of ECM Records with sets by guitarist Jakob Bro, bassist Michael Formanek's Ensemble Kolossus performing with the hr-Bigband, and Albanian singer Elina Duni. Also slated to perform at the fest will be Enemy (the bracing trio led by British keyboardist Kit Downes), the Crosscurrents Trio (bassist Dave Holland, saxophonist Chris Potter and percussionist Zakir Hussain), saxophonist Nubya Garcia, Polish pianist Marcin Wasilewski and the taut quartet Boulez Materialism, led by Berlin-based drummer Christian Lillinger.

—Peter Margasak

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Saxophonist Roxy Coss leads her quintet during the 2019 Winter Jazzfest in New York City.

Frost Music Live!

Coral Gables, Florida

September 2019-April 2020

Renowned guest artists will collaborate with faculty, alumni and students during this series of more than 100 events at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music.

LINEUP: Arturo Sandoval, José Feliciano, Raul Midón, Sheila Jordan, Miho Hazama, Emmet Cohen, Maria Schneider, Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, Egberto Gismonti, Boston Brass, Stamps Brass Quintet, Horacio Gutiérrez.
frostmusiclive.com

Angel City Jazz Festival

Los Angeles, California

Oct. 2-13

This festival offers an eclectic program of innovative, cutting-edge performances by established and rising stars from the world of improvised music.

LINEUP: Artifacts Trio (Nicole Mitchell, Tomeka Reid & Mike Reed), Anna Webber Simple Trio, Jenny Scheinman & Allison Miller's Parlour Game, Kris Davis' Diatom Ribbons, Dan Rosenboom A.I.T.A., James Brandon Lewis Quintet, Aaron Parks' Little Big, Ego Mondo, Kokayi, Darius Jones & Joshua White, Dwight Tribble, Terry & Gyan Riley, David Binney's Future Philosophy, Makaya McCraven.
angelcityjazz.com

CU Jazz Festival

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Oct. 3-6

This festival features a parade, poetry, Jazz IN School, the VandoJam session, a Sunday Jazz Brunch and nightly concerts.

LINEUP: Shawn Maxwell's New Tomorrow, Sara McDonald, NYChillharmonic, JVR3, Afro Caribbean Jazz Collective.

cujazzfest.wixsite.com/cujazzfest

Myrtle Beach Jazz Festival

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Oct. 4-6

This annual free event features regional artists in a celebration of jazz and culture.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included Daniel D, Don Colton, Leroy Harper.
myrtlebeachjazzfest.com

Oregon Coast Jazz Party

Newport, Oregon

Oct. 4-6

Fans at the 16th edition of this festival can expect multiple sets from renowned jazz stars, nightcap performances and educational events.

LINEUP: Terell Stafford, Houston Person, Roxy Coss, Dena DeRose, Veronica Swift, Matt Wilson, Martin Wind, Holly Hofmann, Ken Peplowski, Larry Koonse, Lewis Nash, Nicki Parrott, Randy Porter, Mike Wofford, Dave Captein, Gary Hobbs.
coastarts.org/oregon-coast-jazz-party

Earshot Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington

Oct. 4-Nov. 6

Respected for adventurous programming and a deep commitment to its home community, this festival will present 50 events in venues all around the city.

LINEUP: Cécile McLorin Salvant, Chucho Valdés, Jamaaladeen Tacuma Trio featur-

ing Gary Bartz, Kris Davis' Diatom Ribbons, Egberto Gismonti, Brian Blade's Life Cycles, Jenny Scheinman & Allison Miller's Parlour Game, Joel Ross' Good Vibes, Bria Skonberg, Gerald Clayton, The Westerlies, Fay Victor & Myra Melford, Shai Maestro, Youn Sun Nah, Kassa Overall & Sullivan Fortner, Knife Knights, Sounds of Zamar, Makaya McCraven.
earshot.org

Amelia Island Jazz Festival

Fernandina Beach, Florida

Oct. 6-13

This festival presents world-class jazz in many styles, including swing, bebop, big band, Latin and contemporary.

LINEUP: Delfeayo Marsalis, Jamil Sharif, Trio Caliente, the Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz Quartet featuring Bonnie Eisele, the UNF Jazz Ensemble 2.
ameliaislandjazzfestival.com

Pittsfield City Jazz Festival

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Oct. 11-20

The 15th edition of this festival will include a jazz crawl featuring local artists, a prodigy concert presenting a young artist, two headline events, jazz brunches and more.

LINEUP: Dayramir Gonzalez, Veronica Swift with Stephanie Nakasian.
berkshiresjazz.org

Duck Jazz Festival

Duck, North Carolina

Oct. 12-13

Featuring outdoor concerts on two stages, this festival is a free, nonticketed event.

LINEUP: Benny Green Trio, Caroline Davis, Andrew Sanchez & His Hip Six, Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble, Sidecar Social Club, Leroy Jones.
duckjazz.com

Edgefest

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Oct. 16-19

Programming for the 23rd edition of this showcase of experimental music will explore the historical contributions of West Coast artists in the development of avant-garde jazz and new music. There will be free and ticketed concerts, along with educational activities.

LINEUP: Myra Melford, ROVA Saxophone Quartet, Lucian Ban & Alex Harding, Michael Marcus Quartet, Oluyemi Thomas' Positive Knowledge, Ken Filiano/James Ilgenfritz/Piotr Michalowski/Sara Schoenbeck, William Hooker, Wayne Horvitz, Bobby Bradford, Vinny Golia, Lisa Mizzacappa, Cooper-Moore, Andrew Bishop's New and Used, Cycle of Restoration.
kerrytownconcerthouse.com/edgefest

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Sara Gazarek (second from right), the artistic director of DeMiero Jazz Festival in Edmonds, Washington, performs at the event.

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Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival

Sun Valley, Idaho

Oct. 16-20

Fans can choose from among 200 shows on 10 stages at this festival, which features a variety of genres.

LINEUP: Black Market Trust, Blue Street, Carolyn Martin, Cocuzzi Courtet, Cornet Chop Suey, Bob Draga, Yve Evans, Holland & Coots, Jeff Barnhart, Katie Cavera, Side Street Strutters, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, U.S. Coast Guard Dixie Band, Young Bucs.
sunvalleyjazz.com

Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater, Florida

Oct. 17-20

Jazz, funk, pop and other styles will be featured in the 40th anniversary edition of this event. Beautiful beaches make for a scenic setting, and a fireworks display will add to the memories.

LINEUP: Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Chicago, Boyz II Men, Alison Krauss, Dafnis Prieto, Soul Rebels, Marcia Ball, Robert Randolph & The Family Band, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Yonder Mountain String Band, Ashley Smith & The Random Occurrence.
clearwaterjazz.com

Rehoboth Beach Jazz Festival

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Oct. 17-20

Now in its 30th year, this festival will present shows in multiple venues.

LINEUP: Boney James, Gerald Albright, The Four Freshmen, Will Downing, Peter White, Norman Brown, Brian Culbertson, Matt Marshak.
rehobothjazz.com

South Carolina Jazz Festival

Cheraw, South Carolina

Oct. 18-20

Held in Dizzy Gillespie's hometown, this event will feature more than 20 regional musical artists performing in an eclectic array of venues.

LINEUP: Emmet Cohen Trio, Bruce Harris, Sammy Miller & The Congregation, Martina DaSilva,

Noel Freidline Quartet with Maria Howell, Sidecar Social Club, Empire Strikes Brass, Charles Peterson & Against All Odds Band.
scjazzfestival.com

Texas Jazz Festival

Corpus Christi, Texas

Oct. 18-20

This festival is a free, all-ages event with four stages of live jazz, plus food, market vendors and a Salsa Jazz dancing experience hosted inside the Solomon Ortiz Center.

LINEUP: San Gabriel Seven, Tiburon, Jeff Lofton, Glen Garcia, Dirty River Brass Band.
texasjazz-fest.org

Mempho Music Festival

Memphis, Tennessee

Oct. 19-20

Fans at this outdoor event can experience good times and great music in one of the largest urban parks in the United States.

LINEUP: Wu-Tang Clan, The Raconteurs, Brandi Carlile, PJ Morton, The Revivalists, Lovelytheband, Margo Price, Valerie June, Missio, Will Sexton, John Paul Keith, Summer Avenue.
memphofest.com

Ragas Live Festival

Brooklyn, New York

Oct. 19-20

Now in its eighth year, this 24-hour festival, inspired by Indian classical music, will feature more than 70 musicians.

LINEUP: Adam Rudolph's Moving Pictures, Saraswathi Ranganathan, Namami Karmakar, Samarth Nagarkar, Arun Ramamurthy Trio, Dan Weiss & Miles Okazaki, Reggie Workman's Cerebral Caverns, Brooklyn Raga Massive.
ragaslive.org

Brubeck Festival

Stockton, California

Oct. 21-26

Presented by the Brubeck Institute at University of the Pacific, this festival celebrates and explores the musical and philosophical ideas of Dave Brubeck and his influence

around the world. Venues include the Faye Spanos Concert Hall and the Take 5 Jazz Club. On Oct. 22 and Oct. 24, there will be jazz jams with former Brubeck Fellows.

LINEUP: Lucas Pino & No Net Nonet, Joel Ross & Good Vibes, Brubeck Fellows All-Star Big Band, Pacific Jazz Ambassadors.
brubeckinstitute.org

Jazz For All Ages Festival

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Oct. 30-31

Held at The Jazz Corner and Sonesta Oceanfront Resort, this festival raises money for the Junior Jazz Foundation.

LINEUP: Deas Guyz Orchestra featuring Reggie Deas, Jane Monheit & Clint Holmes with Dominick Farinacci.
jazzforallages.com

TD James Moody Jazz Festival

Newark, New Jersey

Nov. 9-24

Bassist and bandleader Christian McBride serves as the Jazz Advisor for this event, which will include concerts at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and host special performances that combine music and dance. The Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition (Sassy Awards) will take place on Nov. 24.

LINEUP: Houston Person, Steve Turre, Bobby Sanabria, The Roots, A Christian McBride Situation, Christian Sands/Helen Sung/Tadataka Unno, Clint Holmes/Catherine Russell/Billy Stritch, Steps Ahead, Michael Franks, Spyro Gyra, Lee Ritenour, Dave Grusin, Maurice Hines with DIVA Jazz Orchestra, Nimbus Dance with members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Buddy Guy, Mavis Staples, Chaka Khan.
njpac.org

Otis Taylor's Trance Blues Festival

Boulder, Colorado

Nov. 9

This event will include an evening performance after a day of public workshops and jams for musicians and fans of all levels and ages.

LINEUP: Otis Taylor, Alvin Youngblood Hart, Mato Nanji, Guy Davis, Cassie Taylor, Byron "Kidd" Cage, Nick Amodeo, Jon Paul Johnson, Beth Rosbach, Brian Juan.
trancebluesfestival.com

Frank Morgan Taos Jazz Festival

Taos, New Mexico

Nov. 20-23

The premier fall jazz festival in Northern New Mexico, this event features five concerts honoring saxophonist Frank Morgan (1933–2007), who called Taos home. Saxophonist Grace Kelly, an early protégé of Morgan, returns for her fifth appearance.

LINEUP: Grace Kelly Quartet, George Cables 25th Anniversary Quartet (with Doug Lawrence, John Webber & Louis Hayes), Julian Pollack

Trio, Christine Fawson, Pete Amahl Quartet.
taosjazz.org

Manchester Jazz Festival

Manchester, Connecticut
Dec. 7

The fourth edition of this festival will bring an exciting mix of regional and international musicians to central Connecticut.

LINEUP: John Patitucci, Yotam Silberstein, Greg Abate, Avery Sharpe, Vitor Gonçalves, The Hot Club of New England (Jason Anick, Atla De-Champlain, Max O'Rourke & Greg Loughman).
myshul.org/jazzfest2019

Winter Jazzfest

New York City
Jan. 9-18, 2020

The 16th anniversary edition of this acclaimed festival will present multiple one-night concerts in Manhattan and Brooklyn, plus its signature Friday-Saturday marathon presenting over 100 acts performing throughout Lower Manhattan. Once again, the event will participate in Keychange, an international effort to achieve a gender balance on festival stages; and again will emphasize the intersection of music social justice.

LINEUP: Meshell Ndegeocello, Alfredo Rodriguez, Pedrito Martinez, Allison Miller, Alina Engibaryan, Amina Claudine Myers, Amir ElSaffar, Amirtha Kidambi, Arturo O'Farrill, The Bad Plus, Ben Lamar Gay, Ben Wendel, Bigyuki, Bilal, Billy Hart, Bria Skonberg, Butcher Brown, Camille Bertault, Chris Dave, Christian McBride, Domi & JD Beck, Edmar Castañeda, Dave Liebman, Ezra Collective, Gary Bartz, Gilad Hekselman, Gilles Peterson, Helen Sung, David Virelles, Keyon Harrold, JD Allen, Ingrid Jensen, Jamie Saft, Jenny Scheinman, Joel Ross, Jon Irabagon, Justin Brown, Kandace Springs, Kassa Overall, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Leyla McCalla, Louis Cole, Marc Ribot, Marcus Strickland, Mark de Clive-Lowe, Mark Guilliana, Makaya McCraren, Mary Halvorson, Medeski, Martin & Wood, Melissa Aldana, Nubya Garcia, Richard Bona, Roxy Coss, Shai Maestro, Terence Blanchard, Terri Lyne Carrington, Theo Bleckmann, The Westerlies, Tia Fuller, Vijay Iyer, Toshi Reagon.
winterjazzfest.com

Tucson Jazz Festival

Tucson, Arizona
Jan. 10-20, 2020

The HSL Properties Tucson Jazz Festival has become a destination for jazz fans from across the country. The warm weather and world-class acts bring new winter visitors to town for shows at a variety of venues. Presenting partners this year are UA Presents and the Tucson Symphony Orchestra.

LINEUP: Christian McBride & Inside Straight, Maceo Parker & His Big Band, David Sanborn, Mavis Staples, Allison Miller's Boom Tic Boom, Grace Kelly, Aubrey Logan, David Hazeltine, Eric Alexander, Veronica Swift (with the University of Arizona Studio Jazz

Ensemble), Afro-Cuban All Stars, Tucson Jazz Institute Ellington Big Band (directed by John Black), "Aretha, A Tribute" (featuring the Tucson Symphony, Capathia Jenkins & Ryan Shaw), The Yolo County Line.
tucsonjazzfestival.org

JazzFest at Sea

Cruise leaving from Miami, Florida
Jan. 17-28, 2020

This cruise features traditional jazz, particularly styles from the first half of the 20th century. Fans will have their choice of performances each evening, as well as

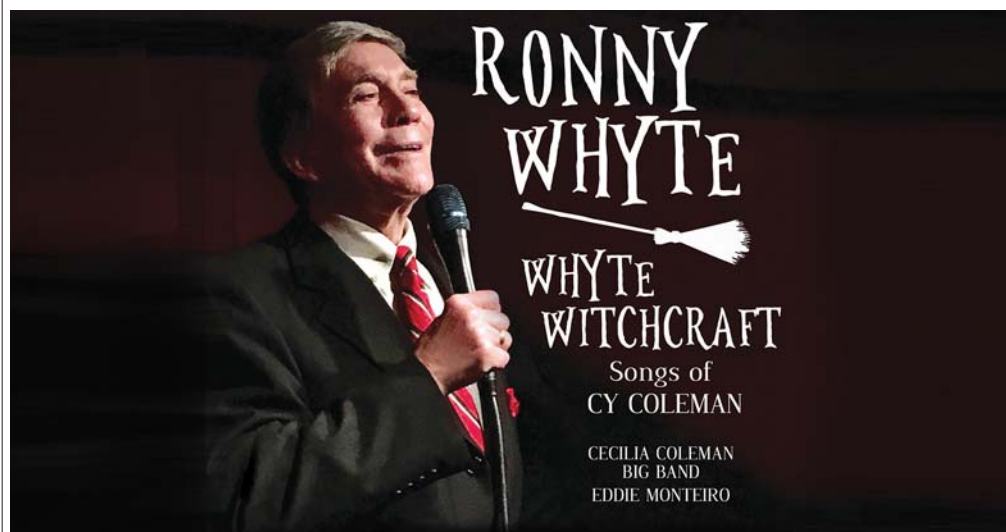
during afternoon sessions while at sea. The cruise is limited to 250 guests.

LINEUP: Jeff Hamilton, Dave Bennett, Allan Vaché, Warren Vaché, Bill Allred, Harry Allen, Andrea Motis, Banu Gibson, Mark Shane, Tardo Hammer, Gordon Au, Yve Evans, Danny Coots, Charlie Silva, Chris Rottmayer, James Chirillo, Richard Simon.
jazzfestatsea.com

North Carolina Jazz Festival

Wilmington, North Carolina
Jan. 23-25, 2020

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LINEUP: Houston Person, Veronica Swift, Emmet Cohen Trio, Adrian Cunningham, Chuck Redd, Nicki Parrott, Champion Fulton, Nate Najjar, Bruce Harris, Jon Hill Trio, Herman Burney, Chris Gelb, Ben Polcer, Dion Tucker, Jonathan Russell, Rossano Sportiello.
ncjazzfestival.org

Charleston Jazz Festival

Charleston, South Carolina
Jan. 23-26, 2020

The sixth annual edition of this festival will present a wide range of styles, including swing, salsa, blues, Brazilian, the Great American Songbook and more. In addition to internationally renowned headliners, local bands and student groups will participate.

LINEUP: Regina Carter, Jane Monheit, Freddy Cole, Charleston Jazz Orchestra, Monty Alexander Trio.
charlestonjazz.com

Blue Note at Sea

Cruise departing from Miami, Florida
Jan. 25-Feb. 1, 2020

Produced by Entertainment Cruise Productions in partnership with Blue Note Records and Blue Note Jazz Clubs, this cruise will be hosted by Marcus Miller, Robert Glasper and Don Was. It will feature performances by more than 75 top-flight musicians. Fans can enjoy onstage interviews, meet-and-greet opportunities and other special events with the artists, such as a pick-up basketball game organized by Glasper.

LINEUP: Gregory Porter, Christian McBride, Melody Gardot, Robert Glasper, Marcus Miller, Kamasi Washington, David Sanborn, Don Was,

Eric Marienthal, Cory Henry, Kirk Whalum, Joey DeFrancesco, Cyrille Aimée, Gerald Clayton, Emmet Cohen, Wycliffe Gordon, Niki Haris, Joel Ross, Aaron Parks, Sullivan Fortner, Vicente Archer, Geoffrey Keezer, Ben Williams, Alex Han, Tom Kennedy, Immanuel Wilkins.
bluenoteatsea.com

The Jazz Cruise

Cruise departing from Miami, Florida
Feb. 1-8, 2020

Now celebrating its 20th Anniversary, the Jazz Cruise features more than 100 jazz musicians performing more than 250 hours of music. The cruise includes onstage interviews, meet-and-greet opportunities and other special events with the artists, such as a wine tasting, martini hour, beer blast and cigars under the stars.

LINEUP: Dianne Reeves, Christian McBride, Arturo Sandoval, Kurt Elling, Artemis (Renee Rosnes, Anat Cohen, Ingrid Jensen, Melissa Aldana, Noriko Ueda, Allison Miller), René Marie, Brubeck Brothers Quartet, Steve Tyrell, Joey DeFrancesco, Houston Person, Benny Green, Catherine Russell, Veronica Swift, Charles McPherson, John Pizzarelli, Byron Stripling, John Clayton, Jeff Clayton, Gerald Clayton, Jeff Hamilton, Randy Brecker, Lewis Nash, Jimmy Greene, Wycliffe Gordon, Shelly Berg, Emmet Cohen, Sullivan Fortner, Niki Haris, Matt Wilson, Ken Peplowski, James Morrison, Brian Lynch, Nicki Parrott, Terrell Stafford, Gary Smulyan, John Fedchock, Jennifer Wharton, Sean Jones, Dick Oatts, Antonio Hart, Romero Lubambo, Johnathan Blake.
thejazzcruise.com

Newport Beach Jazz Party

Newport Beach, California
Feb. 13-16, 2020

Fans at the 20th edition of this festival can expect the unexpected as their favorite artists often collaborate in surprise jam sessions.

LINEUP: Wycliffe Gordon, Houston Person, Veronica Swift, James Morrison, Emmet Cohen Trio, Jeff Hamilton Trio, Ken Peplowski, Scott Hamilton, Graham Dechter, Tony Monaco, Chuck Redd, Diego Figueredo, Tom Scott, Nicki Parrott, Lewis Nash, Katie Thiroux, Shelly Berg.
newportbeachjazzparty.com

GroundUP Music Festival

Miami Beach, Florida
Feb. 14-16, 2020

Snarky Puppy, which topped the Jazz Group category in the 2018 DownBeat Readers Poll, helps organize this festival. The band will play on all three nights of the 2020 festival, with a different lineup each night.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included Snarky Puppy, Chris Potter, Lalah Hathaway, David Crosby, Andrew Bird, Susan Baca.
festival.groundupmusic.net

San Jose Jazz Winter Fest

San Jose, California
Feb. 14-29, 2020

The "cool" counterpart to Summer Fest, this winter event presents jazz, blues, Latin music and other genres in intimate venues in downtown San Jose.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included Catherine Russell, Charles McPherson, Tiffany Austin, Aaron Diehl.
sanjosejazz.org

Elmhurst College Jazz Festival

Elmhurst, Illinois
Feb. 20-23, 2020

Every year for more than half a century, many of the best collegiate groups in the country have converged on the Elmhurst College campus for performances and educational sessions. At the 53rd annual edition of this event, student musicians will be surrounded by some of the most accomplished professional jazz musicians in the world to create an unparalleled learning environment and a series of high-profile concerts.

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LINEUP: Count Basie Orchestra directed by Scotty Barnhart, Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, Bobby Floyd, Dennis Mackrel, Bobby Shew, Gary Smulyan.
elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival

PDX Jazz Festival

Portland, Oregon
Feb. 20-March 1, 2020

This festival will feature main stage performances by some of the most important jazz artists of today, as well as numerous free events throughout the city. In addition to concerts, there will be education events, jazz conversations and lectures.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included Pharoah Sanders, Charles McPherson, Stanley Clarke, Terence Blanchard, The Bad Plus.
pdxjazz.com

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival

Moscow, Idaho
Feb. 28-29, 2020

This event is the largest educational jazz festival in the nation. Students from more than 100 schools will attend more than 90 workshops.

LINEUP: Joshua Redman, Vertical Voices, Steve Kovalchek, Erik Applegate, Lionel Hampton Big Band.
uidaho.edu/jazzfest

DeMiero Jazz Festival

Edmonds, Washington
March 5-7, 2020

At this event, jazz students will have the opportunity to experiment in a noncompetitive, nurturing environment. Vocalist Sara Gazarek is the artistic director.

LINEUP: Sara Gazarek, Soundsation Jazz Choir, Greta Matassa, Johnaye Kendrick.
demierojazzfest.org

UM Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival

Missoula, Montana
March 12-13, 2020

This festival will celebrate 40 years in 2020 and host more than 1,200 student musicians. Evening concerts will be held in the Dennison Theater.

LINEUP: Allison Miller, Brad Leali, Nate Kimball, Laura Caviani, Jim Sisko, Chris Finet.
umt.edu/music

Big Ears Festival

Knoxville, Tennessee
March 26-29, 2020

Big Ears explores the connections between music genres and other artistic disciplines. The festival presents more than 100 events, featuring concerts, films and visual art.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included the Art Ensemble of Chicago, Richard Thompson, Carla Bley, Béla Fleck, Rhiannon Giddens, Bill Frisell.
bigearsfestival.org

Miami Downtown Jazz Festival

Miami, Florida
April 2020 (Dates TBD)

The festival is focused on free performances

by some of Miami's top bands.

LINEUP: Past performers include Dr. Lonnie Smith, Arturo Sandoval, Regina Carter.
miamidowntownjazzfestival.org

Next Generation Jazz Festival Presented by Monterey Jazz Festival

Monterey, California
April 3-5, 2020

More than 1,300 student musicians will participate in the 50th annual edition of this event, which welcomes middle, high school and collegiate students.

LINEUP: Past performers have included ensembles from throughout the United States.
montereyjazzfestival.org

Knox-Rootabaga Jazz Festival

Galesburg, Illinois
April 16-18 2020

This festival brings together Knox College, the Galesburg community, area musicians, music lovers and arts supporters.

LINEUP: Matt Wilson, Knox Alumni Big Band, Knox College faculty members.
knox.edu

French Quarter Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 16-19, 2020

This event will feature more than 1,700 musicians on 23 stages, plus 60 food vendors and numerous special events scattered throughout the French Quarter. This festival is

considered the largest showcase of Louisiana food, music, and culture in the world.

LINEUP: Irma Thomas, Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, Ellis Marsalis, Charmaine Neville, The Dixie Cups, Rockin' Dopsie, Sweet Crude, Robin Barnes, Erica Falls, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Tim Laughlin, James Andrews, Jeremy Davenport, Little Freddie King.
frenchquarterfest.org

Eau Claire Jazz Festival

Eau Claire, Wisconsin
April 24-25, 2020

Founded in 1967, this event is presented in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

LINEUP: Cyrus Chestnut, James Morrison, Diane Schuur.
eauclairejazz.com

New York City Jazz Festival

New York City
April 24-25, 2020

Held at Symphony Space, this festival gives instrumental and vocal jazz ensembles the opportunity to perform as part of a ticketed daytime performance, receive comments from a panel of experts, have a private clinic with one of them and attend an evening performance of select professional and amateur musicians.

LINEUP: Past professional collaborators have included Kurt Elling, Bob Mintzer, John Fedchock, Paquito D'Rivera.
mcp.us/nyc-jazz-festival

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Trumpeter/vocalist Bria Skonberg is among the international artists who have performed at the North Carolina Jazz Festival in Wilmington.

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Saxophonist Houston Person and drummer/vibraphonist Chuck Redd—two of the headliners at the upcoming 40th annual North Carolina Jazz Festival in Wilmington—recently compared the fest to a jazz cruise. The NCJF will take place Jan. 23–25 at the Hotel Ballast, firmly planted on the bank of the Cape Fear River. All the musicians and most festgoers will stay at the hotel, which becomes as self-contained as any cruise ship.

“It’s akin to a jazz cruise, where everyone’s together,” Redd explained. “The musicians run into the patrons in the lobby or in the restaurant, and you develop a connection. ... It has become a destination festival, especially for people on the East Coast.”

“On a jazz cruise,” Person noted, “the ship is like a hotel, so it’s the same thing. It gives the fans more contact with the musicians. It allows

the fans to get to know the musicians, and the musicians to sell themselves to the fans. It’s great.”

Like many jazz cruises, the sets are a combination of working bands doing their usual show and jam sessions where players are mixed and matched with peers they might not have played with previously—just to see what sparks could fly. Each jam session has a leader to choose repertoire and tempos, but one session’s leader might be the next session’s sideman.

“It’s a nice format because you get to play with a lot of different guys,” Person said. “It’s a way of keeping abreast of what your peers are doing. When everything’s not so rehearsed, there’s more improvisation. It leads to a lot of work, because you meet guys you click with. You leave your ego at home and have a lot of fun.”

The first night of the 2020 festival will be

devoted to working bands. The show will open with Wilmington-based drummer Jon Hill’s band, followed by internationally renowned pianist Emmet Cohen leading his namesake trio. Following that set, the trio will back singer Veronica Swift, and the evening will culminate with Professor Cunningham’s Traditional Jazz Jam. The following two evenings will offer jam sessions, featuring 15 artists who will combine in different lineups. Among the participants will be Person, Redd, bassist/vocalist Nicki Parrott, pianist/vocalist Champian Fulton, trombonist Dion Tucker and bassist Herman Burney.

Unlike jazz cruises, however, the NCJF has a strong educational outreach program. On the morning of Jan. 24, the master musicians will fan out into three Wilmington schools to hold jazz workshops with students. That afternoon, a select number of students will be invited to the hotel to get small group lessons from nine different professionals.

“Back at the hotel, I’ll have six or seven students on drums and vibes,” Redd said. “I’ll assess their abilities, and I’ll find a drummer who can maintain a rhythm and someone who can play mallets. I’ll give them a riff, maybe a blues or something, and we’ll develop it into a tune. We can play something for the parents, and the kids feel like they’ve done something meaningful.”

The NCJF was founded by Harry Van Velsor, a dermatologist and pianist who led a local trad-jazz band. In the late ’70s, he found himself in a Chicago bar with a piano, and after asking the bartender if it was OK, Van Velsor commenced to play. Before long a stranger sat down on the bench beside him and began to pound out some dazzling boogie-woogie. It was Art Hodes, who had collaborated with Sidney Bechet and recorded leader dates for Blue Note. The two became friends, and Van Velsor showcased Hodes as the star of the inaugural NCJF in 1980.

In 2006, Van Velsor handed the leadership role to Sandy Evans, who serves as president of the festival. Evans set out to diversify and expand what primarily had been a trad-jazz affair. She added the working-band sets and the educational activities in schools. And for the jam sessions, she insisted on booking players from a broader array of styles to reflect more of the jazz spectrum.

“It’s all different kinds of jazz,” Evans said of the jam sessions. “I always tell the musicians, ‘Please stretch—do what you want to do when you’re the leader.’ One year, we did a tribute to *Charlie Parker With Strings*. Someone called me up and said, ‘Sandy, have you lost your mind? Harry will be turning over in his grave.’ The morning after the show, the same person called back and said, ‘All is quiet in the graveyard.’”

—Geoffrey Himes

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Hong Kong International Jazz Festival

Hong Kong, China
Sept. 22, Sept. 25-27

The 15th edition of the festival will include established and upcoming performers representing a wide range of genres.

LINEUP: Mathias Eick Quintet, Shaolin Fez, SJZ Collective, Morten Schantz Godspeed, Greg Osby, Anne Evenou Quartet, Maria Baptist & Jan von Klewitz Duo, Ron Ng Trio.
hkijf.com

Jeonju International Sori Festival

Jeonju, South Korea
Oct. 2-6

Founded in 2001, this fest showcases music from around the world, including traditional Korean styles.

LINEUP: Tres Bobon, The Tune, Akdangwang-chil, Ogamdo, Tanemotion, Sori Frontier with KB Bank, Tamikrest, Imperial Kikistan, Sinoy.
sorifestival.com

Enjoy Jazz

Heidelberg, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen & Baden-Württemberg, Germany
Oct. 2-Nov. 16

Programming for this fest includes a celebration marking the 50th anniversary of ECM Records. Jan Bang is the Artist-in-Residence this year.

LINEUP: Jan Bang, Rolf Kühn, Archie Shepp, Joachim Kühn, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Richard Bona, Alfredo Rodriguez, Theon Cross, Trondheim Voices, Tord Gustavsen, Kevin Hays, Lionel Loueke, Mark Guiliana, Kokoroko, Marie Kruttli Trio, Cory Wong, Yazz Ahmed, Yonathan Avishai Trio, Apparat, Ryan Porter & The West Coast Get Down, Marie Kruttli Trio, Emma-Jean Thackray.
enjoyjazz.de

Angra Jazz Festival

Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal
Oct. 3-5

For the past 20 years, many of the most important international jazz artists have played this festival.

LINEUP: Miguel Zenón, Orquestra Angrajazz with Carlos Azevedo, Emile Parisien Quintet Sfumato with Martial Solal, João Mortágua's Axes, Frank Kimbrough, Allan Harris Band.
angrajazz.com

Jarasum Jazz Festival

Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea
Oct. 4-6

The festival, set for its 16th edition, is a special place where fans can relax in picturesque surroundings.

LINEUP: Terence Blanchard's E-Collective, Jon Cleary & The Absolute Monster Gentlemen, The Danish Radio Big Band & Marilyn Mazur, 4 Wheel Drive, Matthew Whitaker Quartet, Makiko Hirabayashi Trio, Morten Schantz Godspeed, Maureen Choi Quartet, Soojin Suh Band, Dima Jazz Orchestra.
jarasumjazz.com

Stockholm Jazz Festival

Stockholm, Sweden
Oct. 11-20

Spread across 60 venues around Stockholm, the festival is one of Sweden's oldest and largest events with 200 concerts.

LINEUP: Carla Bley Trio, Lucky Chops, China Moses, Ayanna Witter Johnson, Oum, James Brandon Lewis, Lisa Ullén, Jojo Mayer/Nerve, Richard Bona & Alfredo Rodriguez, Jonah Nilsson, Sarah McKenzie, Oz Noy Trio, Osunlade, Art Ensemble Of Chicago, Leszek Mozdzer & Lars Danielsson, Oddjob, Joel

Lyssarides, Isabella, Lundgren, Viktoria Tolstoy.
stockholmjazz.se

Baloise Session

Basel, Switzerland
Oct. 12-31

For the past 34 years, major stars have been coming to this popular boutique festival to play jazz, soul, funk and blues.

LINEUP: Past performers include John Legend, Buddy Guy, Beth Hart, Lauryn Hill.
baloisesession.ch

DølaJazz Lillehammer Jazz Festival

Lillehammer, Norway
Oct. 17-20

Founded in 1978, this event has become one of the most acclaimed jazz festivals in Norway. Venues include the Lillehammer Art Museum and the historic Kulturhuset Banken.

LINEUP: The Real Thing, Urban Gardening & Jacob Young, Jonah Nilsson, Carsten Dahl Trinity, The Necks, Olga Konkova.
dolajazz.no

Skopje Jazz Festival

Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
Oct. 17-20

This year, the festival focuses on ECM Records' 50th anniversary, with performances by musicians connected to ECM. The work of Slovenian photographer Ziga Koritnik will be showcased in an exhibit.

LINEUP: David Torn, Fred Frith Trio, Sokratis Sinopoulos Quartet, Anouar Brahem Quartet, Jon Balke Batagraf, Art Ensemble Of Chicago, Joëlle Léandre, Tord Gustavsen Trio, James Brandon Lewis Unruly Quintet.
skopjejazzfest.com.mk

Jazzmandu

Kathmandu, Nepal
Oct. 17-23

The festival, now in its 17th year, gathers world-class musicians and enthusiastic fans in one of the most unique cities on the planet.

LINEUP: Faby Medina, RSxT, Paul Tynan & Jake Hanlon, Palouse Forro Experience, Tropic Green.
jazzmandu.com

Akbank Jazz Festival

Istanbul, Turkey
Oct. 17-27

This festival was launched in 1991, and it has grown steadily over the decades. Akbank has hosted the most prominent artists in jazz while also expanding its scope by including classical, electronic and world-music projects.

LINEUP: James Carter Organ Trio, Vaudou

Game, Alfa Mis, Mats Eilertsen Trio, Jakob Bro Trio (featuring Joey Baron & Thomas Morgan), Charles Lloyd Sky Trio (featuring Gerald Clayton & Marvin Sewell), Sarah McCoy, Bugge Wesseltoft & Erkan Ogur & Friends, Maisha.

akbanksanat.com

Canterbury Festival

Canterbury, United Kingdom

Oct. 19-Nov. 2

Canterbury Festival offers more than 200 events—from jazz and classical music to contemporary dance, comedy, theater and visual arts. Venues include Canterbury Cathedral and Kent College's Great Hall.

LINEUP: Los Pacaminos featuring Paul Young, FB Pocket Orchestra, Laura Mvula, Juan de Marcos' Afro-Cuban All Stars, Classico Latino with Omar Puente, Orphan Colours, Invicta Jazz, The 360 Band featuring Hamish Stuart.

canterburyfestival.co.uk

Barcelona Voll-Damm Jazz Festival

Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Oct. 19-Dec. 21

Founded in 1966, this festival is a two-month marathon with music from every corner of the jazz world—and beyond, including a mini flamenco festival.

LINEUP: Herbie Hancock, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, Ron Carter, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Lizz Wright, Maria Gadú, Juan de Marcos & The Afro-Cuban All Stars, Joe Lovano, Dave Douglas & Uri Caine, Jon Cleary & John Scofield, Crosscurrents Trio (Dave Holland, Zakir Hussain & Chris Potter), Alfredo Rodríguez & Richard Bona, Kyle Eastwood, Makaya McCraven, Bilal, Mark Guiliana, Peter Bernstein, Yonathan Avishai Trio, Andrea Motis, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Manu Dibango, Angélique Kidjo, Martín Leiton Big Band, Rafael Riqueni, Chicuelo-Marco Mezquida, Las Migas, Tomatito-José Mercé.

jazz.barcelona

Belgrade Jazz Festival

Belgrade, Serbia

Oct. 22-27

For 35 years, this festival has been devoted to showcasing new talent and prominent voices from all over the world. Nearly 30 concerts will be presented, and there will be a special showcase for young talent on the Serbian jazz scene. Panel discussion topics include Serbia's history and its place on the contemporary global jazz scene.

LINEUP: Charles Lloyd, Mingus Big Band, Dianne Reeves, Stanley Clarke, Michael Wollny, Maciej Obara, Théo Ceccaldi, Steve Coleman, Jazzmeia Horn, Gilad Hekselman, Flat Earth Society, Henry Texier, Nikolov-Ivanovic Undectet with Magic Malik, Francesco Diodati Yellow Squeeds, Henry Spencer & Juncture, Axes, Dimitry Ilugdin Trio featuring Tanya Balakyrskaya, Laila Biali, Shake Stew, Max Andrzejewski's

HÜTTE, Dragon's Fuel, Rastko Obradovic Quartet, Milan Stanisavljevic Quintet.

bjf.rs

Deutsches Jazzfestival Frankfurt

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Oct. 23-27

The festival will present its 50th edition, and the programming includes a tribute to ECM Records in honor of the label's 50th anniversary. Also, in a nod to the inaugural edition of the festival, organizers will revisit the concept of a German All Stars band and present a group with Angelika Niescier, Johannes Lauer, Ronnie

Graupe, Julia Kadel, Eva Kruse and Eva Klesse.

LINEUP: Jakob Bro Quartet, Michael Formanek's Ensemble Kolossus with hr-Bigband, Elina Duni, Crosscurrents Trio (Dave Holland, Zakir Hussain & Chris Potter), Charles Lloyd Quintet, Dinosaur, Enemy, Marcin Wasilewski Trio, Joachim Kühn/Michel Portal/Jim McNeely/hr-Bigband, Nubya Garcia, Alfa Mist, Uwe Oberg & Silke Eberhard, Christof Lauer & Kudsi Erguner, The German All Stars, Boulez Materialism (Christopher Dell, Johannes Brecht, Christian Lillinger & Jonas Westergaard).

hr2.de/musik/jazz/jazz-festival/index.html



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JAN 19th
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John Scofield at the 2018 Padova Jazz Festival in Italy



Umeå Jazz Festival

Umeå, Sweden
Oct. 23-27

Since 1968, this festival has served as a vibrant and vital international playground for artistic development. The programming emphasizes the core values of tradition, creativity, curiosity and accessibility. On Oct. 25, there will be a special performance by the Danish Radio Big Band and guitarist John Scofield.

LINEUP: Theo Croker, Trondheim Jazz Orchestra & Alf Hultbaekmo, Bobo Stenson, Danish Radio Big Band & John Scofield, Ralph Peterson, Jennie Abrahamson, Sisters Of Invention, Rymden, Lalitha & Nandini, Sten Sandell, Lisen Rylander Löve: Oceans, Shirley Davis & The Silverbacks, Scott Henderson Trio, Lisa Ullén, Roosevelt Collier, Kammarkören Sangkraft & Carl Bagge Trio.
umeajazzfestival.se

Agharta Prague Jazz Festival

Prague, Czech Republic
Oct. 23-Nov. 23

Lucerne Music Bar and the Agharta Jazz Centrum host this festival, presenting a mix of U.S. and European artists. Agharta takes its name from Miles' Davis 1975 live album.

LINEUP: JFK/PRG Dream Band featuring Karel Ruzicka, Jamison Ross, Karel Ruzicka Jr. Quartet, Mike Stern & Jeff Lorber Fusion Project featuring Dennis Chambers & Jimmy Haslip.
aghart.cz

Guinness Cork Jazz Festival

Cork, Ireland
Oct. 24-28

Aside from a stellar international lineup, this festival offers numerous free events and activities, including outdoor shows, a Jazz Bus, a jazz parade and a food fair.

LINEUP: Kurt Elling, Aslan, Booka Brass Band, Mica Paris, Big Brass Band Explosion, Jenny Greene, John Surman & Vigleik Storaas, Spyro Gyra, Elina Duni & Rob Luft, Arild Andersen, Fred Hersch Trio, Martha Reeves.
guinnessjazzfestival.com

Dominican Republic Jazz Festival

Santiago, Puerto Plata, Playa Alicia & Cabarete Beach, Dominican Republic
Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-3

The 23rd annual edition of this festi-

val will present free events that celebrate music, culture and the arts.

LINEUP: Chucho Valdés, Miguel Zenón, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Berklee Global Jazz Institute (with Walter Smith III), Jose Alberto El Canario, Joshy Y Su 4 Jazz, Trio Cubano, Arturo O'Farrill Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, Josean Jacobo, Nando Michelin, Justin Kauflin Trio.
drjazzfestival.com

Padova Jazz Festival

Padova, Italy
Oct. 25-Nov. 23

The 22nd edition of this festival will focus on pianists, with performances from young and promising talents, rising stars and masters of the keyboard.

LINEUP: Kenny Barron, Aaron Diehl Trio, Vijay Iyer, Monty Alexander Trio, Benny Green, Steve Gadd, Vanessa Tagliabue Yorke, James Brandon Lewis Unruly Quintet, Yotam Silberstein Quartet, María Grand Trio.
padovajazz.com

Bologna Jazz Festival

Bologna, Italy
Oct. 25-Nov. 26

This month long festival will present international guests and offer special workshops examining the intersection of jazz and other art forms.

LINEUP: Fred Hersch Trio, Pat Metheny Trio, Dena DeRose & The E.R.J. Orchestra, David Helbock, Dianne Reeves, Barry Harris Trio, Dave Douglas & Uri Caine, Simone Graziano, Crosscurrents Trio (Dave Holland, Zakir Hussain & Chris Potter), Ralph Alessi Quintet, Cory Wong, Hermeto Pascoal & Grupo, Bobby Watson-Andrea Pozza Duo, Aaron Parks Little Big, Jazz In'it Orchestra, David Torn.
bolognajazzfestival.com

Jazzno jazz Festival

Zurich, Switzerland
Oct. 30-Nov. 2

The 21st edition of this festival will offer an exciting mix of jazz, soul, funk and fusion.

LINEUP: Charles Lloyd, John McLaughlin, The Comet Is Coming, Rymden, Chucho Valdés & Stefano Bollani, Rickie Lee Jones, Tony Allen, Morcheeba, Azymuth, Level 42, The Brand New Heavies.
jazznojazz.ch

Jazzfest Berlin

Berlin, Germany
Oct. 31-Nov. 3

The 56th edition of the festival will launch with Anthony Braxton's "Sonic Genome," which will feature 60 musicians drawing from up to 450 of the composer's works for a six-hour performance.

LINEUP: Anthony Braxton's "Sonic Genome," Ambrose Akinmusire's Origami Harvest, Angel Bat Dawid & The Brothahood, Australian Art Orchestra, Brian Marsella, Christian Lillinger, Marc Ribot, Elliot Galvin, Eve Risser, hr-Bigband, James Brandon Lewis Unruly Quintet, KIM Collective, Leila Martial's BAA Box, Miles Okazaki, Sinikka Langeland's Sauna Cathedral, Australian Art Orchestra, Trickster Orchestra, Gropius Bau, Kaos Puls, Mopcut, Moskus, São Paulo Underground, COCO.
berlinerfestspiele.de/de/jazzfest-berlin/start.html

Tampere Jazz Happening

Tampere, Finland
Oct. 31-Nov. 3

Every year since 1982, this festival has gathered the top names in jazz, pioneers of the future and high-profile Finnish musicians for performances on concert stages and in intimate clubs.

LINEUP: Ambrose Akinmusire's Origami Harvest, Joëlle Léandre Tentet, Crosscurrents Trio (Dave Holland, Zakir Hussain & Chris Potter), The Skatalites, Das Kapital, Théo Ceccaldi Freaks, Aki Takase Japanese, Omar Sosa & Ylilan Cañizares, Rodrigo Amado, Fred Frith Trio & Susana Santos Silva, Laura Perrudin Doksha.
tamperemusicfestivals.fi

Riviera Maya Jazz Festival

Playa del Carmen, Mexico
November (Dates TBD)

This event is held close to 5th Avenue, right next to a gorgeous beach. The festival is free to enter with a small fee for the area closest to the stage.

LINEUP: Past performers include Chick Corea, Wallace Roney, Norah Jones, Bobby McFerrin.
rivieramayajazzfestival.com

JazzMi

Milan, Italy
Nov. 1-10

With 150 events and hundreds of participating artists, JazzMi is a hub of synergy and collaboration dedicated to the development of jazz. Concerts, interviews and exhibitions will take place in the center of the city.

LINEUP: Herbie Hancock, Kenny Barron, Hiromi, John McLaughlin, Archie Shepp, Enrico Rava, Nubya Garcia, Stefano Bollani & Chucho Valdés, The Wooten Brothers, Mingus Big Band, John Scofield & Jon Cleary, Afro-Cuban All Stars, Ambrose Akinmusire, Spyro Gyra, Giovanni Guidi & Fabrizio Bosso, Kokoroko, Gianluigi Trovesi & Gianni Coscia, Marcin Wasilewski, Rymden, Judith Hill, Melanie De Biasio, Kassa Overall, Nik Bärtsch's Ronin.
jazzmi.it

Roma Jazz Festival

Rome, Italy

Nov. 1-Dec. 1

Founded in 1976, this festival is one of the oldest in Europe and in the past has presented many legendary artists, including Miles Davis and Sarah Vaughan.

LINEUP: Abdullah Ibrahim, Dianne Reeves, Archie Shepp, Crosscurrents Trio (Dave Holland, Zakir Hussain & Chris Potter), Antonio Sánchez, Linda May Han Oh, Tigran Hamasyan, Donny McCaslin, Elina Duni, Ralph Towner, Carmen Souza, Richard Galliano, Paolo Fresu.

romajazzfestival.it

PalmJazz Festival

Tarnowskie Góry, Poland

Nov. 5-Dec. 6

This 10-year-old festival, initially launched by Krzysztof Kobylinski, previously has been held in select Polish cities and in London.

LINEUP: John Scofield, Nils Petter Molvaer Quartet, Avishai Cohen Trio, Mikael Godee & Leszek Kułakowski, Roby Lakatos, Jean-Luc Ponty & Clara Ponty Quartet, Jennifer Kamikazi, Marcin Wasilewski Trio, Jazzlab Orchestra, Blue Brass Band featuring David Murray.

palmjazz.pl

Leverkusener Jazztage

Leverkusener, Germany

Nov. 7-17

With more than 20,000 visitors as well as local attendees, Jazztage is one of the biggest jazz events in the German-speaking world.

LINEUP: WDR Big Band featuring Yellowjackets, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Billy Cobham, Bill Evans & The Spy Killers with Wolfgang Haffner, Simon Phillips, Das Paradies, Mare Nostrum, Götz Alsmann, Tina Dico, Jenniffer Kae.

leverkusener-jazztage.de

POA Jazz Festival

Porto Alegre, Brazil

Nov. 8-10

This festival, which draws fans from outside Brazil, features concerts, master classes and other events.

LINEUP: Jasper Bloom, Raiz de Pedra, Christian Sperandir, Rafuagi Jazz Combo, Amaro Freitas.

poajazz.com.br

Jazzdor Festival

Strasbourg, France

Nov. 8-23

The 34th edition of the festival is set to offer 36 concerts at venues across Strasbourg.

LINEUP: James Brandon Lewis, Olivier Lété, Francois Merville, Musina Ebobissé, Aki Takase/Daniel Erdmann, Miles Okazaki, Maria Grand Trio, Orchestre National de Jazz, Ikui Doki/Sofia Jernberg/Jaimie Branch, Amir ElSaffar's Two Rivers Ensemble, Alexander Hawkins, Michael

Wollny/Émile Parisien, Omar Sosa, Jacques Schwarz-Bart, Lucian Ban, Mat Maneri.

jazzdor.com

Era Jazzu/Poznan Jazz Festival

Poznan, Poland

Nov. 9, 2019; April 3-5, 2020

A nationwide series of performances hosting contemporary jazz stars culminates in a multiday festival at prestigious venues.

LINEUP: Stanley Jordan, Andrea Motis, Espen Eriksen, Czas Komedy Gala.

jazz.pl

Vilnius Mama Jazz Festival

Vilnius, Lithuania

Nov. 13-17

Founded in 2002, this festival hosts more than 100 performers each year. The program provides an in-depth look at Lithuania's jazz scene.

LINEUP: The Comet Is Coming, Oded Tzur Quartet, GoGo Penguin, The Bad Plus, Django Bates, Flat Earth Society, Brave Noises, Cinamono, Leonardas Pilkauskas, Trio Trys.

vilniusmamajazz.lt/en

EFG London Jazz Festival

London, United Kingdom

Nov. 15-24

The programming at this ambitious festival features talent from around the world, including legendary jazz masters, cutting-edge young bands, emerging British stars and outstanding collaborations. Venues include concert halls, as well as clubs.

LINEUP: Cécile McLorin Salvant & Sullivan Fortner, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Madison McCferrin, Terri Lyne Carrington, Trevor Watts Quartet, Marcin Wasilewski Trio, Ralph Peterson, Ingrid & Christine Jensen with the Whirlwind Recordings Jazz Orchestra, Chrissie Hynde, Nik Bärtsch & Sophie Clements, Barry

Guy, Angel Bat Dawid, Gary Bartz & Maisha with Dwight Tribble, Faraj Suleiman Quintet, Cleveland Watkiss, Elliot Galvin Trio, Laura Jurd Trio, Jean Toussaint, Omar Puente.

efglondonjazzfestival.org.uk

ECM 50th Anniversary Weekend

Brussels, Belgium

Nov. 21-24

Flagey celebrates the 50th anniversary of the trailblazing label ECM Records, the independent record label founded in Munich in 1969. Several ECM artists are scheduled to attend, as is label head Manfred Eicher.

LINEUP: Anouar Brahem & Orchestre Royal de Chambre de Wallonie, Anna Gourari & Reto Bieri, Enrico Rava Special Edition, Elina Duni, Avishai Cohen Big Vicious, Larry Grenadier, Avishai Cohen & Yonathan Avishai, Julia Hülsmann Quartet, Marcin Wasilewski Trio, Anja Lechner & François Couturier, Nik Bärtsch's Ronin, Louis Sclavis Quartet.

flagey.be

Christmas Jazz

Tallinn, Estonia

Nov. 29-Dec. 12

This festival presents concerts and programs at churches, clubs and concert halls.

LINEUP: Kurt Elling, Accent, Maria Faust, Pascal Schumacher.

jazzkaar.ee

We Jazz Festival

Helsinki, Finland, and Tallinn, Estonia

Dec. 1-8

The seventh annual edition of this festival will take place at various venues in Helsinki and Tallinn. Organized by the creative collective and record label of the same name, We Jazz offers an exploration of the many shades of jazz. Many of the festi-



val's venues change from year to year.

LINEUP: Past performers include Logan Richardson, Phronesis, Timo Lassy.
wejazz.fi

Gold Coast Jazz Fest

Flamingo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
Dec. 6-8

Fans who visit the Gold Coast of Costa Rica can enjoy 18 performances during two days of music on two stages.

LINEUP: Richard Bona & Alfredo Rodriguez, Jim Markway Quartet, Sammy DeLeon Septet, Kenny Anderson, Jackie Warren Trio, Hubbs Groove, Cece Teneal, Joe Hrbek & Sambossa.
goldcoastjazzfest.com

Umbria Jazz Winter

Orvieto, Italy
Dec. 28, 2019-Jan. 1, 2020

This festival is aimed at avid jazz fans, as well as those who are just discovering the genre. Concerts take place at the Teatro Mancinelli, the Palazzo del Popolo and the Palazzo dei Sette. There also will be music at the Ristorante San Francesco, an ideal place for music on New Year's Eve.

LINEUP: John Scofield, Gil Goldstein, Sullivan Fortner/Joe Sanders/Greg Hutchinson, Isaia Thompson Trio, Joel Ross, Warren Wolf, Joe Locke, Paolo Fresu, Danilo Rea.
umbriajazz.com

 **Festival Internacional de Jazz de Punta del Este**
Finca El Sosiego, Punta Ballena, Punta del Este, Uruguay
Jan. 3-6, 2020

This outdoor festival, which was founded in 1996, takes place in green pastures among horses and cows. Throughout the festival's history, its programming has remained faithful to jazz. This year's edition includes tributes to Art Blakey, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Miles Davis and J.J. Johnson.

LINEUP: Paquito D'Rivera, Kenny Barron, Diego Urcola, Terrell Stafford, Grant Stewart, Joe Magnarelli, Jason Brown, Ugonna Okegwo, Anthony Wonsey, Alex Brown, Eric Doob, Zachary Brown, Kiyoshi Kitagawa, Johnathan Blake, Nat Reeves, Eric McPherson, Rick Germanson, Steve Davis, Eddie Henderson, Joy Brown, Lucy Yeghiazaryan, Nate Pence, Tim Warfield, Chris Beck, Bruce Barth, David Felman, Pipi Piazolla, Popo Romano, Nicolás Mora.
festival.com.uy

Brussels Jazz Festival

Brussels, Belgium
Jan. 9-18, 2020

This event's concerts are held at Flagey, a 1930's art deco concert hall with high-tech acoustics. Also, a series of films, workshops for children and late-night sets are planned.

LINEUP: Makaya McCraven, Joshua Redman,

Portico Quartet, Alfa Mist, Jaimie Branch Fly or Die II, Antoine Pierre, Eric Legnini, Commander Spoon, Brussels Jazz Orchestra, Anton Eger.
flagey.be

Havana International Jazz Festival

Havana, Cuba
Jan. 12-20, 2020

The 35th edition of the festival is set to be its biggest yet. Last year, 142 musicians from dozens of nations performed.

LINEUP: Past performers include Chucho Valdés, Arturo O'Farrill, Adam O'Farrill, Roberto Fonseca, Bobby Carcassés.
jazzcuba.com

Panama Jazz Festival

Panama City, Panama
Jan. 13-18, 2020

The 17th edition of this festival will shine a spotlight on Panamanian alto saxophonist Reggie Johnson. The fest typically presents more than 30 concerts, 70 master classes and a music therapy symposium. The festival's artistic director is pianist Danilo Pérez.

LINEUP: Danilo Pérez, Dianne Reeves, Isaac Delgado, Ravi Coltrane, John Patitucci, Terri Lyne Carrington, Cyrus Chesnut, David Sánchez, Patricia Zarate Pérez, Adam Cruz, Lucia Pulido, Detroit Jazz Festival All-Star Band, Ben Street.
panamajazzfestival.com

Port-au-Prince International Jazz Festival

Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Jan. 18-25, 2020

This festival offers dozens of concerts in different venues around the capital.

LINEUP: Past performers include Christine Jensen, Kenny Garrett, Henri Texier.
papjazzhaiti.org

Dubai Jazz Festival

Dubai, United Arab Emirates
February 2020 (Dates TBD)

Over the years, this festival has presented more than 450 shows. Program details for the 18th annual edition will be announced in late 2019.

LINEUP: Past performers include Keb' Mo', John Legend, Alicia Keys, Snow Patrol, Jamiroquai.
dubaijazzfest.com

Winter Jazz

Copenhagen, Denmark
February 2020 (Dates TBD)

Held every February since 2009, this festival showcases the top artists in Scandinavia.

LINEUP: Past performers include Jean-Michel Pilc, Gilad Hekselman, Benjamin Koppel, Scott Colley.
winterjazz.dk

Flagey Piano Days

Brussels, Belgium
Feb. 7-16, 2020

This festival is set to mark the 250th birth

year of Ludwig Von Beethoven. In addition to concerts, there is a film program, as well as an exposition dedicated to the piano.

LINEUP: Nelson Goerner, Herbert Schuch & Gülrü Ensari, Bram De Looze, Walter Hus, Frank Braley & Gautier Capuçon, Tamara Stefanovich.
flagey.be

 **Oscar Peterson International Jazz Festival**
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Feb. 12, 2020

OPIJF's third season presents the world premiere of Oscar Peterson's suite titled *Africa*, arranged by John Clayton. Presented in partnership with The Royal Conservatory, at Toronto's magnificent Koerner Hall, the suite will be performed by an all-star multinational band. The evening also will include the presentation of the Canadian Jazz Master Awards. The festival's artistic director is Renee Rosnes.

LINEUP: John Clayton, Benny Green, Christian McBride, Mike Murley, Reg Schwaiger, Lewis Nash and many others.
opjazzfest.org

Fiesta Del Tambor

Havana, Cuba
March 2020 (Dates TBD)

This annual festival of rhythm and dance includes an immersive percussion and drum workshop presented by festival sponsor/collaborator KoSA Cuba.

LINEUP: Past performers include Mark Guilian, Aldo Mazza, José Eladio Amat, Dafnis Prieto, Delvis Ponce, Eduardo Sandoval.
fiestadeltambor.cult.cu

Jakarta International Java Jazz Festival

Jakarta, Indonesia
March 2020 (Dates TBA)

This event was launched in 2005 with about 150 shows, and it is now one of the largest jazz festivals in the world.

LINEUP: Past performers include Chick Corea, Arturo Sandoval, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Dewa Budjana, Dira Sugandi.
javajazzfestival.com

Cape Town International Jazz Festival

Cape Town, South Africa
March 27-28, 2020

Affectionately referred to as "Africa's Grandest Gathering," this festival will present its 21st annual edition in 2020. The programming includes South African artists, as well as performers from around the globe.

LINEUP: Past performers include Abdul-Ibrahim Ibrahim, John Scofield, Jonathan Butler, Don Vito, Nicole Mitchell, Eliane Elias, Sho Madjozi, Keyon Harrold, Shekinah, The Soweto Gospel Choir.
capetownjazzfest.com



Terence Blanchard performs at the Belgrade Jazz Festival in 2009.

DIVERSE CURATION SUSTAINS BELGRADE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Vojislav Pantić, the artistic director of the Belgrade Jazz Festival, can recount all sorts of stories about the jazz greats who have played the event, which will present its 35th edition this fall.

There was the time in 1971, the festival's inaugural year, when trumpeter Miles Davis wouldn't go on until he was sure that his pianist, a very late Keith Jarrett, had arrived at the concert hall, straight from the tarmac. Another time, in 1980, saxophonist Sonny Rollins continued playing on a dark stage without amplification well past the government curfew that mandated lights out at midnight. In 2009, saxophonist Joe Lovano insisted on playing with his arm in a cast, having suffered a fracture on tour the day before. And trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, like Davis, first played the Belgrade festival in 1971—returning to perform four additional times, more often than any other artist—before political upheaval in Serbia shuttered the event for 15 years.

Pantić, who's been with the festival in various capacities since 1988, took over as artistic director in 2005, at the end of the 15-year hiatus. In a nod to the festival's anniversary and its improbable longevity, this year the event will run for six days instead of five, from Oct. 22 to 27, and will be billed as a "Jazz Celebration."

"If there hadn't been that break, we would be nearing our 50th anniversary—but we're happy that it survived," said Pantić from Belgrade during a phone interview. He noted that 85 percent of seats for this year's spate of shows already

had been sold.

The festival's draw can be attributed to Pantić's careful curation. As usual, this year's lineup reflects the talent mix he prefers: roughly one-third U.S. musicians, one-third European musicians and one-third local Serbian musicians, many of whom studied abroad at notable U.S. and European schools.

"The names in the first concerts were so big, we have a responsibility to carry on that tradition," he explained. "But we don't want to just look to the past, at jazz 50 years ago. We want to look at jazz now."

This year's edition includes a glittering constellation of headliners at all levels of celebrity, representing sundry approaches to the language of jazz. All told, about 30 acts will share the festival's three concert stages over the course of six days. Among the U.S. artists are vocalists Dianne Reeves and Jazzmeia Horn, bassist Stanley Clarke and saxophonist Charles Lloyd. The European contingent includes pianist Michael Wollny, guitarist Francesco Diodati's band Yellow Squeeds, violinist Théo Ceccaldi, trumpeter Henry Spencer and saxophonist Maciej Obara. Serbian acts on the bill include the ensemble Nikolov-Ivanović Undectet, saxophonist Rastko Obradović and pianist Milan Stanisavljević.

Of all the visiting musicians, only one has played the festival before—saxophonist Lloyd, who returns for his third appearance. "I first performed in Belgrade in 2011 with [my ensemble]

the New Quartet," he wrote in an email from Taipei, Taiwan, where he was on tour. "We had a wild and wonderful concert in the festival theater, a rather depressing, concrete building. Many of the concert halls in the former Communist countries have this same feeling. We tried to blast through the cold, gray walls and bring in some light—we [heard] the cries for freedom that are embedded in the walls and [tried] to release them through sound."

For Lloyd, whose heavy touring schedule has him jetting from one international capital to the next for much of the year, the Belgrade date stands out for its diverse, jazz-savvy audience and the skilled management of the BJJF team. "[Pantić and Program Manager Dragan Ambrozic] run the festival extremely well, with an openness to new experiences and expansion of ideas," he noted.

On Oct. 27, Lloyd and his newest ensemble, Kindred Spirits, are set to play Kombank Hall—formerly known as Dom Sindikata, a Soviet-era trade union building that underwent a modernizing facelift in 2017–'18. This time, Lloyd's view from stage will be different: Kombank Hall is now a chic performance space that gleams with possibility and optimism.

Venues aside, though, some things about the Belgrade Jazz Festival remain unchanged. Pantić and his team continue in their seemingly indefatigable efforts to honor their city's proud jazz traditions—and to fill its walls with great new voices.

—Suzanne Lorge