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Cape May Jazz Festival

Cape May, New Jersey

April 8–10

The fest harbors both the Big Apple and an ever-improving roster of artists, including “Tonight Show” alum Kevin Eubanks and percussionist Poncho Sanchez, who headline at Our Lady Star of the Sea Auditorium in the Washington Square Mall. Patrons can also converse with artists personally at a special CD signing party and various workshops.

Lineup: Kevin Eubanks, Gregory Porter, Leon Jordan Jr. Quintet, Winston Byrd, Lauren Hooker, Tom Larsen Blues Band, John Beasley, Rotimi Hundeyin and de Afrophonic Rhythms Crew, Warren Wolf, Kim Clarke’s Inner Circle Trio with Sheryl Bailey and Sylvia Cuenca, Point Blank with Gerald Chavis, Andrew Boy Jr. Blues Band, Blue Bone.

More info: capemayjazz.org

Harlem Jazz Shrines Festival

New York, New York

May 9–15

A brainchild of the Apollo Theater, Jazzmobile and Harlem Stage, the inaugural Harlem Jazz Shrines Festival reinvents the neighborhood’s jazz heyday by presenting big band concerts, late-night cutting contests, dance jams and conversations about jazz culture across a wide swath of Uptown Manhattan, with most ticket prices hovering at an affordable \$10. In “Blazing Tongues: The Singers and Writers of Lenox Lounge,” the festival explores the legendary venue’s rich history of showcasing both artists such as John Coltrane and Harlem Renaissance authors like James Baldwin, through a selection of music and literature presentations on May 11. Panel discussions focus on intersections between jazz and gospel, the music’s Afro-Cuban connections and more.

Lineup: Jason Moran and Meshell Ndegeocello, Wycliffe Gordon with Savion Glover, Carla Cook and Nikki Yanofsky, Jimmy Heath Big Band, Geri Allen.

More info: harlemjazzshrines.org

Kennedy Center’s Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival

Washington, D.C.

May 19–21

Off the heels of the Mary Lou Williams’ centennial birthday celebration, the D.C. showcase pays homage to the genre’s paramount female performers. The Kennedy Center highlights piano as its keynote instrument for this year’s Emerging Artist Workshop, which rediscovers the Williams catalog and culminates in a Millennium Stage performance.

Lineup: JaLaLa (featuring Janis Siegel, Laurel



Chick Corea Freedom Band @ Caramoor Jazz Festival

Massé and Lauren Kinhan), Jamie Baum Septet, Tia Fuller Quartet, Corky Hale, Peggy Stern and Sue Terry.

More info: kennedy-center.org

DC Jazz Festival

Washington, D.C.

June 1–13

For its seventh year in the nation’s capital, the festival is hosting events throughout the city and bringing back the free all-day concert, Jazz At The National Mall.

Lineup: Bobby McFerrin, Roy Hargrove, Eddie Palmieri, Donald Harrison, more.

More info: dcjazzfest.org

Pittsburgh JazzLive International

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 3–5

Situated in Pittsburgh’s thriving cultural district, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents its first jazz program apart from the organization’s weekly summer series. A JazzLive Club Crawl and the Three Rivers Arts Festival accompany three days of music on the JazzLive Summer Stages, along with the Showcase Noir African-American Fine Art Sale.

Lineup: Soulive, Gretchen Parlato, Sean Jones, Roger Humphries, more.

More info: pittsburghjazzlivefest.com

Burlington Discover Jazz Festival

Burlington, Vermont

June 3–12

The New England fest celebrates its 28th year amid a scenic backdrop of Burlington greenery and a slew of local and national musicians. The lineup offers up an versatile combo of everything from Latin rhythms to epic names in fusion.

Lineup: Herbie Hancock’s Imagine Project,

Béla Fleck and the Original Flecktones, “Cubano-Be, Cubano-Bop” featuring Poncho Sanchez and Terence Blanchard, Bitches Brew Revisited, JD Allen Trio, Myra Melford Be Bread Sextet, Sheila Jordan and Jay Clayton, Catherine Russell, Ray Vega Latin Jazz Quintet.

More info: discoverjazz.com

Vision Festival

New York, New York

June 6–12

The Abrons Art Center remains the epicenter of this Lower East Side standby, adding to the mix an array of emerging young talent in the fields of music, dance, poetry and visual art. Peter Brötzmann will receive lifetime achievement honors, marking the first time in Vision’s history that a European has been recognized.

Lineup: David S. Ware, Kidd Jordan, John Tchicai, more.

More info: visionfestival.org

Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival

Rochester, New York

June 10–18

With the help of a multi-venue pass, patrons can frequent 17 stages over the course of nine days, all within the confines of the burgeoning East End. Among the 250 shows and 1,200 artists, the 10th edition of this Rochester staple hosts a variable who’s who of global all-stars.

Lineup: Natalie Cole, Elvis Costello and The Imposters, Béla Fleck and The Flecktones, Kenny Barron Trio, Regina Carter’s Reverse Thread, Mark Murphy, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Bill Charlap Trio, Bill Frisell’s Beautiful Dreamers, G. Love & Spe-

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Bill Charlap, piano / Jay Leonhart, bass
Dennis Mackrel, drums

Wed, Jul 20, 8 pm THE KEY PLAYERS

Kenny Barron, piano / Bill Mays, piano
Bruce Barth, piano / Bill Charlap, piano
Peter Washington, bass / Willie Jones III, drums

Thu, Jul 21, 8 pm SUMMER SERENADE: THE MUSIC OF BENNY CARTER

Mary Stallings, vocals / Phil Woods, alto sax
Jon Gordon, alto sax / Harry Allen, tenor sax
Jimmy Greene, tenor sax / Gary Smulyan, baritone sax / Bill Charlap, piano / Peter Washington, bass / Kenny Washington, drums

Tue, Jul 26, 8 pm TRUE BLUE: THE BLUE NOTE RECORDS LEGACY

Randy Brecker, trumpet / Steve Wilson, alto sax / Eric Alexander, tenor sax / Dave Stryker, guitar / Renee Rosnes, piano / Bill Charlap, piano / Peter Washington, bass / Lewis Nash, drums

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More info: rochesterjazz.com

West Oak Lane Jazz and Arts Festival

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 17-19

Free to visitors, the eighth annual northwest Philly gala offers an array of worldly fare for eyes and ears, including a marketplace of original local artwork, a 72nd Avenue food vending area and non-stop live jazz rippling down Ogontz Avenue. The three-day outdoor event sticks to its New Orleans theme, offering up its Second Line parade in true Mardi Gras fashion.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's lineup included Al Jarreau, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Dianne Reeves, George Duke, David Sanborn.

More info: westoaklanefestival.com

Paulie's NOLA Jazz & Blues Festival

Worcester, Massachusetts

June 24-25

This central Massachusetts celebration of New Orleans music takes place at an urban fairground. Talent comes straight from Louisiana and various parts of the Bay State.

Lineup: Tab Benoit, Eric Lindell Band, Mem Shannon & The Membership, Big Sam's Funky Nation, Henri Smith with Charles Neville, Anders Osborne, Chris Fitz Band, more.

More info: baevents.com/pauliesnolabluesandjazzfestival/

Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival

Saratoga Springs, New York

June 25-26

Freihofer's 34th-anniversary year brings more than 20 ensembles and solo artists to the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. The two-day weekend fest also features a fine arts and crafts area with a children's tent.

Lineup: Michael McDonald, Dee Dee Bridgewater, "Sing The Truth" featuring Angélique Kidjo, Dianne Reeves and Lizz Wright, Jack DeJohnette Group featuring Rudresh Mahanthappa, Eliane Elias, Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings, The Bad Plus, Tia Fuller, Ben Allison.

More info: spac.org/jazzfest/

Syracuse Jazz Festival

Syracuse, New York

June 25-26

Held at the Onondaga Community College campus, the largest free jazz fest in the Northeast puts an emphasis on education with complementary clinics, master classes and workshops. Per usual, producer Frank Malfitano delivers a solid lineup of soul, jazz and fusion talent.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Aretha Franklin, Dave Brubeck, Wynton Marsalis, Pete Fountain, Sonny Rollins, Smokey Robinson, Sergio Mendes, Chaka Khan, Roberta Flack, Jeff Lorber Fusion.

More info: syracusejazzfest.com

Belleayre Music Festival

Highmount, New York

July 3-September 3

The Catskill Forest Preserve has become a focal point for festival-goers seeking entertainment outside the urban limits of New York. They can find it two-and-a-half hours away, when the Belleayre Mountain ski resort offers two sessions of jazz programs ranging from the traditional to the experimental.

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Lineup: Ravi Coltrane, Jimmy Cobb's "So What Band," k.d. lang, Bela Fleck and the Original Flecktones, more.

More info: belleayremusic.org

Briggs Farm Blues Festival

Nescopeck, Pennsylvania

July 8–9

Not far from Wilkes-Barre, this 14-year-old event takes place on a 350-acre farm. In addition to top blues performers from the Delta, Chicago and elsewhere, there's food—people swear by the roasted corn-on-the-cob—and on-site camping.

Lineup: Eddie Shaw & the Wolf Gang, James Armstrong, Jimmy "Duck" Holmes, Alexis P. Suter Band.

More info: briggsfarm.com

North Atlantic Blues Festival

Rockland, Maine

July 16–17

Right on beautiful Penobscot Bay, this gala is going strong in its 17th year. During the same weekend, several restaurants and pubs in tourist-friendly Rockland provide blues entertainment.

Lineup: Eric Bibb, Brooks Family Reunion, Magic Slim & The Teardrops, Robert Cray, Billy Branch, more.

More info: northatlanticbluesfestival.com

Jazz in July

New York, New York

July 19–28

Artistic Director Bill Charlap takes the 92nd Street YMCA gig back to an unforgotten era of New York swing. This year's July festival spotlights jazz pianists with additional tributes to Benny Carter, Dave Brubeck and Irving Berlin. This year's event will also and also give special attention to the influence of New York-based Blue Note Records.

Lineup: Kenny Barron, Marilyn Maye, Houston Person, Bucky Pizzarelli, Renee Rosnes, Phil Woods.

More info: 92y.org/jazz

Maryland Summer Jazz Camp & Festival

Rockville, Maryland

July 20–22, July 27–29

The two sessions of Maryland's capital city festival consist of three instruction-heavy days of workshops and jam sessions, each of which offers a 7:1 student-to-teacher ratio for extremely personal instruction. The festival culminates in faculty and student concerts to demonstrate newly acquired techniques.

Lineup: Jeff Antoniuk, Fred Lipsius, John D'Earth, Alex Norris, Tom Baldwin, Amy Shook, James King, Steve Rochinski, Steve Herberman, Tony Martucci, Frank Russo, Wade Beach, Alan Blackman, Greg Boyer, Alison



Crockett, Felicia Carter.

More info: marylandsummerjazz.com

KoSA International Percussion Workshop

Castleton, Vermont

July 26–31

This intensive hands-on experience lectures "campers" on a spectrum of drumming technologies and hosts informal daily jams. Along with a memorable faculty of seasoned percussionists, the Castleton State College six-day workshop includes globally diverse seminars and video conferences.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Glen Velez, Steve Smith, Horacio Hernandez, Antonio Sanchez, Dave Samuels, Mike Mainieri, Giovanni Hidalgo.

More info: kosamusic.com

Pennsylvania Blues Festival

Palmerton, Pennsylvania

July 30–31

Rising out of the ashes of the late Pocono Blues Festival, the first festival at the Blue Mountain Ski Resort in the Pocono Mountains offers world-class acts on two stages. Chairlift rides, food and craft booths, and on-site camping are also part of the attraction.

Lineup: Shemekia Copeland, Bettye LaVette, Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials, John Nemeth, Kenny Neal, Samuel James, more.

More info: skibluemt.com

Caramoor Jazz Festival

Katonah, New York

August 5–7

Organized by jazz producer Jim Luce, the 18th edition of the weekend-long Caramoor



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International Music Festival subsidiary boasts a lineup ranging from ambitious up-and-comers to crowd-pleasing chart-toppers. Once again, the fest will commence amid the Caramoor Center's Mediterranean-style villas, opera-epicentric Venetian Theater and scenic botanical gardens.

Lineup: Jason Moran and The Bandwagon, John Scofield Trio, Joshua Redman's James Farm, Christian McBride Big Band, Fred Hersch & Nico Gori Duo, Renee Rosnes Quartet, Robert Glasper Trio, Lucky Peterson, Edmar Castaneda Quartet, Juan-Carlos Formell & Johnny's Dream Club, more.

More info: caramoor.org

Litchfield Jazz Festival

Kent, Connecticut
August 5-7

The grounds of the Kent School provide a wealth of entertaining and educational opportunities, such as Q&A with artist-in-residence Matt Wilson and NEA Jazz Master Roy Haynes, and various clinics by festival performers. Step outside the confines of the Springs Center, and jazz enthusiasts can delight in between-show performances by the school's own jazz ensembles, as well as the charm and cuisine of downtown Kent.

Lineup: The Clayton Brothers, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Albert Rivera Organ Trio, Champian Fulton Quartet, The Bronx Horns, Vijay Iyer, Ray Charles Tribute featuring Davell Crawford, Roy Haynes, Dena DeRose Trio, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Matt Wilson Quartet Plus Strings, Joe Lovano Nonet, Jimmy Heath Big Band.

More info: litchfieldjazzfest.com

Newport Jazz Festival

Newport, Rhode Island
August 5-7

George Wein's flagship festival returns to Rhode Island this summer under the auspices of a non-profit organization, the Newport Festivals Foundation. Wein hopes the move to non-profit status will extend the event's potential lifespan and allow foundations and others to make donations to the cause throughout the year.

Lineup: Mostly Other People Do The Killing, Regina Carter, Steve Coleman, Wynton Marsalis, Charles Lloyd, John Hollenbeck Large Ensemble, Eddie Palmieri, more.

More info: newportjazzfest.net

Scranton Jazz Festival

Scranton, Pennsylvania
August 5-7

Now in its eighth year, the Scranton fest delivers another round of stellar jazz performances, expanding its repertoire outside of the historic



Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel to a number of other downtown venues.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included the Marko Marcinko Latin Jazz Sextet, Nate Birkey, Pete McCann Quintet, Bill Carter and the Presby-bop Quartet.

More info: scrantonjazzfestival.org

Provincetown Jazz Festival
Cape Cod, Massachusetts

August 12–13 and 15

The seventh annual festival brings three days of jazz to the furthest reaches of Cape Cod, with concerts held at Provincetown Town Hall and the Cotuit Center for the Arts.

Lineup: Adrienne and Josh Hindmarsh, String of Pearls, Dane Vannatter, Stage Door Canteen, Bruce Abbott, Holli Ross.

More info: provincetownjazzfestival.org

Tanglewood Jazz Festival

Lenox, Massachusetts

September 2–4

Held over Labor Day weekend in a historic and scenic part of the state, the Boston Symphony Orchestra revue will showcase a stellar roster of artists, as well as a featured presentation of NEA Jazz Masters Jimmy Cobb and Gunther Schuller.

Lineup: Jimmy Cobb, Angélique Kidjo, Dianne Reeves, Lizz Wright, Gunther Schuller, Mingus Orchestra, Michael Kaeshammer, Robin McKelle, Judy Carmichael, John Santos Quartet, Federico Britos Quintet.

More info: tanglewoodjazzfestival.org

The Many Colors of A WOMAN

Hartford, Connecticut

September 3, September 24

The 24th annual celebration of female performers worldwide offers patrons a broad education in contemporary jazz and now includes an additional day of festivities.

Lineup: Nicki Mathis' Afrikan Amerikan Jazz New Millennium All Stars, International Women In Jazz Chorus.

More info: themanycolorsofawomanincorporated.webs.com

COTA Jazz Festival

Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania

September 9–11

This promising jamboree unites Poconos artists of multiple disciplines, from classical music to dance, and provides juried reviews for each area. The event also features artisan booths, as well as a children's area.

Lineup: A tribute to vocalist Bob Dorough will feature music from the Bob Dorough Songbook and "Schoolhouse Rock," as well as a guest appearance by Dorough himself and many of his bandmates.

More info: cotajazz.org

Berklee BeanTown Jazz Festival

Boston, Massachusetts

September 24

The city comes out in force—a record-breaking 80,000 for its 10th anniversary in 2010—for jazz and Latin artists on three stages for six-blocks in Boston's South End neighborhood. Along with ticketed concerts, the festival also features more than 15 artists on three stages.

Lineup: Joshua Redman, more.

More info: beantownjazz.org

Pittsfield CityJazz Festival

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

October 7–20

A Berkshire Hills annual jazz crawl complements the much-anticipated reunion of headliners Grace Kelly and Phil Woods. This year will mark the fifth anniversary of the pair's performance at the festival with the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors rhythm section.

Lineup: Grace Kelly, Phil Woods, Armen Donelian.

More info: berkshiresjazz.org

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Music Stars, Nightly Jam Sessions Anchor Upstate New York Rochester Festival

By Thomas Staudter

Guitarist and educator Bob Sneider, the majordomo for the nightly jam sessions at the Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival in upstate New York, recalls leading the informal soiree the first night when the event began in 2002 and wondering if any of the “big names” would show up. Saxophonist John Nugent, founder and artistic director of the festival, had stopped by to play and was soloing “with his eyes closed tight,” Sneider says, when headliner George Benson sneaked onto the stage, commandeered his guitar and joined right in mid-“Cherokee.”

“The second John heard a different guitarist comping behind him he opened eyes, saw George, then turned to me with the biggest smile,” says Sneider. “Immediately, we both knew we were into something special.”

The 10th Anniversary Edition of the Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival takes place June 10–18, and the galaxy of performers slated to appear include popular acts like Chris Botti, k.d. lang, Bela Fleck and the Original Flecktones, Natalie Cole and Elvis Costello along with top purveyors and progenitors of the improviser’s art, world music and rootsy Americana genres. Serious jazz fans undoubtedly will make a beeline to shows led by Jim Hall, Kenny Barron, Bill Frisell, Mark Murphy, Regina Carter, Bill Charlap and Lew Tabackin, to name a few, but the full lineup—all 120 acts—poses the sort of conundrums that happily agog festival goers always face.

This year, Nugent is also on the bill, as an anniversary gift to himself, in a performance with strings on 10 commissioned arrangements.

“Our philosophy, from the beginning, has been to bring in music fans with all kinds of music, including pop shows, to get people walking around to hear everything we have to offer,” Nugent said. “This is no different than, years ago, George Wein bringing to Newport both Duke Ellington and Chuck Berry. With Aretha Franklin, Sonny Rollins, Dianne Reeves and Dr. John as our headliners in 2002, we were able to pack the big venues and get people to check out what was going on in the clubs. This idea is what’s behind the festival’s motto: It’s Not Who You Know, It’s Who You Don’t Know. That’s how we’ve been able to build an audience that gets excited about discovering new music.” Indeed, Nugent books dozens of lesser-known acts and groups made up Eastman School of Music students, giving festival-goers an opportunity to catch tomorrow’s headliners in their



John Nugent

nascency.

Attendance at the Rochester Jazz Festival (hometown office products giant Xerox has been the title sponsor for the past three years, with M&T Bank serving as a presenting sponsor) has grown from 15,000 to 2010’s 165,000 across 17 venues. Nugent and Marc Iacona, the festival’s executive director, wisely organized the footprint of the festival so that attendees need only walk less than 10 minutes from gig to gig and lobbied city officials to close down a mile-length section of East Avenue to create a promenade during the festival. A “club pass” ticket system ensures that people are on the move from one show to the next until the end of the night, when a line develops outside the Rochester Plaza Hotel for admittance into the jam session.

Musical artists appreciate that the local citizenry shares in the excitement of the Rochester festival. Jake Shimabukuro, the crossover ukulele virtuoso, was one of those lesser-known artists Nugent invited to the festival a few years back and then returned as a headliner.

“Performing at the Rochester festival has been one of the most inspiring events in my career,” Shimabukuro said. “Initially, I was nervous about how I’d be received because I’m not a jazz artist, but everyone welcomed and embraced me and my playing. There are so many people from the community involved in the festival, and their energy and enthusiasm are totally infectious.”

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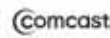
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Lineup: Smokey Robinson, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald featuring Dee Dee Bridgewater, Maurice Brown, Sammy DeLeon y su Orquesta, The Robert Glasper Trio, Oikos Ensemble, Regina Carter's Reverse Thread.

More info: tricjazzfest.com

Glenn Miller Festival

Clarinda, Iowa

June 9–12

For the 36th time, a fellowship of jazz fans head to the legendary bandleader's birthplace to pay homage to the man himself. The festival celebrates all things Alton Glenn Miller, from tribute stage shows to picnics and historical displays, including tours of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum and Home.

Lineup: The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, United States Airforce Noteables.

More info: glennmiller.org

Chicago Blues Festival

Chicago, Illinois

June 10–12

While Chicago will have a new mayor this year, the city remains the proud host of the largest free-admission blues festival in the world. The annual celebration will mark the centennial of the legendary Robert Johnson.

Lineup: TBA. Last year included Zora Young, Lurrie Bell and John Primer.

More info: chicagobluesfestival.us

Ravinia Festival

Highland Park, Illinois

June 11–August 26

The summer home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra continues its grand tradition of superior jazz programming with more commissioned works and ensembles throughout the summer. The season's anticipated performances include Ramsey Lewis' debut of “Colors: The Ecology of Oneness.”

Lineup: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, Steans Music Institute Jazz Showcase, Dave Brubeck and Sons, Ramsey Lewis Trio, Eldar Djangirov, Tony Bennett.

More info: ravinia.org

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**Twin Cities Jazz Festival**

Saint Paul, Minnesota

June 23–25

Minnesota's largest jazz festival converges on the historic Lowertown district for the 13th year, offering free concerts on two Mears Park stages.

Lineup: Gary Burton Quartet with Julian Lage, Antonio Sanchez and Jorge Roeder, Danilo Pérez, Deodato, Airforce Noteables.

More info: hotsummerjazz.com

Elkhart Jazz Festival

Elkhart, Indiana

June 24–26

A diverse lineup of more than 90 performers, ranging from traditional gypsy swing and Delta blues to New Orleans and Dixieland brass, brings Elkhart full-circle at six separate downtown venues.

Lineup: Alfonso Ponticelli & Swing Gitan, Ariel Pocock Trio, Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band, Bucky Pizzarelli Quartet, Cakewalkin' Jass Band.

More info: elkhartjazzfestival.com

Mississippi Valley Blues Festival

Davenport, Iowa

July 1–3

Launched in 1986, this Mississippi Valley Blues Society-produced concert weekend features about 30 leading bands and solo performers in LeClaire Park, on the banks of the mighty Mississippi. Performers in recent years have included Buddy Guy, Mavis Staples and Honeyboy Edwards

Lineup: TBA.

More info: mvbs.org/fest

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Iowa City, Iowa

July 1–3

Courtesy of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, this year's festival ups its instructional offerings. A Saturday morning educational workshop spotlights the experience and technical advice of mainstage acts.

Lineup: Roswell Rudd, Bob Washut, Deborah Weisz, The Trombone Tribe,

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More info: summerofthearts.org

Sioux Falls Jazz Festival

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

July 14–16

In addition to three days of live music on two stages, this family-friendly jazz cornerstone hosts a summer jazz camp for budding musicians and a Yankton Trail Park 5K. The festival celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Keb' Mo', Bettye LaVette, Jonny Lang, Taj Mahal, Dr. John.

More info: jazzfestsiouxfalls.com

Columbus Jazz and Rib Fest

Columbus, Ohio

July 22–24

The annual competition for the area's best finger-licking 'Q celebrates its 32nd year at the downtown riverfront and hosts a surplus of glory-seeking rib-burners from 10 states and Canada, along with a variable smorgasbord of national and international jazz fare. For a sample of regional musical flavor, head to the Jazz Cafe, which serves up the hottest local jazz acts.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Tito Puente Jr.

More info: hottribscooljazz.org

Prairie Dog Blues Festival

Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

July 29–30

Arrive via boat, plane, car or foot for this gala—two stages, 12 bands, food vendors—on scenic St. Feriole Island, near the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers. On-site camping is available.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: prairiedogblues.com

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Davenport, Iowa

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More info: bixsociety.org

Lansing JazzFest

Lansing, Michigan

August 5-6

Drawing nearly 15,000 people annually, the 16th edition promises an even greater lineup of artists amid the artistic ambience of Old Town's gallery row. Each of the artists is asked to play an original composition never played at previous festivals.

Lineup: Nicole Mitchell Quartet, more.

More info: jazzlansing.com

Chicago Jazz Festival

Chicago, Illinois

September 1-4

The Chicago Jazz Festival is the city's longest running lakefront music festival and a Labor Day Weekend tradition. The festival is free and features four stages of jazz performances.

Other jazz events are planned for the nearby Millennium Park and Chicago Cultural Center during the weekend. Orbert Davis is this year's artist-in-residence.

Lineup: TBA. Last year included Nicole Mitchell, Henry Threadgill, Brad Mehldau.

More info: chicagojazzfestival.us

Detroit International Jazz Festival

Detroit, Michigan

September 2-5

The 32nd annual Detroit Jazz Fest will set sail once again with its annual fundraising cruise. Subtitled "We Bring You the World," the 2011 season will celebrate world influences on jazz, as well as its influence on the world. As is the tradition at the festival, Detroit's significant jazz legacy will be front and center.

Lineup: 2011 Artist-in-Residence Jeff "Tain"

Watts, Ivan Lins, Amina Figarova, Sing the Truth featuring Angélique Kidjo, Dianne Reeves and Lizz Wright, Kevin Eubanks, Vijay Iyer, Dave Holland.

More info: detroitjazzfest.com

Blues At The Crossroads

Terra Haute, Indiana

September 9-10

This party takes place on 7th and Wabash with a host of blues and beyond headliners.

Lineup: Mike Nelson, Jacob Jones, more.

More info: bluesatthecrossroads.com

World Music Festival

Chicago, Illinois

September 16-22

Artists from across the planet converge on venues throughout Chicago, and many have made their U.S. debuts at this event. Jazz musicians are always invited and often collaborate with artists from Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: worldmusicfestivalchicago.org

Hyde Park Jazz Festival

Chicago, Illinois

September 24

Throughout the afternoon and late into the night, this historic neighborhood will host the fifth anniversary of this festival that brings in more than 100 musicians to a dozen venues in and around the University of Chicago. Expect a mix of the city's veterans and new talent, as well as national stars.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: hydeparkjazzfestival.org

Edgefest

Ann Arbor, Michigan

October 19-22

Edgefest remains Michigan's perennial hot spot for the avant garde. This year will focus on multi-instrumentalists who blend classical music and jazz.

Lineup: Andrew Bishop, Tony Malaby, Vinny Golia, more.

More info: kerrytownconcerthouse.com

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French Quarter Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana

April 7–10

The 27th edition of this New Orleans standard—offering three waterfront stages—now features an extra day of Big Easy diversions, including an opening Bourbon-to-Jackson street parade, a Thursday night kickoff party and the “World’s Largest Jazz Brunch.”

Lineup: Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Freddy Omar con su Banda, Banu Gibson & The New Orleans Hot Jazz.

More info: fqfi.org

Festival International De Louisiane

Lafayette, Louisiana

April 27–May 1

For its quarter-centennial, the fest emphasizes a “Past, Present and Future” Louisiana theme that celebrates its evolution with a plethora of old and new artists. In addition to its traditionally Francophonic, Cajun-style lineup, patrons can delight in similarly themed culinary demonstrations and artwork.

Lineup: Lil Nathan & The Zydeco Big Timers, Horace Trahan & the Ossun Express, Keb’ Mo’, Master Drummers of Burund, Rootz Underground, Sonny Landreth, The Duhks, Soul Express Brass Band, Locos Por Juana, Bomba Estéreo, Red Baraat, Toubab Krewe, Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience, Brass Bed, Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys, Jesse Legé & The Cajun Country Revival, Michael Juan Nunez, Balkan Beat Box, JJ Grey & Mofro, BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, Soul Express Brass Band.

More info: festivalinternational.com

Denton Arts & Jazz Festival

Denton, Texas

April 29–May 1

As a hat tip to North Texan artists, this two-and-a-half-day festival donates proceeds to the Denton art community, attracting 200,000 spectators to see more than 2,700 artists at seven stages, eat at six food courts, and mold and sculpt at a children’s art tent.

Lineup: “A Tribute to Leon Breeden” featuring Tom Malone, Lou Marini and Marvin Stamm and the Official Texas Jazz Orchestra, The Quebe Sisters Band, Texas Tornados, Brave Combo.

More info: dentonjazzfest.com

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana

April 29–May 8

The 42nd annual JazzFest pays tribute to New Orleans’ deep cultural connections with Haiti in a vast programming initiative that

Kris Kristofferson (left) and Elvis Costello @ Denton Arts & Jazz Festival



features dozens of critically acclaimed Haitian artists and musicians in what’s being touted as the “largest celebration of Haitian culture in the United States” since the January 2010 earthquake. “Where They At,” a photographic and archival exploration of the history of New Orleans bounce, joins the usual lineup of Mardi Gras Indian costumes, Creole cooking demos and artist interviews inside the grandstand this year.

Lineup: Sonny Rollins, Ahmad Jamal, Ron Carter, Terence Blanchard, Maceo Parker with PeeWee Ellis, Allen Toussaint, Irma Thomas, Kermit Ruffins, Henry Butler, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Jeremy Davenport, Robert Randolph & The Family Band, the Avett Brothers, Pete Fountain, Soul Rebels Brass Band, Amos Lee, Willie Nelson.

More info: nojazzfest.com

Hill Country Harmonica

Waterford, Mississippi

May 21–22

Fifty miles south of Memphis, Tenn., at Foxfire Ranch, this rural “Northern Mississippi Blues Harp Homecoming” brings together top harp players and the listening public for lectures, concerts and jam sessions.

Lineup: Satan & Adam, Sugar Blue & Band, Jason Ricci with The Hill Country All-Stars, Charlie Sayles, Sonny Boy Terry, more.

More info: hillcountryharmonica.com

Jacksonville Jazz Festival

Jacksonville, Florida

May 26–29

Along with the usual spectacle of jazz performance, this fest offers a unique array of activities outside the norm. The Round Midnight Jazz Jam, the Wine Down Tasting Experience and the Sunday Jazz Brunch are featured highlights, along with a juried art show.

Lineup: TBA. Last year’s performers included

Patti LaBelle, Spyro Gyra, Tito Puente Jr.

More info: jaxjazzfest.com

Spoletto Festival USA

Charleston, South Carolina

May 27–June 12

Now in its 35th season, this year marks the debut of guest conductor James Gaffigan as leader of the Spoleto Festival USA Orchestra. Among other noted events is the presentation of “13 Most Beautiful ... Songs for Andy Warhol’s Screen Test” featuring Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips.

Lineup: Dianne Reeves, Béla Fleck and the Flecktones, Dean Wareham, Britta Phillips, Karrin Allyson, Ketil Bjornstad, Toningo Ferragutti, Willy Gonzalez and Micaela Vita, Danilo Rea, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue.

More info: spoletousa.org

Atlanta Jazz Festival

Atlanta, Georgia

May 28–29

Following a brief hiatus, the annual festival returns to its original home in Midtown Atlanta’s Piedmont Park for a second consecutive year.

Lineup: Ninety Miles with Stefon Harris, David Sanchez and Christian Scott, Gerald Clayton Trio, Regina Carter’s Reverse Thread, Sean Jones.

More info: atlantafestivals.com

Eureka Springs Blues Weekend

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

June 2–5

A Victorian resort town in the Ozark Mountains becomes a blues hot spot every summer, with shows inside at the Eureka Springs Auditorium and the Basin Park Hotel and outdoors at the Basin Park Shell. Blues also offered nightly at area clubs and restaurants.

Lineup: TBA. Last year’s artists included Charlie Musselwhite and John Hammond.

More info: eurekaspringsblues.com

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Virginia Blues & Jazz Festival

Hot Springs, Virginia

June 10-12

Friday night jazz in the Garth Newel Music Center's Herter Hall, a converted horse barn, is followed by a Saturday afternoon lawn concert. The musical weekend in the Allegheny Mountains wraps up on Sunday with a New York Style Jazz Brunch.

Lineup: Chris Potter Underground, Bert Carlson Quartet, Tizer, Duke Robillard, Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blow-Out, Steve Hudson Chamber Ensemble.

More info: garthnewel.org

Bentonia Blues Festival

Bentonia, Mississippi

June 18

In the heart of the Delta, this free festival features gospel in the morning followed by 11 hours of Southern soul and raw blues at the Blue Front Café. Also part of the festivities are food vendors, arts and crafts displays and all kinds of family fun.

Lineup: T. K. Soul, Johnny Rawls, Big Joe Shelton, Terry "Harmonica" Bean, Kenny Brown Band, Jimmy "Duck" Holmes, more.

More info: yazoo.org

Satchmo Summerfest

New Orleans, Louisiana

August 5-7

Directors coined the name of the French Quarter fest after the alias of the gravelly toned trumpeter it celebrates. Planned purposely around New Orleans-native Louis Armstrong's birthday weekend, the host of events includes tribute concerts, a children's stage and Satchmo seminars.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Yoshio Toyama, Kermit Ruffins, Shamarr Allen, Treme Brass Band, Rebirth Brass Band, Leroy Jones.

More info: fqfi.org

Les DesMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival

Fernandina Beach, Florida

October 2-9

With ticketed and free offerings at multiple venues, the festival brings attention to mainstream artists, as well as Latin and blues talent.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Ramsey Lewis, David Sanborn, Marcus Printup, Harry Allen.

More info: ameliaislandjazzfestival.com



Jeremy Davenport @ Satchmo SummerFest

Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater, Florida

October 13-16

White sandy beaches of Coachman Park in downtown Clearwater become home to this warm autumnal event. Mainstream jazz is usually featured along with a healthy dose of Latin music.

Lineup: TBA.

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Claire Daly Brings Inspiration to Juneau Jazz & Classics Fest

By Ken Micallef

Alaska has always drawn more than its share of adventurers, pioneers, prospectors and plain crazy fools, but none more courageous than Wisconsin-born Mary Joyce. In the 1930s, when most women were confined to the kitchen while dreaming of romancing “A Latin From Manhattan,” Joyce became a Hollywood actress, a nurse, a stewardess, a bush pilot, a bar owner and a hotel entrepreneur. Joyce was the first non-white Alaskan to dogsled the 1,000-mile run between Juneau and Fairbanks in 1936, the first ham radio operator in the Alaskan Territories and undoubtedly the only woman to run supplies for the Allies by dogsled during WWII.

“She was different from anyone I’ve ever met,” recalls Claire Daly, baritone saxophonist and composer of *Nothing To Lose*, a 12-song homage to Joyce that will debut at the Juneau Jazz & Classics Music Festival, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this spring. “I thought she was cool, but I didn’t realize how cool until later in my life. She had these little bangs, and she wore fashionable clothes, but fashionable from a previous generation. She was just different. She always sat with me and showed me her scrapbooks when she visited us in the 1970s.”

A second cousin to Joyce and first cousin to Mary Anne Greiner, who collected Joyce’s memoirs for the book *Mary Joyce Taku to Fairbanks 1,000 Miles by Dogteam* (AuthorHouse), Daly collaborated on *Nothing To Lose* with pianist Steve Hudson, the pair working together in her New York apartment. Accompanied by Mary Ann McSweeney (bass), Peter Grant (drums) and Napoleon Maddox (human beatbox), *Nothing To Lose* is by turns earthy, evocative, introspective and elusory, but always swinging. Daly, whose saxophone work and hard-bop-tinged, conversational compositions recall Dexter Gordon or Vince Guaraldi, envisioned *Nothing To Lose* not so much as a soundtrack to Joyce’s legendary Juneau-to-Fairbanks run, but as tribute to her willpower and endurance.

“I am so impressed with her spirit,” Daly says. “I found tremendous strength in her fortitude, her resolve to make her own path in life. I admire her humility, her determination and sense of humor.”

Joyce’s Lady Luck Saloon (b. 1898) and Taku Glacier Lodge (b. 1923) still stand today, the bar’s walls lined with photos and remembrances of its former proprietor’s heroics. The sled and harness from her dogsled journey are on display at Taku Glacier Lodge. Joyce remains a revered figure in Juneau, and was even inducted into the Pioneers of Alaska. An excerpt from *Taku to Fairbanks 1,000 Miles by Dogteam* reveals her courage. At one point, accompanied by her five-dog team and guide Chocak Lagoose and his sons, Joyce crossed the frozen Taku River. Joyce’s journal reads, “Chocak scolded his sons and made them put boughs over holes so I could not see the water underneath while crossing. ‘White Lady plenty scared.’ Crossed on my hands and knees and dogs followed like soldiers. Crossed upper Taku and another place over rapids on huge cakes of ice three feet apart helped by sweepers and snags. Put chain on Tip (lead dog) and each dog fell into water, pulled them out on another cake of ice. In places, just room for sled on ice cakes with water leaping over and gurgling underneath.”

The next 300 miles proved treacherous for both woman and beast. The team was exposed to the elements, with nighttime temperatures dipping below –50 F. Finally stopping to travel by plane, Joyce returned to her dogs and pressed on through a blizzard, eventually reaching Fairbanks on March 26, 1936.

It’s hard to imagine Joyce’s frozen adventures sitting in Claire Daly’s cozy Chelsea apartment. Here, her quintet rehearses *Nothing To Lose*, working out the kinks, adding spoken-word tributes, finding the right bal-



Claire Daly

JUDY SCHILLER

ance of mood and melody to reflect Joyce’s true grit. The as-yet unnamed song that will open the piece includes a spoken-word introduction: “Time to explore the universe again/ Quiet breeze on a Taku wind.” The uptempo “Cluane” swings hard, Daly’s bari snorting like an Alaskan moose. The Latinish “Gotta Go” is followed by a 6/8 hand-drum-led piece inspired by the Alaskan Tlingit Indians. The group also covers the 1935 smash hit “When I Grow Too Old To Dream,” a favorite of Joyce.

The debut of *Nothing To Lose* marks Daly’s second visit to Alaska. During the festival’s 16 days, her quintet will conduct a jam session at the Lucky Lady, debut *Nothing To Lose* at a Juneau theater and host a concert for “the Young and Young at Heart.” A perennial DownBeat poll winner, Daly has recorded a handful of recordings, including *Heaven Help Us All* with the trio Solar, *Rah! Rah!* with the Claire Daly Band, and Two Sisters Inc.’s *Scaribari*. But the creation of *Nothing To Lose*, like any homage, required more than the standard songwriting approach.

“We didn’t want to only draw a picture of Mary’s dogsled trip, but inspire the listener to think about what inspires them. We’d like the listener to have some kind of transformational experience through the music. Mary was a joyous person, but she experienced some pretty dramatic tragedies in her life, too. Her life informed our music. Some of the music is dark and textural, some of it is warm and beautiful.”

Mary Joyce’s life has inspired Claire Daly, and through more than music.

“This project inspired me personally and musically,” Daly adds. “All of a sudden, after all these gigs I’ve spent my time and energy on, I’m ready to shift focus. I can trust that my needs will be met and now it’s time to concern myself with the quality of the work and the joy of expression, my humanity. This is the beginning of a new phase for me, of creating new projects.”

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Lineup: North Mississippi All-Stars, Night-hawks, Robert Randolph & The Family, Coco Montoya, Trampled Under Foot, Dwayne Dopsie & the Zydeco Hellraisers.

More info: greeleybluesjam.com

Jazz Aspen Snowmass

Aspen and Snowmass, Colorado

June 24–July 2, September 2–4

Aspen's four days of jazz veer a bit mainstream with world-class acts performing nightly at the Benedict Music Tent. Like its Aspen sister fest, Snowmass Village offers not only big names, but up-and-comers out of JAS Academy and small venue shows.

Lineup: Wynton Marsalis & Jazz At Lincoln Center Orchestra, others TBA.

More info: jazzaspen.org

Salt Lake City International Jazz Festival

Salt Lake City, Utah

July 8–10

The 11th year of downtown Salt Lake revelry brings national and Utah artists to the stage, as well as free clinics to the University of Utah.

Lineup: TBA. Past artists have included Nancy Wilson, The Yellowjackets, Kurt Elling, Juan & Pete Escovedo.

More info: slcjazzfestival.org

New Mexico Jazz Festival

Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico

July 19–31

The sixth annual edition of New Mexico's premier fest takes the jazz aesthetic and free outdoor offerings across city limits, featuring concerts in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, with the Summerfest celebration featuring the Maceo Parker Band in Nob Hill. NEA Jazz Master Randy Weston will also be on hand to discuss his recent autobiography.

Lineup: Randy Weston and his African Rhythms Sextet, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Maceo Parker Band, Preservation Hall Band.

More info: newmexicojazzfestival.org

Telluride Jazz Celebration

Telluride, Colorado

August 5–7

Telluride celebrates the life and work of Paquito D'Rivera, honoring the versatile Cuban jazz



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artist with a headline spot, as well as toting a stellar supporting backing lineup.

Lineup: Paquito D'Rivera, Clayton Brothers, The Bad Plus, Badi Assad, Melvin Taylor, Tower of Power, Alex Brown Quartet, March Fourth Marching Band, Telluride Student All Star Jazz Ensemble.

More info: telluridejazz.org

Blue Star Blues Festival

Littleton, Colorado

August 6

This Clement Park concert is produced by a non-profit organization that benefits children and young adults with serious health concerns. There's a mix of national, international and regional musicians.

Lineup: Tommy Castro, Ana Popovic, Jack Hadley, Mike Zito, Zac Harmon, Deanna Bogart.

More info: bluestarconnection.org

Vail Jazz Party

Vail, Colorado

September 1–5

The reunion of the Monty Alexander Trio—featuring Monty Alexander, John Clayton and Jeff Hamilton—equals big news for this ski-town fest. A Vail Jazz workshop precedes the Rocky Mountain soiree and is led by artists-in-residence the Clayton Brothers, whose quintet will perform at the weekend party.

Lineup: Monty Alexander Trio, Clayton Brothers Quintet, Shelly Berg, Bobby Floyd, Graham Dechter, Tom Kennedy, David Tull, Jerry Weldon, Warren Wolf, Ernie Adams, Louis Armstrong Salute featuring Byron Stripling.

More info: vailjazz.org

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Phoenix, Arizona

April 16–17

This year's soiree brings attention to the man who started it all, naming Jazz Valley co-founder and compère Don Z. Miller as the festival's 2011 guest of honor with equally honorable backup by a posse of venerable trios.

Lineup: Jeff Hamilton Trio, John Clayton Trio, John Proulx, Dee Daniels, Mike Kocour, Jodi Proznick, Herlin Riley, Bruce Forman, Wycliffe Gordon, Bobby Shew, Warren Váche, Houston Person, Ritchie Cole, Eric Schneider, Arizona State University Jazz Band.

More info: paradisevalleyjazz.com

Ballard Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington

April 20–23

In addition to a not-to-be-missed mainstage performance, the Ballard Jazz Festival serves up a lineup of events for Puget Sound out-of-towners, including a Sunset Tavern guitar and drum summits, the 16-band/12-venue Jazz Walk and the ever-popular Swedish pancake brunch.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's performers included Claudio Roditi, Hadley Caliman, John Moulder.

More info: ballardjazzfestival.com

Juneau Jazz and Classics

Juneau, Alaska

May 6–21

This 25-year-old southeast Alaskan festival celebrates this important milestone with separately ticketed shipboard performances/wine tastings, educational workshops and various concerts throughout the capital of Juneau. Venues range from in-office atriums to schools.

Lineup: Adawagin Pratt, Evan Drachman, Chuck Cooper, Claire Daly, Richard Dowling, Poncho Sanchez, Rick Estrin and the Nightcats, Jasper String Quartet.

More info: jazzandclassics.org

Sonoma Jazz

Sonoma, California

May 20–22

With a seventh edition that promises a notable lineup, Sonoma turns its focus to what it does best, along with excellent food and wine. This year's edition of vino-country's Wine & Song brunch pre-empt's a Gipsy Kings performance and centers around a N'awlins culinary theme.

Lineup: John Fogerty, Sheryl Crow, Gipsy Kings.

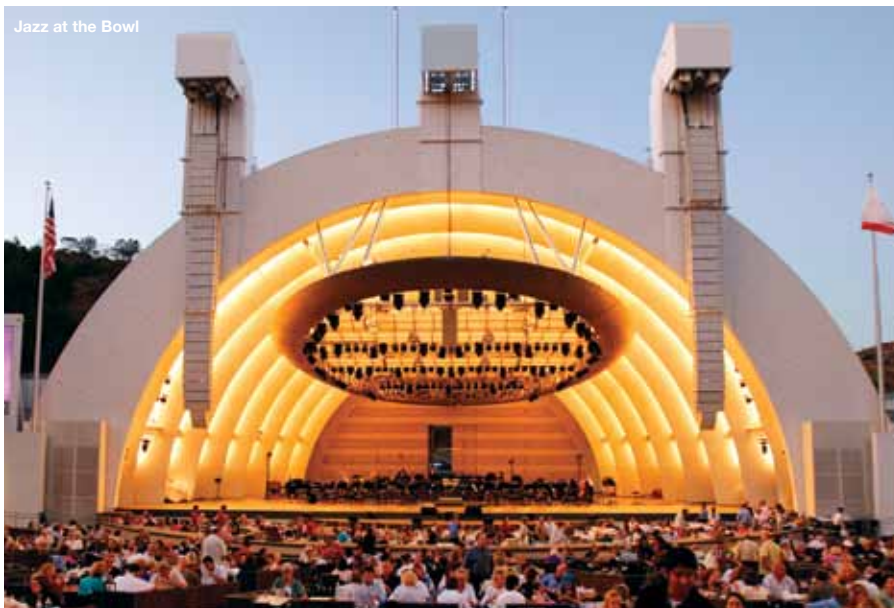
More info: sonomajazz.org

Sacramento Jazz Festival & Jubilee

Sacramento, California

May 27–30

Although the party kicks off in typical Mardi



Gras fashion—boasting a Friday parade with beads in tow—the West Coast's premier jazz feast includes a renowned lineup of artists unlimited by genre. Included among the blues, gospel, barbershop and zydeco acts is the Pianorama jazz ivory-tickling showcase and a Lindy-inspired swing dance competition.

Lineup: Banu Gibson & New Orleans Hot Jazz, Vince Bartel's All Stars, Mick Martin and The Blues Rockers, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Natural Gas, Johnny Cash Tribute featuring James Garner, Steelin' Dan, Lisa Haley & The Zydecats.

More info: sacjazz.com

Bellevue Jazz Festival

Bellevue, Washington

June 1–5

Even with a roster of national and Seattle metro-area talent, this four-day festival channels small-club feel with a mishmash of familiar venues.

Locations range from tableside sit-ins to the intimate acoustics of the Meydenbauer Theater, with a Sunday brunch finale that features the area's most prestigious high school bands.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Dianne Reeves, Kurt Elling, Danilo Pérez.

More info: bellevuejazz.com

Healdsburg Jazz Festival

Healdsburg, California

June 3–12

The 13th run of this Sonoma staple promises seasoned talent from all walks of the jazz community. The standby Hotel Healdsburg and the Dry Creek Kitchen become the mise-en-scène for wine country jazz dinners, along with a Raven Theater kickoff concert by pianist Fred Hersch and emerging guitarist Julian Lage.

Lineup: Fred Hersch, Julian Lage, Charles Lloyd, Zakir Hussein, Eric Harland, John Santos Sextet featuring Pete Escovedo



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More info: healdsburgjazzfestival.org

Playboy Jazz Festival

Los Angeles, California

June 11–12

The 33rd venture of the L.A. Philharmonic sister fest will undoubtedly guarantee a respectable turnout and a surge of top-notch talent. Once again, the genial Bill Cosby will serve as master of ceremonies at the picnic-friendly confines of the Hollywood Bowl, which offers a revolving stage to readily present upcoming acts.

Lineup: The Roots, Lee Konitz, Dianne Reeves, Buddy Guy, John Scofield, Robben Ford.

More info: playboyjazzfestival.com

Jazz At The Bowl

Los Angeles, California

June 22–September 7

Once again, the Hollywood Bowl delivers a variable Mount Rushmore of jazz greats during this summerlong series, from Delta blues legends to r&b all-stars on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. The program deigns to venture into the little known work of big name artists, including Joni Mitchell's jazz repertoire and George Benson B-sides.

Lineup: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and Hugh Masekela, Chris Botti and Bobby McFerrin with Yellowjackets, Gladys Knight, Robert Cray, Keb' Mo', Mavis Staples, Dave Koz & Friends, Spyro Gyra, Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Cassandra Wilson, Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club featuring Omara Portuondo, Ninety Miles featuring Stefon Harris, David Sanchez, Christian Scott, George Benson, George Duke, Marcus Miller, David Sanborn, The Quincy Jones Band featuring The Global Gumbo All-Stars & Friends, Patti Austin, Nikki Yanofsky.

More info: hollywoodbowl.com

Monterey Bay Blues Festival

Monterey, California

June 24–26

Celebrating its 26th year, this gala takes place on three stages at the 22-acre Monterey County Fairgrounds, near the Pacific.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's performers included Tommy Castro, Candye Kane and Johnny Rawls.

More info: montereyblues.com

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Portland, Oregon

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Lineup: Buddy Guy, Maceo Parker, Robert Cray, James Harman, Corey Ledet & His Zydeco Band, Grady Champion, Black Joe Lewis, more.

More info: waterfrontbluesfest.com

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Fairbanks, Alaska

July 17-31

A self-proclaimed “summer camp for adults,” the 31st edition of the Fairbanks festival keeps education in check with musically minded classes and workshops. Campers appropriately matriculate at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Off-campus participants can complement their broadening jazz education with the charm and coziness of Fairbanks’ many bed and breakfasts.

Lineup: Bill Anschell, Brad Boal, Barney McClure, Chris Symer.

More info: fsaf.org

Jazz Port Townsend

Port Townsend, Washington

July 24-31

New to the festival this year is the premiere of NEA composer and arranger Bill Holman, a seasoned jazz veteran of more than 60 years. Holman will instruct various jazz workshops and perform in student lab combos. The focus turns to grandiose big band stints with artistic director John Clayton premiering his piece.

Lineup: Jeff Hamilton Trio, Dee Daniels and Charenee Wade, Paquito D’Rivera,

Jiggs Whigham, Matt Wilson and Friends, Gerald Clayton Trio with Special Guest, Stefon Harris Festival All-Star Big Band in a Celebration of NEA Jazz Masters.

More info: centrum.org/jazz

Port Townsend Acoustic Blues Festival

Port Townsend, Washington

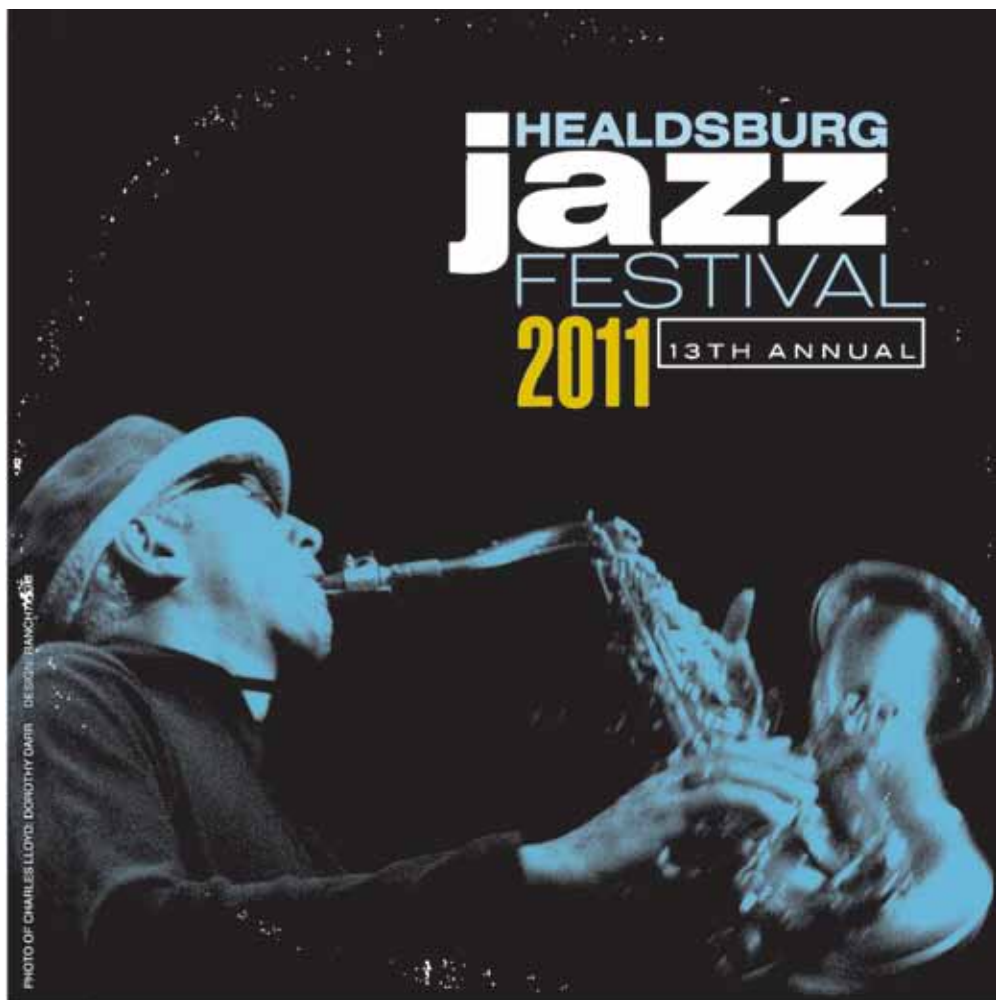
July 31-August 7

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Lineup: Artistic Director Corey Harris, Guy Davis, Otis Taylor, Orville Johnson, Nat Reese, Ann Rabson, Erwin Helfer, more.

More info: centrum.org/blues



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Lineup: TBA. Last year's lineup included Tower of Power, Marcus Miller,

George Clinton.

More info: jazzfest.sanjosejazz.org

Jazz 88 Ocean Beach Jazz Festival
Ocean Beach, California
September 10

The Ocean Beach pier soiree jam-packs 26 live bands on seven stages for a stellar one-day event. Vendors also display various murals and trinkets on the block long Art Walk, which boasts 60-plus artisans.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included

Bonerama, Marcia Ball, Charlie Hunter Trio, Justo Almario Quartet.

More info: oceanbeachsandiego.com

San Francisco Jazz Festival
San Francisco, California

September 15–November 20

Programmed by the thriving SFJAZZ organization, this festival continues to bring high-profile jazz artists and talented local musicians to venues throughout the city. Genre-crossing heroes are also included.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: sfjazz.org

Monterey Jazz Festival

Monterey, California

September 16–18

The world's longest continually running jazz festival presents another packed weekend of music in this Pacific Coast town. Big ticketed events take place in the arena, while the fairgrounds feature indoor and outdoor stages that often host the main stage performers after their arena sets.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: montereyjazzfestival.org

Angel City Jazz Festival

Los Angeles, California

September 20–October 9

The emerging Angel City fest exposes a diverse cast of Los Angeles patrons to a realm of avant-garde jazz and world artists. The series brings creativity to six different venues, with a culmination performance at the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre.

Lineup: Tigran Hamasyan, Rudresh Mahanthappa, Pan Afrikan People's Arkestra.

More info: angelcityjazz.com

Jazz at Newport

Newport, Oregon

September 30–October 2

Settled on the Oregon coast, this workshop-intensive program features a plethora of seasoned talent at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Dave Captein, John Clayton, Jim Douglas.

More info: jazzatnewport.org

Earshot Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington

October 14–November 6

The yearly rite of fall in the Pacific Northwest has a twofold mission: to present artists whose music falls outside the mainstream and to provide a showcase for Seattle's multigenerational jazz scene.

Lineup: TBA. Last year included Erik Friedlander and Henry Threadgill.

More info: earshot.org



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- SAT **All-Star Evening**
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Bix Beiderbecke Festival Keeps The Trad Faith

By John McDonough

The Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival in Davenport, Iowa, which marks its 40th anniversary and the 80th year since Beiderbecke's death Aug. 4–7, is the Mostly Mozart of American jazz festivals, the only one branded and dedicated to the music and spirit of one musician.

When the first Bix Festival was organized in the summer of 1972, Beiderbecke was long gone, dead at 28 in 1931. But some locals in that first crowd such as Espen Spurrier had memories of hanging out with him or hearing him play. And many of Beiderbecke's contemporaries were still active: Bing Crosby, Benny Goodman, Hoagy Carmichael, Gene Krupa, Al Rinker Bud Freeman and others. They never visited a Bix Fest, but others did, according to music director Josh Duffee, including Bill Challis, Chauncey Morehouse, Bill Rank, Wingy Manone, Paul Mertz and Doc Ryker.

The Beiderbecke branding may come from a distant antiquity, but it touches the present in ways that aren't discussed much at the festival. Beiderbecke is the romantic template of a uniquely 20th-century hero. The self-extinguishing artist-martyr is an extension into modern pop culture of the 19th century literary triumvirate of John Keats–Percy Shelley–Lord Byron. In his footsteps would follow a tragic procession of later cultural heroes made incomplete by their own hand: Charlie Parker, Jimi Hendrix, Kurt Cobain, etc. Yet, in a way, Beiderbecke was truest to the 19th century romantic ideal, dying in uncelebrated obscurity to be discovered posthumously and reborn in mythic legend.

No one has nourished that legend more diligently than the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Society, which was founded in 1971. Its focus has never roamed from its original mission, which remains not merely “traditional” jazz, but specifically that unique slice of tradition that centers on the white Midwest and New York scenes of the 1920s.

Those who recoil at tubas and banjos or believe that Dixieland has been squeezed of any capacity for surprise may find unexpected delight in its fundamental logic. As for the True Believers, they need no convincing. This amiable assortment of camp followers remains the core of the festival audience. But it's hard not to notice the aging demographics. Last year 92 percent of the crowd had attended previous Bix festivals. While such loyalty may be warming, it also means that new attendees numbered only 8 per-



Josh Duffee

SUSANNA THORNTON REED

cent. Moreover, 74 percent of those white-haired stompers were older than 60 while only 5 percent were under 41, according to the festival's own survey.

“Certainly that's a concern,” said Michael Boyler, president of the Bix Society. “One of the main strategies of preservation is through music education. For several years we've sponsored a Bix Youth Band, which involves students chosen from high schools within about 50 miles of Davenport. It's a purely extracurricular activity outside the public school band programs and covers a fairly broad range of big band music beyond Bix and the Paul Whiteman era. But it's remarkable how involved these kids get. Many are going outside on their own to get more education in this genre of music.”

A case in point is festival musical director

and drummer Josh Duffee, who at 31 is nearly a decade younger than the event he oversees.

“I was a part of the Bix Youth Band in 1998 and I loved it,” Duffee said. “About that same time I watched the New Wolverine Jazz Band do Jean Goldkette's ‘I'm Going To Meet My Sweetie Now’ [1927], and the light bulb went on. This is what I want to do, play '20s music.”

Duffee promises 17 bands this year, more than at any previous festival. Dick Hyman, Allen Vache and Randy Sandke (whose four-year-old son is named Bix) will headline the Statesmen of Jazz. Vince Giordano's Nighthawks and the West End Jazz Band will provide a wider period context of 1920s dance music. The Giordano and Duffee bands will also stage a battle reenacting the 1926 Roseland showdown between Goldkette and Fletcher Henderson. **DB**



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FIMAV offers a unique, eclectic lineup of jazz, electronic music and sonic experimentation. The intimate venues and imaginative programming make this small Quebec city a destination for music fans from around the world.

Lineup: The Ex & Brass Unbound, Koichi Makigami, Kid Koala, Peter Brötzmann, Anthony Braxton Echo Echo Mirror House, Ig Henneman Sextet, Wolf Eyes, more.

More info: fimav.qc.ca

World Guitar Festival

Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec

May 28-June 4

Now in its seventh year, the World Guitar Festival celebrates an array of jazz performers touting influences of blues, reggae and Latin rhythms.

Lineup: Jose Feliciano, Don McLean.

More info: fgmat.com

TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival

Ottawa, Ontario

June 23-July 3

Canada's capital city offers tremendous venues both outside at Confederation Park and inside the National Arts Centre. The festival's late-night jam sessions are particularly well attended by headliners and fans alike.

Lineup: Elvis Costello & The Imposters, Return To Forever IV, Paco de Lucia, Brad Mehldau & Joshua Redman, Darcy James Argue's Secret Society, Kurt Elling, Christian McBride & Inside Straight, Kenny Wheeler, Evan Parker, more.

More info: ottawajazzfestival.com

Edmonton International Jazz Festival

Edmonton, Alberta

June 24-July 3

One of Canada's original jazz festivals, the Edmonton event has maintained this northern city's reputation as a great jazz town. Venues include the legendary Yardbird Suite and the soft-seat Winspear Centre.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: edmontonjazz.com

TD Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival

Toronto, Ontario

June 24-July 3

Featuring more than 350 concerts, the festival spreads across 40 venues in Toronto's core. The programming runs from noon to 4 a.m. daily, and covers a broad range of genres.

Lineup: Kurt Elling, Béla Fleck & the Original Flecktones, Paco de Lucia, Return To



Stanley Jordan @ World Guitar Festival

Forever IV, Dave Brubeck, Jacky Terrasson, Randy Weston, Eliane Elias, Yousou N'Dour, more.

More info: tojazz.com

TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival

Winnipeg, Manitoba

June 16-25

Festivities in this culturally rich prairie city culminate with a weekend-long series of outdoor concerts at Old Market Square in the heart of the historic Exchange District.

Lineup: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra featuring Wynton Marsalis, Robert Glasper, Trombone Shorty, The Lost Fingers, Gary Burton, more.

More info: jazzwinnipeg.com

TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival

Vancouver, British Columbia

June 24-July 3

During its 26 years, the festival has established a reputation for combining the best European improvising artists with homegrown talent and U.S. headliners. Among the highlights are free weekend concerts and daily workshops.

Lineup: Paco de Lucia, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra featuring Wynton Marsalis, Peter Brötzmann, Trombone Shorty, Christian McBride Inside Straight, Satoko Fujii, more.

More info: coastaljazz.ca

SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

June 24-July 3

The festival is held on two riverfront stages and a number of indoor venues around this

lushly treed northern prairie city.

Lineup: Christian McBride Quintet, Holly Cole, Oliver Jones, Hilario Duran Latin Jazz Big Band featuring Jane Bunnett, more.

More info: saskjazz.com

TD Victoria International JazzFest Victoria, British Columbia

June 24–July 3

The festival features more than 90 performances in Canada's westernmost city. Venues include outdoor stages and four hotels.

Lineup: Paco de Lucia, Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra featuring Wynton Marsalis, Trombone Shorty, Christian McBride & Inside Straight, Madeleine Peyroux.

More info: jazzvictoria.ca

Festival International de Jazz de Montreal

Montreal, Quebec

June 25–July 4

From the intimate confines of Salle de Gésu to the free outdoor extravaganzas, which regularly draw tens of thousands of revelers to Rue Ste. Catherine, North America's largest celebration of jazz, blues and beyond remains the summer's best opportunity to immerse yourself in music.

Lineup: Diana Krall, Paco de Lucia, Milton Nascimento, Pink Martini, Holly Cole, Sade, Madeleine Peyroux, George Wein's 85th Anniversary Celebration, more.

More info: montrealjazzfest.com

TD Halifax Jazz Festival Halifax, Nova Scotia

July 8–16

Known for its casual, intimate atmosphere and late-night hangs on the city's waterfront, the festival features 450 artists and dovetails with the annual Creative Music Workshop, which brings together players from all musical traditions to work together and study with drummer Jerry Granelli, saxophonist David Mott and other clinicians.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: halifaxjazzfestival.ca

Vancouver Island MusicFest Courtenay, British Columbia

July 8–10

On the Comon Valley Exhibition Grounds, alongside farmland on the island's east coast, MusicFest hosts several dozen acts from various roots-music styles.

Lineup: Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys, Alison Krauss, more.

More info: islandmusicfest.com

Vancouver Folk Music Festival Vancouver, British Columbia

July 15–17

At Jericho Beach Park on the Pacific, seven

daytime stages and three evening main stages share green space with International Food booths and the Arts Market.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's artists included Alvin Youngblood Hart, Jim Byrnes.

More info: thefestival.bc.ca

Kitchener Blues Festival Kitchener, Ontario

August 4–7

In its 11th year, Canada's largest free blues festival, held downtown, hosts leading regional, national and international artists. This year there's a special salute to Muddy Waters Band alumni Pinetop Perkins, Bob Margolin and Willie Smith.

Lineup: Johnny & Edgar Winter, John Mayall, Jimmie Vaughan, Bettye LaVette.

More info: kitchenerbluesfestival.com

Labatt Blues Festival Edmonton, Alberta

August 19–21

The only Canadian event to earn an international Blues Foundation award takes place at Hawrelak Park's Heritage Amphitheatre in the panoramic North Saskatchewan River valley.

Lineup: John Nemeth Big Band, Guitar Shorty, Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, more.

More info: bluesinternationaltd.com

Guelph Jazz Festival Guelph, Ontario

September 7–11

Located in a university town an hour outside Toronto, the festival is set apart by the inclusion of an academic jazz colloquium and numerous workshops featuring musicians in intimate settings. The festival has a history of booking artists who are rarely featured on the North American festival circuit.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: guelphjazzfestival.com

Pender Harbour Jazz Festival Pender Harbour, British Columbia

September 16–18

Set in a picturesque fishing town north of Vancouver on Canada's Sunshine Coast, the 15-year-old festival uses a variety of waterfront venues, including a floating one.

Lineup: Amanda Tossoff Quintet, Jesse Cahill's Night Crawlers, more.

More info: penderharbourmusic.ca

Quebec City Jazz Festival Quebec City, Quebec

October 24–30

Focused in the Saint-Roch neighborhood and a beautifully restored concert hall overlooking the gates of the old city, this four-year-old event has established itself as a great fall festival.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: jazzquebec.ca

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International Jazz Festival Bern

Bern, Switzerland

March 11–May 21

This Swiss festival hosts plenty of international jazz and blues artists at multiple venues within this metropolis of jazz, such as ticketed evening concerts at classic house of jazz Marian's Jazzroom and the historic National Bern Theater, while the park of the Hotel Innere Enge provides free entertainment.

Lineup: Biréli Lagrene Trio, Jean-Luc Ponty & Wolfgang Dauner Duo, Joe Louis Walker, Sista Monica, Roy Gaines Orchestra, Ahmad Jamal, Carmen Lundy, The Overtone Quartet, Pacquito D'Rivera's Tango Jazz Septet, Tom Harrell Quintet, Michel Camilo Trio, Bob Wilber & The Young Generation All-Stars, Patti Austin and Trio, Michel Legrand Trio, HKB Jazzorchestra featuring Bert Joris, Pommelhorse, Bounce, Wolverines Jazz Band.

More info: jazzfestivalbern.ch

Barclays Cheltenham Jazz Festival

Cheltenham, England

April 27–May 2

Held in association with BBC Radio 2, this festival has featured mainstream and cutting-edge jazz from around the world, including young British talent. The fest is located about 100 miles west of London.

Lineup: Overtone Quartet, BBC Concert Orchestra, James Hunter, Tord Gustavsen, Jamie Cullum, Django Bates, Kyle Eastwood, Curios, Andrea Triana, Susanna, Kit Downes.

More info: cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz

Ulrichsberger Kaleidophon

Ulrichsberger, Austria

April 29–May 1

From North America to Asia, this gallery-style exhibition draws in international movers and shakers from the jazz and art worlds and occurs circa the Bohemian Forest. Markus Riebe will showcase his digital media works to the sounds of improvisational and contemporary jazz numbers.

Lineup: Deployment 3, Violin and Electronics, Red Trio, Recall Pollock, Lazro/Pavros/Turner, Theseus vs. John Lindberg's TriPolar, Sebastian Lexer, Sum, B:F:N, Dawn of Midi.

More info: jazzatelier.at

Jazzfestival Basel

Basel, Switzerland

April 30–May 13

The jazz organization Offbeat lives up to its name, honing a variable hodgepodge of underground artists while enlisting big names, as



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well as various combos and ensembles.

Lineup: George Gruntz and Concert Jazz Band, Nigel Kennedy Septet, Colin Vallon Trio, Gianluigi Trovesi/Gianni Coscia–Duo, François Couturier Quartet “Songs For Tarkowsky,” Bobo Stenson Trio, Tobias Preisig Quartet, Dave Holland's Overtone Quartet featuring Jason Moran, Muthspiel & Grenadier & Turner, Jean-Paul Brodbeck Quintet, Joe Locke/Dado Moroni/Rosario Giuliani, Renaud Garcia Fons Sextett plays the Filmmusic “Prince Ahmed” (mit Film!), Dianne Reeves Guitar Project, Incognito: The Jubilee Band, Rita Marcotulli–Nonett play Pink Floyd, Till Brönner Group, Bobby McFerrin.

More info: jazzfestivalbasel.ch

Moulin Blues Festival

Ospel, Limburg, the Netherlands

May 6–7

The popular Dutch festival is in its 25th year and imports talent from the United States, France, Great Britain, Denmark and other places. B.B. King and Buddy Guy are among the scores of musicians who've performed here.

Lineup: Dave Riley & Bob Corritore's Juke Joint Blues Band, Homemade Jamz Blues Band, Nick Moss & the Flip-tops, Los Lonely Boys, more.

More info: moulinblues.nl

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Vicenza, Italy

May 6–14

The 16th run of this renowned jazz extravaganza brings present-day artists to the quaint and intimate venues of Renaissance-era Vicenza, including the city's Teatro Olimpico, the world's oldest indoor theater.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's lineup included Kurt Rosenwinkel Trio, Chuck Israels European Group.

More info: vincenzajazz.org

Matosinhos Jazz Matosinhos, Portugal

May 11–14

In this fishing town close to Oporto, new architecture and historical monuments create the festival's unique setting. This year the Matosinhos Jazz Orchestra will perform with Maria Joao.

Lineup: Matosinhos Jazz Orchestra, Larry Carlton, Tania Maria, Ivan Padois, more.

More info: cm-matosinhos.pt

Estoril Jazz

Estoril, Portugal

May 27–June 5

This festival devoted to mainstream jazz takes place in a sea-coast town near Lisbon. All concerts take place at the Casino Estoril.

Lineup: Joe Lovano, Tia Fuller, Anat Cohen, Jack Walrath, more.

More info: projazz.pt

Iford Festival 2011

Brandford on Avon, England

June 10–11, August 12–13

The Italianate Peto Garden sets the stage for four nights of otherworldly jazz experiences, offering jazz promenade performances and seated cloister shows. Iford's diverse program succeeds an intimate pre-show picnic, with programs such as “First Night Jazz Party,” “Midsummer Jazz” and “Friday Fiesta.”

Lineup: Tina May, The Numbers Racket, Jim Hart, Digby Fairweather, Omar Puente, Claudia Aurora, Kosmos, She'koyokh.

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Moers, Germany

June 10–12

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the festival that may be best known in America for its live recordings of progressive jazz and new music artists of the '70s and '80s—like Fred Anderson and Anthony Braxton. The event that spawned this creativity carries on with a dynamic mixture of artists.

Lineup: Achim Tang, more.**More info:** moers-festival.de**Stockholm Jazz Festival**

Stockholm, Sweden

June 17–19

For its 28th run, one of Sweden's oldest festivals moves from the island of Skeppsholmen to the highly regarded Skansen venue. The acclaimed soiree brings together a variety of noted jazz, rock and r&b artists.

Lineup: Cassandra Wilson, Lagaylia Frazier & Jan Lundgren Trio, Hal Frazier, Lekverk, Niklas Barno with Je Suis!, Robert Glasper Experiment.

More info: stockholmjazz.com**JazzAscona**

Ascona, Switzerland

June 23–July 3

For his birthday centennial, bebop trumpeter Roy Eldridge gets recognized in a series of tribute performances at this multicultural gathering. Widely regarded as a paramount European jazz event, the Lake Maggiore fest presents more than 200 concerts and 300 artists, with emphasis on New Orleans-style acts.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's lineup included Wycliffe Gordon, Herlin Riley, Jay Leonhart.

More info: jazzascona.ch**Jazz A Vienne**

Vienne, France

June 29–July 13

With around 150,000 people attending the various concerts, Vienne is truly one of the major jazz events in Europe. The festival will be celebrating its 31th anniversary this summer with a program as eclectic as it has always tried to be, mixing straight-ahead jazz with pop acts. They also try and focus on a different theme each night—blues, soul, gospel, funk, etc. The festival makes the most of its four different stages, including the prestigious Roman theater for the bigger names, the midnight club devoted to the rising stars or the Jazz Mix for musicians beyond the strict jazz canon.

Lineup: Tom Jones, Jamie Cullum, Rhoda Scott, a Tribute To Miles Davis by Marcus Miller, Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter.

More info: jazzavienne.com**Lakeside (Puisto) Blues Festival**

Jarvenpaa, Finland

June 29–July 3

One of Europe's most popular festivals, Puisto takes place in a modest-sized city north of Helsinki. The festival runs five days and concludes with dozens of musicians performing in a park next to Lake Tuusula.

Lineup: TBA.**More info:** puistoblues.fi**Ljubljana Jazz Festival**

Ljubljana, Slovenia

June 29–July 3

The Ljubljana Festival has always been impressively programmed and wide ranging. The venues range from clubs to a sizable amphitheater. Check out the view from the hilltop castle.

Lineup: TBA.**More info:** ljubljanasi.si**Copenhagen Jazz Festival**

Copenhagen, Denmark

July 1–10

With more than 1,000 concerts spread out over 100 venues, Copenhagen always delivers with a sublime program of international A-list talent that never edges out the country's own Nordic jazz greats. This festival takes up the entire city; its friendliness and walkability make the event all the more attractive to international visitors and locals.

Lineup: Keith Jarrett Trio, more.**More info:** jazz.dk**Istanbul Jazz Festival**

Istanbul, Turkey

July 1–18

This cosmopolitan event brings international stars and newcomers together in stadiums and small venues throughout the city.

Lineup: Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke, more.**More info:** iksv.org


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Montreux Jazz Festival

Montreux, Switzerland

July 1-16

The most notable Swiss event continues mixing great jazz with rock and blues stars.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: montreuxjazz.com**JazzBaltica**

Salzau, Germany

July 1-3

Held in the historic Salzau castle, this year's Baltica program honors Esbjörn Svensson with a promising lineup of jazz greats. The festival also hosts the premier of supergroup Apex featuring Rudresh Mahanthappa and Bunky Green.

Lineup: Apex, Pat Metheny, Nils Landgren, Vijay Iyer, Donny McCaslin, Dave Douglas.

More info: jazzbaltica.de**Kongsberg Jazz Festival**

Kongsberg, Norway

July 6-9

With a name similar to a Sonny Rollins classic, the "Silver City" mining town exhibits a four-day lineup of eclectic artists a mere 90 miles from Oslo. While the Scandinavian festival serves up an array of international artists, its claim to fame is the focus on local talent.

Lineup: Bergen Big Band with Terje Rypdal & Skywards, Monolithic, Andrea Rydin

Berges quintet, Joshua Redman/Brad Mehldau, Gumbo, Maya Homburger/Barry Guy, Maria Kannegaard Trio with Siri Gjaere and Ola Kvernberg, Chili Vanilla, Charles Lloyd, more.

More info: kongsberg-jazzfestival.no**Gent Jazz Festival**

Gent, Belgium

July 7-17

Once again, the medieval-style port city offsets its traditional architecture with a stellar lineup of fusion and contemporary jazz names. The festival annually presents its Django D'Or Award to standout European musicians.

Lineup: B.B. King, Steven De Bruyn, Tony Gyselincx & Roland.

More info: gentjazz.com**Nice Jazz Festival**

Nice, France

July 8-12

The Nice Jazz Festival has been a musical event with a shifting identity. Two years ago, they had showed a clearly ambitious jazz program with Brad Mehldau, McCoy Tyner, Joshua Redman and Sonny Rollins. Last year's focus had been on Al Jarreau, Earth, Wind & Fire, Dweezil Zappa, Herbie Hancock, Fiction Plane, Pat Metheny and Pink Martini. The main body of the program branches out into pop,

rock and folk directions. There has been a clear strengthening of the jazz program, with a different theme each night (jazz & folk night, funk night, etc.). It remains one of the most lively festivals in the southeast of France.

Lineup: TBA

More info: nicejazzfestival.fr**North Sea Jazz Festival**

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

July 8-10

This classic northern European festival brings between 60,000 to 70,000 people to its three-day bash at the city's Ahoy Complex. Most of the festival's 200-plus jazz, blues and pop acts on 15 stages are free.

More info: northseajazz.com**Umbria Jazz Festival**

Perugia, Italy

July 8-17

One of Europe's most grand and classy affairs, the Umbria Jazz Festival celebrates its 38th year with a supergroup of Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock and Marcus Miller paying tribute to their former bandleader, Miles Davis. Also, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Italian unification, all of the country's homegrown artists will perform their own rendition of "Inno Di Mameli," the national anthem. Most of the concerts are ticketed, but there is also a large

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More info: umbrijazz.com

Aarhus Jazz Festival

Aarhus, Denmark

July 9–16

This adjunct of the trademark Copenhagen Jazz Festival prides itself on the evolution of its lineup. The popular Danish fest brings in artists from all over the world for an enticing program of many jazz sects, among them Latin jazz and world music.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: jazzfest.dk

Pori Jazz Festival

Pori, Finland

July 9–17

Attracting 60,000 patrons last year, the west Finland coastline fest hopes to garner a few more with Elton John as its Saturday night headliner. Infamous for bringing a realm of jazz legends to the forefront of international festivals, Pori also attracts a wealth of genre-spanning talent, including world music and hip-hop artists.

Lineup: Elton John, Sing the Truth, Jo Stance.

More info: porijazz.fi

Jazz Vitoria-Gasteiz

Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

July 10–16

The 35th anniversary of the Spanish fest honors Miles Davis with a triumvirate of jazz legends: Herbie Hancock, Marcus Miller and Wayne Shorter. The historic Basque region tempts festival-goers with a pastiche of local venues, from century-old theaters to intimate jam sessions.

Lineup: Herbie Hancock/Wayne Shorter/Marcus Miller "Tribute to Miles Davis," Jamie Cullum, Jose James, Branford Marsalis, Miguel Zenón, Ruben Blades, more.

More info: jazzvitoria.com

Roma's Jazz Cool Festival

Rome, Italy

July 11–17

The seventh edition of this workshop-affiliated program showcases two performances per day: an earlier presentation of well-known artists and original works, as well as a late-night showcase of young emerging artists and experimental acts. Concurrently, master classes are conducted alongside the festival's top-tier talent.

Lineup: Danilo Perez, Sheila Jordan, John Patitucci, Lage Lund, Dave Liebman, Joe La Barbera.

More info: jazzschool.it

Bohemia Jazzfest

Various cities, Czech Republic

July 12–16 & July 21–24

The largest jazz festival in the Czech Republic offers a series of free outdoor concerts on beautiful town squares in Domazlice, Plzen, Tabor, Brno, Prachatice, Ceske Budejovice and the stunning baroque capital of Prague. Run by Rudy Linka, the Czech-born, internationally acclaimed jazz guitarist, Bohemia Jazzfest has succeeded in presenting a dynamic mix of top European and North American artists since its inception in 2005.

Lineup: McCoy Tyner Quartet, John Scofield Quartet, Dr. Lonnie Smith Trio, Terje Rypdal Big Band, Rudy Linka & Bobo Stenson, more.

More info: bohemiajazzfest.cz/en

Jazz A Juan

Juan-les-Pins, France

July 14–24

After last year's celebration of its 50th anniversary and concerts by Marcus Miller, Keith Jarrett, or David Sanborn, Jazz à Juan will try and keep up the good work. The Gould Theatre among the pinewood by the sea has always hosted prestigious bills and this year again a number of famous artists will grace its stage, among them B.B. King. Other guests will be the French singer Ben Onclé Soul and

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Lineup: B.B. King, more.

More info: jazzajuan.fr

Jazzfest Wien

Vienna, Austria

July 15–17

The Vienna-based fest brings an onslaught of international jazz performers to venues once frequented by Beethoven and Mozart, including the Vienna State Opera, Town Hall, Konzerthaus and others. The urban house of neo-classical music also boasts a diverse nightlife that includes soul and blues performances.

Lineup: Chick Corea, Omara Portuondo, Thomas Quasthoff.

More info: viennajazz.org

MoldeJazz

Molde, Norway

July 18–23

Even in the 50th year of this Norwegian standard, festival directors organize a program that gravitates toward an audience of younger jazz enthusiasts. The lineup combines contemporary jazz with a selection of mainstream pop and hip-hop acts, with Nils Peter Molvaer resuming the role of artist-in-residence.

Lineup: John McLaughlin, Dianne Reeves, Mostly Other People Do The Killing, Trombone Shorty, more.

More info: moldejazz.no

Heineken Jazzaldia

San Sebastian, Spain

July 21–25

The 46th annual coastline concert brings big-name jazz artists to the medieval Plaza Trinidad and state-of-the-art Kursaal Auditorium during ticketed shows. Talent also performs seaside, courtesy of the free concerts at Zurriola Beach.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's lineup included Elvis Costello and Kris Kristofferson.

More info: heinekenjazzaldia.com

Siena Jazz Festival

Siena, Italy

July 24–August 7

The multifaceted, workshop-intensive Siena fest lets jazz students participate in various master classes ending in publicly open concerts. The concerts combine student artists with venerable Italian talent.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Miguel Zenón, Eddie Henderson, George Garzone.

More info: sienajazz.it

Jazz A Foix

Foix, France

July 25–31

Located in the southwest mountains near the Spanish border, Foix has been an ambitious festival for 11 years. Ira Gitler presented last year's concerts (notably Kenny Barron, the Curtis Fuller Quintet, the Charles McPherson Quartet), showing that the festival's philosophy is about no-nonsense jazz. The program will feature Ahmad Jamal, The Cookers, Gypsy guitarist Steeve Laffont, as well as piano legends René Urtreger and Roger Kellaway with altoist Dimitri Baevsky. Foix is renowned for its spectacular landscapes.

Lineup: Ahmad Jamal, The Cookers, more.

More info: jazzfoix.com

Jazz in Marciac

Marciac, France

July 29–August 15

As one of the main European festivals, Marciac as always made specific efforts to offer both high-profile bills for the general public and a demanding content representing a wide spectrum of the contemporary jazz scene. The music outside the main venue during the day is very varied and plentiful (and by no means a lesser program) than the evening concerts. The village of Marciac and the surrounding countryside in the southwest of France is also of particular interest in itself as a place for summer holiday.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: jazzinmarciac.com

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Jazz in Ramadan

Istanbul, Turkey

August 1–29

Each year, Jazz Ramadan brings new perspective to this sacred time of cultural unity, combining social peace with a unique jazz experience. Patrons make pilgrimage to the landmark Sultanahmet venues to listen to jazz by enlightening Middle Eastern artists. Directors readily incorporate a lineup of traditional and classical Turkish music into the mix of regional jazz.

Lineup: Last year's performers included Ahmad Jamal, Anouar Brahem, Abdullah Ibrahim, Dhafer Youssef, Ilhan Ersahin, Aydin Esen.

More info: heproductions.com; jazzinramadan.com

Ystad Sweden Jazz Festival

Ystad, Sweden

August 4–7

Due to its increasing prominence in the Scandinavian jazz scene, Artistic Director Jan Lundgren adds another day to the Ystad program, rounding out the weekend with 10 more concerts for 32 total performances. A mere ferry away from Danish jazz epicenter of Copenhagen, this festival prides itself on its pastiche of world-class and breakthrough Swedish talent.

Lineup: Herb Geller, Richard Galliano, Enrico Pieranunzi, Paolo Fresu, Toots Thielemans, Miriam Aida, Youn Sun Nah, Stefano Bollani, Scott Hamilton, more.

More info: ystadjazz.se

Gouvy Jazz & Blues Festival

Gouvy, Wallonia, Belgium

August 5–7

"Gouvy is Groovy" remains the rallying cry for the 32nd open-air concert weekend at Madelonne Farm. The host family brews festival beer. European and American musicians are featured.

Lineup: Ricky Ford, Michel Legrand, David Sanchez, Bernard Allison, "Girls With Guitars" Blues Caravan, Christophe Marquilly Blues Trio, more.

More info: gouvy.eu/madelonne

Jazz Em Agosto

Lisbon, Portugal

August 5–14

This year, the festival will take place for 10 straight days without a break, bringing together the leading lights in European and American jazz and free improvisation.

Lineup: Cecil Taylor, Wadada Leo Smith, Fight The Bull with Steven Bernstein, more.

More info: musica/gulbenkian.pt/jazz

Jazz Festival Willisau

Willisau, Switzerland

August 24–28

Along with a weekend of camping, visitors can partake in a jazz program that offers contemporary and traditional jazz in the confines of the Festhalle in medieval Willisau. This year marks the fest's 37th anniversary.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: jazzfestivalwillisau.ch

International Jazz Festival Saalfelden

Saalfelden, Austria

August 25–28

The region of Salzburg remains an artistic centerpiece for this promising festival, now in its 31st year. The avant-garde lineup performs not only on the festival's main stage but also on a number of stages dispersed throughout historic Saalfelden, such as the "Short Cuts" secondary venue.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: jazzsaalfelden.com

Sierre Blues Festival

Sierre, Switzerland

August 25–28

In the middle of the Swiss Alps not far from Italy, this open-air festival has two stages on fairgrounds and several more downtown.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: sierrebluesfestival.com

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Voll-Damm Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain

October 4–December 1

Meticulous year-round planning results in a two-month marathon event in the fall that offers more than 50 shows at some of the region's most prestigious jazz haunts in Spain's most beautiful city. For the 43rd run, venues range from the more prominent Palau de la Musica to some of the party city's hole-in-the-wall jazz gems, such as the Jamboree and Harlem Jazz Club.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Wayne Shorter, Marcus Miller, Jimmy Cobb.

More info: barcelonajazzfestival.com

Akbank Jazz Festival
Istanbul, Turkey

October 13–23

Turkey's premier jazz celebration occurs for the 21st year throughout downtown Istanbul at a variety of venues, from the large-scale Lutfi Kirdar Concert Hall boasting festival mainstays to the more modest Babylon, Ghetto and Nardis hotspots.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's performers included John Suman, Miroslav Vitous, Nils Petter Molvaer, Ahmad Jamal.

More info: akbanksanat.com/jazz_festival

Salzburger Jazz-Herbst
Salzburg, Austria

October 25–November 6

With more than 50,000 visitors attending more than 100 events in this historic music city, Salzburger Jazz-Herbst has been expanding since its inception in 1996. Performances take place in elegant concert halls as well as in clubs and outdoor venues.

Lineup: Hans Salomon & Vienna Big Band Machine, Tia Fuller, Hugh Masekela, Jeremy Pelt, Charlie Haden Quartet West, Bettye LaVette, more.

More info: salzburgerjazzherbst.at

Seixal Jazz
Seixal, Portugal

October 26–29

This festival near Lisbon brings together American and European post-bop musicians alongside a healthy representation of contemporary Portuguese players.

Lineup: TBA. Last year included Dave Holland, Charlie Haden, Odean Pope.

More info: cm-seixal.pt/seixaljazz

JazzFest Berlin
Berlin, Germany

November 3–6

Self-proclaimed as a "capital city" of the genre, Berlin's four-day marathon of non-stop

jazz has since transcended from its 40-year-old origins, and makes this title well-deserved. Though the festival traditionally offers a heady series of noteworthy American names, it has since shifted its focus toward regional artists. JazzFest brings local folk sounds to the forefront but has established itself as a borderless European forum for the genre.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included Rudresh Mahanthappa, Terence Blanchard, Peter Erskine.

More info: jazzfest-berlin.de

London Jazz Festival
London, England

November 11–20

Once an offshoot of the extinct Camden Festival, the north London jazz week exploded into a highly anticipated, 10-day event now honed as the region's largest music festival. Among its developments is the New Audience scheme, which exposes young listeners to emerging talent at some of the city's most historic performance halls, such as the Barbican, Wigmore Hall and Ronnie Scott's legendary digs. The BBC also presents concert broadcasts.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's performers included Sonny Rollins, Charles Lloyd, Robert Glasper.

More info: londonjazzfestival.org.uk

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Melbourne International Jazz Festival Melbourne, Australia

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Lineup: Sonny Rollins, Lee Konitz, Chris Botti, Jason Moran, more.

More info: melbournejazz.com

Rio Das Ostras Jazz and Blues Festival

Rio Das Ostras, Brazil

June 22–26

For the ninth edition of this beachfront celebration, a fourth stage in St. Peter's Square has been added to accommodate the festival's vast array of Brazilian-flavored artists. Additional acts will perform both indoors and outdoors at Lagoon Iriri, Turtle Beach and Costazul, complementing a harvest of Rio de Janeiro fare.

Lineup: Yellowjackets, Nicholas Payton, Bryan Lee, Azymoth com Leo Gandelman.

More info: riodasostrajazzblues.com

Red Sea Jazz Festival

Eliat Harbor, Israel

August 22–25

At the banks of the Red Sea, Israel's feature jazz event celebrates 25 years in existence, offering more than 32 concerts at modestly sized venues. The 4,000-seat Arena, 2,000-seat Hall and 1,000-seat Jazz Club host at least 20 Israeli ensembles along with a lineup of internationally renowned artists. Within the three different halls, guests can attend up to four concerts each evening, and with various celebrations and pool parties occurring simultaneously, guests can enjoy the pleasures of the Red Sea to the tune of jazz.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's performers included Rickie Lee Jones, Gary Burton, Stefon Harris, Danilo Pérez, Nikki Yanofski.

More info: redseajazzeliat.com

Curacao North Sea Jazz Festival

Piscadera Bay, Curacao

September 2–3

The Lesser Antilles region becomes a hybrid of noteworthy jazz and r&b acts combined with regional Caribbean cultural influences. The festival attracts about 70,000 visitors annually and will incorporate soul- and world music-inspired artists for this September's event.

Lineup: Dionne Warwick, Chic, Earth Wind & Fire, Rubén Blades.

More info: curacaonorthseajazz.com



Tudo E Jazz



Rio Das Ostras Jazz and Blues Festival

Tudo E Jazz

Ouro Preto, Brazil

September 8–11

The 10th edition of this Brazilian program taps an all-star band and the Symphonic Orchestra of Minas Gerais for its tribute to Tom Jobim. Dubbed "The Golden Years," the aptly themed lineup is derived from previous programs, based on audience votes.

Lineup: TBA.

More info: tudoejazz.com.br

Kathmandu Jazz Festival

Kathmandu, Nepal

October 14–25

The Nepalese capital city is quickly becoming a prominent name on the global jazz circuit, and hosts the ninth edition of this culturally interactive fest. "Jazzmandu" hosts a plethora of general education workshops for jazz novices and experts alike, along with a Peace Parade in Lazimpat that aims to be as awe-inspiring as the festival's Himalayan setting.

Lineup: TBA. Past performers have included

Don Burrows, Louis Banks, Natalie Williams, Simark Dialog, Remi Abram.

More info: jazzmandu.org

International Jazzuv Festival

Xalapa, Mexico

November 3–13

Situated near the Gulf of Mexico, Veracruz's jazz event allows student and audience participation via jam sessions and seminars. The Universidad Veracruzana-affiliated festival celebrates its fourth year of educational and recreational jazz performances.

Lineup: TBA. Last year's performers included McCoy Tyner, Jack DeJohnette, Mulgrew Miller, Ray Drummond, Lewis Nash, Jason Palmer, Francisco Mela.

More info: jazzuv.com

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