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Jason Moran has played the Earshot Jazz Festival in Seattle multiple times, and he will return for the 2017 edition. (Photo: Daniel Sheehan)



COURTESY OF WDNA/MIAMI DOWNTOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Paquito D'Rivera performed at the Miami Downtown Jazz Festival on Feb. 25.

Frost Students Enliven Miami's Jazz Scene

Despite the millions of tourists who flock to Miami each year, the city's jazz scene has had its share of ups and downs. International acts frequently travel through the major venues in town, but jazz clubs and festivals dedicated to jazz in Miami have faced economic challenges (just like their counterparts around the country). Fortunately, Miami residents get a steady diet of jazz concerts and broadcasts, thanks to the hard work of the faculty and students at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music, as well as the staff at local jazz station WDNA (88.9 FM).

Last year (as it had done for decades), Frost presented Festival Miami, a series of dozens of shows that took place over a three-week period and featured artists such as Snarky Puppy, Becca Stevens and Tiempo Libre. Frost is taking a different approach for its 2017-'18 season, as Shelly Berg, dean of music, recently explained to DownBeat.

"It's a transition year for us, after 30-some years," Berg said. "We used to have our festival in

the off-season, but Miami has gotten busier, and now there is no off-season. And trying to promote 25 concerts in 30 days was very taxing on everybody. We thought we would spread out our performances over a season, from September through April. And we are asking faculty to help us bring in prominent guest artists throughout the year, instead of just for one month."

Called the "Frost Music Live! Signature Series," the season will include many noteworthy events, such as bassist Dave Holland and the Frost Concert Jazz Band performing the music of the late Kenny Wheeler (Jan. 25, 2018), reedist and conductor Christine Jensen leading the Frost Studio Jazz Band in a concert of her compositions (Feb. 17) and drummer Dafnis Prieto (who is a Frost faculty member) collaborating with the Frost Salsa/Caribbean Jazz Orchestra (April 19).

Luckily, Berg can draw on his immensely talented student musicians and instructors, as well as the vast musical experience and connections

of the latter. Although jazz is a large portion of the emphasis at Frost, classical and mainstream pop are well presented. Graduate students in the school's Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra provide heavy lifting in multiple disciplines, and have supported artists such as Dave Grusin and Gloria Estefan. It also serves as the resident orchestra of the Jazz Roots series (founded by the late Larry Rosen), which is presented at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, located downtown.

"In November," Berg said, "we'll have a big Ella tribute and [plan to bring in] a bunch of stars: David Alan Grier, Niki Haris, Clint Holmes. This season we have Sir James Galway doing a concert with the symphony, and John Beasley [conducting] his MONKestra."

Berg explained the school's approach: "If you're going to spend the money, time and effort to bring in these marquee artists, the real win is when they collaborate with students. Last year we sent almost the entire Mancini Orchestra out to L.A., where John Williams and Quincy Jones conducted them. They've performed live film scores—*The Pink Panther*, *Star Wars*—and *House of Cards* music. They've done television specials with Bobby McFerrin, Chick Corea and Terence Blanchard.

"One of the interesting things about Miami is the students are working all the time with the pro scene, many of whom are alums of the school. I know because I'm often calling students to see if they can play with me or others on behalf of the school, and they often say, 'I wish I could, but I have a gig,'" Berg said with a laugh.

Frost students and instructors get their own dedicated jazz hour at WDNA on a show titled *UM Frost Jazz Hour*. This weekly live performance and broadcast, held every Thursday in the WDNA Jazz Gallery (2921 Coral Way), is free and open to the public. The shows are also broadcast on WDNA's video Livestream channel (livestream.com/WDNAradio).

Additionally, WDNA's DJs include musicians like Andy Harlow and Sammy Figueroa.

In February, WDNA presented its first Miami Downtown Jazz Festival, which featured two days of music, with performances by the Paquito D'Rivera Sextet, Hubert Laws, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque and others.

"The inaugural Miami Downtown Festival was a great success, and we're looking forward to the 2018 edition being just as exciting," said Maggie Pelleyá, general manager for WDNA. "We haven't announced the full lineup yet, but we'll have a performance by Arturo Sandoval and many other great artists."

WDNA also presents jazz concerts during the year, and shows this fall include vocalist and bassist Nicki Parrott (Sept. 30) and pianist Roberto Magris (Dec. 8), whose new album is a sextet project recorded in 2016 and titled *Live In Miami @ The WDNA Jazz Gallery* (JMood).

—John Radanovich



Havana International Jazz Festival Tour

January 14 to 22, 2018

JazzCuba.com

UNITED STATES

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Kris Davis (left), Linda May Han Oh and Andrew Cyrille perform at Winter Jazzfest in New York City.

Frost Music Live!

Coral Gables, Florida

September 2017–April 2018

The acclaimed Frost School of Music at the University of Miami hosts an annual season with more than 25 concerts. Attendees can enjoy the talents of award-winning Frost student ensembles, esteemed Frost faculty artists and world-renowned guest artists and musicologists. The Frost Music Live! series expands the university's prior month-long event, which was called Festival Miami. For more info, see the Frost Music Live! website or frost.miami.edu.

LINEUP: Sir James Galway, Dave Holland, Christine Jensen, John Beasley, Dafnis Prieto, Frost School's Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, Frost Symphony Orchestra, Frost Wind Ensemble, Frost Concert Jazz Band, Frost Studio Jazz Band, Frost Opera Theater, more. frostmusiclive.com

Angel City Jazz Festival

Los Angeles, California

Oct. 1–15

The 10th annual edition of this festival includes a celebration of the centennial of Thelonious Monk's birth. Angel City features major national and international artists along with top local musicians at a variety of notable venues across Southern California.

LINEUP: Dee Dee Bridgewater, DJ Logic, Mark de Clive-Lowe, Elliott Sharp, Mostly Other People Do The Killing, MAST, Deantoni Parks, Steve Lehman, Burning Ghosts, Dan Weiss, Craig Taborn, Matt Mitchell, Ben Monder, Trevor Dunn, Jeff Parker, Adam Rudolph's Moving Pictures, Go: Organic Orchestra featuring Bennie Maupin, Jonah Levine, Mark Dresser 7, Peter Evans, Taylor Ho Bynum, Jaimie Branch, Being and Becoming, James Leary Bass Choir, Dwight Trible's Cosmic Vibrations with Brent Jennings. angelcityjazz.com

MEMPHO Music Festival

Memphis, Tennessee

Oct. 6–7

The founders of the MEMPHO Music Festival are committed to making this event an integral part of the Memphis cultural scene for years to come. MEMPHO has been created to blend today's best sounds with Memphis' storied musical heritage. The goal is to offer a festival experience filled with music, food and nature that appeals to fans of all ages. MEMPHO will be held at the 4,500-acre Shelby Farms Park, one of the largest urban parks in America, just minutes from downtown Memphis.

LINEUP: Booker T. Stax Revue, Steve Cropper & Friends, Robert Randolph & The Family Band, Anderson .Paak, Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit, Southern Avenue, Dan Luke & The Raid, others. memphofest.com

Oregon Coast Jazz Party

Newport, Oregon

Oct. 6–8

This festival celebrates great live jazz—and the dedicated fans who love it—in the beautiful town of Newport, on the central Oregon coast. The fest features multiple sets from renowned jazz stars, nightcap performances and educational events.

LINEUP: George Cables Trio with Essiet Okon Essiet & Victor Lewis, Gerald Clayton, John Clayton, George Colligan, Jeff Hamilton, Holly Hofmann, Russell Malone, Thomas Marriott, Greta Matassa, Mary Ann McSweeney, Houston Person, Chuck Redd, Ryan Shaw, Mike Wofford, more. oregoncoastjazzparty.org

Pittsfield City Jazz Festival

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Oct. 6–15

Two marquee events for the 2017 edition of this festival reflect a remarkable range

and diversity—from the rapidly rising young vocalist Veronica Swift to a centennial celebration of Dizzy Gillespie. The festival will include the annual "jazz crawl" on Columbus Day weekend, the Jazz Prodigy concert on Oct. 11, jazz brunches and more.

LINEUP: Veronica Swift, A Celebration of Dizzy Gillespie, more. berkshiresjazz.org

Duck Jazz Festival

Duck, North Carolina

Oct. 7–8

The Town of Duck brings jazz to the Duck Town Park annually on Columbus Day weekend. Fans can enjoy live music from a variety of jazz performers, with two stages at this non-ticketed festival. Fans can extend their Outer Banks stay to enjoy jazz-themed events and promotions taking place throughout Duck businesses and beyond. Food and drinks will be available to purchase from various town eateries, and chairs will be available for rent. The festival will be held rain or shine.

LINEUP: Marquis Hill Blacktet, Mint Julep Jazz Band, Davina & The Vagabonds, The Rad Trads, Robert Jospé Express–Trio, The Second Marine Aircraft Wing Jazz Ensemble, First Flight High School Jazz Band. duckjazz.com

Amelia Island Jazz Festival

Fernandina Beach, Florida

Oct. 8–15

Held annually during the first week of October and headed by Artistic Director Les DeMerle, this festival promotes world-class jazz in various styles, including swing, bebop, Dixieland, big band, blues, Latin and contemporary. Concerts are staged in venues around Amelia Island, including the historic seaport of Fernandina Beach. The festival awards a Jazz Scholar-

ship yearly to an aspiring high school musician.

LINEUP: Nestor Torres, the Dynamic Les DeMerle Band featuring Bonnie Eisele, Trio Caliente, more. ameliaislandjazzfestival.com

Earshot Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington
Oct. 8–Nov. 12

The 29th edition of this fest presents more than 50 distinctive events in venues all around the city. The festival brings jazz greats from around the world into creative collaboration with area artists, including main-stage concerts by award-winning student ensembles and a strong representation by renowned resident artists. There will also be collaborations with the Polish and Romanian Film Festivals.

LINEUP: Hudson, Gregory Porter, Jason Moran Bandwagon + Horns, Brad Mehldau solo, The Bad Plus, Monk on Monk, Marquis Hill Blacktet, Ranky Tanky, Elliott Sharp, Jameel Moondoc, Ballake Sissoko & Vincent Segal, Danilo Pérez PanaMonk, Mark Guiliana Quartet, Steel House with Brian Blade, Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra with Wycliffe Gordon, The Baylor Project, Briggan Krauss, Giulia Valle, Satoko Fuji, Lucian Ban, Amina Figarova, Naomi Moon Seigel, a centennial celebration of Thelonious Monk, Robin Holcomb Trio, The Black Rock Coalition, Burnt Sugar Arkestra, Kassa Overall, Matt Wilson's Multiple Personalities, Dawn Clement, more. earshot.org

Rehoboth Beach Jazz Festival

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
Oct. 12–15

Now in its 28th year, this lively festival presents shows in multiple venues.

LINEUP: Rick Braun, Norman Brown, Richard Elliot, Nick Colionne, Eric Darius, Lalah Hathaway, Pieces of a Dream, Larry Graham, Paul Taylor, Brian Simpson, Club Phred, Will Donato, JJ Sansaverino, Boney James, Peter White, Marc Antoine, Maysa, Art Sherrod Jr., Steve Cole, Four80East, Matt Marshak, Kim Waters, Gerald Veasley, Lindsey Webster, Keiko Matsui, Euge Groove. rehobothjazz.com

Edgefest

Ann Arbor, Michigan
Oct. 18–21

Kerrytown Concert House presents the 21st annual Edgefest, with the theme Drums Along the Edge! This year the festival invites ensembles led by and featuring many distinguished drummer/composers from the world of creative music.

LINEUP: Hamid Drake, Pheeroan AkLaff, Andrew Drury, Allison Miller, Tom Rainey, Tomas Fujiwara, Harris Eisenstadt, William Hooker, Gerald Cleaver, Jon Taylor, more. edgefestannarbor.com

Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival

Sun Valley, Idaho
Oct. 18–22

Attendees from all 50 states, every Canadian province and several foreign

countries flock to this festival, which was founded in a spirit of appreciation for jazz by Tom and Barbara Hazzard. The annual festival is now in its 28th year.

LINEUP: Barnhart/Midiri Quartet, Blue Renditions, Blue Street Jazz Band, Bob Draga & Friends, Boise Straight Ahead, Bruce Innes Trio, Carolyn Martin Swing Band, Cocuzzi Trio, Cornet Chop Suey, Yve Evans, Gator Nation, High Sierra Jazz Band, Tom Hook, Jacob Miller & The Bridge City Crooners, Jerry Krahn Quartet, Ivory & Gold, Kings of Swing, Midiri Brothers Sextet, Paris Washboard, Pearl Django, PBJ (Paul Reid, Brian Casserly, & Jim Lawlor), Gary Ryan, Sherri Colby's Racket Makers & Friends, Side Street Strutters with Meloney Collins, Sun Valley Jazz All Stars with Marilyn Keller, Terry Myers Quartet with Jaimie Roberts, Tom Rigney & Flambeau. sunvalleyjazz.com

Champaign-Urbana Jazz Festival

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois
Oct. 19–22

The third annual edition of this festival continues to expand. It features a jazz brunch, the Young Artist Series, jazz lectures and a VandoJam session.

LINEUP: Victor Bastidas "De Paises Project," Tom Lippincott, Rachel Therrien Trio and Chris Madsen. cu jazzfest.wixsite.com/cu jazzfest

Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater, Florida
Oct. 19–22

This festival is a collaboration between the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation Inc., City of Clearwater, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater and Ruth Eckerd Hall. The 39th annual edition is presented by HCI Group Inc. Crowds can enjoy a diverse musical lineup, from jazz to jam, funk, fusion, classic Motown artists and more. On Oct. 21 there will be a special tribute to Weather Report and a Late Night Party dockside aboard *The StarLite Majesty* featuring The Strut Band.

LINEUP: James Hunter Six, Erica DiCeglie, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Jon Cleary, Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox, Helios Jazz Orchestra, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Alex Harris, La Lucha featuring Jeff Rupert & Marty Morell, The Players School of Music featuring Peter Mongaya & Friends, Michael McDonald, Kenny Loggins, Jason Miles Presents "Celebrating the Music of Weather Report" featuring Jeff Coffin, Carter Beauford, Philip Dizack, Shaun Martin, Mino Cinelu, Gerald Veasley and Karen Briggs, Avett Brothers, Mama's Batch, Anderson East, Honey Island Swamp Band, REH/CJH Youth Jazz Band. clearwaterjazz.com

Texas Jazz Festival

Corpus Christi, Texas
Oct. 20–22

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Saxophonists Ravi Coltrane (left, foreground) and Pharoah Sanders at the 2016 PDX Jazz Festival in Portland

Solomon Ortiz Dance Stage.

LINEUP: Papa Chapa Quintet, Prime Time Jazz John Magaldi, Jeff Lofton, Claudia Melton/Dallas, Europa, One Accord Gospel Group, Cat's Don't Sleep, N.O. Hustlers Brass Band, Kyle Turner, Freddie Martinez, William Skrobarczyk, Dirty River Dixie Band, Zenteno Spirit, Lyrical Byng, Another Level, Cruise Control, Alex Garibay & What is Hip, The Rockoholics, Latin Talk, Latin Heart/Joe Revelez, Greg Abate/George Prado, Powerhouse Big Band, Beverly Houston, Beto & The Fairlanes, UIW Jazz Band/Jim Waller, Stephen Richard, Johnny P & The WiseGuys, Biohazard Brass Band, Melina, Tom Braxton, Tim Gonzales, Islander Jazz Band, Ric Cortez Latin Jazz Project, Fort Sam's Own 323d Army Band, Glynn Garcia/Little Big Band, Carolyn Blanchard Sextet, Big Al, Adeline Cuesta, Sauce Gonzales Westside Sound, Zarabanda, Leticia Rodriguez, Alfinque, Latin Playerz/Henry Brun, Timberos Del Norte, Tiburon, Galvin Quintet, Liscano Quintet, Mike Guerra/Trisum, Veterans Funky Jazz Band, Del Mar Jazz Band, Eddie Olivares Jr. Quartet, Tony Campise Tribute Band, Latino Blue USA/Joe Gallardo.
texasjazz-fest.org

TD James Moody Jazz Festival Newark, New Jersey Nov. 4-12

Now in its 20th year, this annual festival held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center will be a celebration with "a little magic, a little mystery and a whole lot of great music," according to Grammy-winning bassist Christian McBride. Guitar great John McLaughlin will perform at NJPAC as part of a tour that he has said will be his last one of the United States.

LINEUP: Christian McBride & Dianne Reeves, John McLaughlin & Jimmy Herring, The Manhattan Transfer, Ella & Dizzy: The Centennial Celebration (featuring Gregory Porter, Lizz Wright, Regina Carter, Valerie Simpson, Randy Brecker, Sean Jones and the Christian McBride Big Band), Hiromi with Edmar Castaneda, Crosscurrents: Zakir Hussain & Dave Holland, Chris Botti, Grupo Niche/Willy Chirino, Kevin Mahogany, Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition.
njpac.org/buy-tickets/moodyjazz

Exit 0 Jazz Festival

Cape May, New Jersey
Nov. 9-12

Festival producer Michael Kline has assembled a world-class lineup of award-winning artists for this fest. On Nov. 9 there will be a special benefit concert for Music Connects, the non-profit, educational outreach arm of the festival: Titled "A Night in New Orleans," the show will feature The Dirty Dozen Brass Band and Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience.

LINEUP: Michael Pedicin (Artist-in-Residence), Brian Blade & The Fellowship Band, Gregory Porter, Pedrito Martinez Group, Arturo O'Farrill & The Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, Jazzmeia Horn, Lizz Wright, Spuyten Duyvil, Fourplay, New Breed Brass Band, Terrance Simien Zydeco Experience, Bluebone, Matt Cappy, Cintron, Eddie Morgan & Rek'd 4 Jazz, Etienne Charles & Creole Soul, Sasha Masakowski, Ranky Tanky, Brother Josephus & The Love Revolution.
exit0jazzfest.com

Otis Taylor's Trance Blues Festival

Boulder, Colorado
Nov. 11

This event unique will feature workshops (from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) with blues musician Otis Taylor and several visiting artists, as well as an evening concert (beginning at 7 p.m.) with Taylor, guest artists, and select participants.

LINEUP: Otis Taylor, Marcella Simien, C.J. Chenier, Anne Harris, Cassie Taylor, Brandon "Taz" Niederauer, more.
trancebluesfestival.com

BSBI Jazz Festival

Manchester, Connecticut
Dec. 2-3

The second annual edition of this festival, presented by Beth Sholom B'Nai Israel, will be held in historic Cheney Hall and bring a variety of established and emerging jazz musicians to Central Connecticut.

LINEUP: Greg Abate, Avery Sharpe, Alex Nakhimovsky, Robin Lyn Treger, Riverboat

Stompers, Dianne Mower, Norman Johnson, Atla & Matt DeChamplain, Arti Dixson, more.
myshul.org/events/jazz2017

JazzFest at Sea

Cruise leaving from Miami, Florida
Jan. 3-14, 2018

This cruise presents concerts of traditional jazz, swing and other styles. The *MSC Divina* will depart from Miami and head to the Southern Caribbean for a memorable trip filled with jazz concerts, afternoon sessions and other fun activities. Shows are presented in an intimate, jazz-club atmosphere limited to 250 guests. In addition to concerts by internationally acclaimed artists, the cruise presents opportunities for amateur musicians to jam with the pros. (Only those who book with Cruise & Vacation Depot or an approved agency will be allowed to participate.)

LINEUP: Houston Person, Allan Vache, Duke Heitger, Harry Allen, Danny Coots, Frank Tate, Rebecca Kilgore, Rossano Sportiello, Bill Allred, Johnny Varro, Warren Vache, Yve Evans, Howard Alden, Butch Miles, Mike Pittsley, Mark Shane, Charlie Silva, Banu Gibson.
jazzfestatsea.com

Winter Jazzfest

New York City
Jan. 10-17, 2018

Held in the global capital for jazz, this festival presents an incredibly diverse spectrum of music. This year's Artist-in-Residence is flutist Nicole Mitchell. Also, there will be a continued focus on musical projects pertaining to social justice, a special focus on the British jazz scene (featuring the BBC's Gilles Peterson) and a tribute to the late Geri Allen. Label showcases will be hosted by ECM Records, Okeh, Motéma and more.

LINEUP: The 2017 edition included dozens of artists, including Pharoah Sanders, Donny McCaslin, Bill Frisell & Thomas Morgan, Amina Claudine Myers, Marc Ribot & The Young Philadelphians, Kneebody, Dave Douglas, Kandace Springs and Mary Halvorson Octet.
winterjazzfest.com

Tucson Jazz Festival

Tucson, Arizona
Jan. 11-21, 2018

The fourth HSL Properties Tucson Jazz Festival is one of the few U.S. jazz festivals held in January, when it's warm and sunny in southern Arizona. The Downtown Jazz Fiesta presents free concerts on eight stages throughout downtown Tucson.

LINEUP: Warren Wolf with the UA Studio Jazz Ensemble, Arturo Sandoval with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, Sheila E., Hypnotic Brass, The Hot Sardines, Matt Holman, Lew Tabackin, Bill Charlap, Diane Schuur, Ernie Watts, The Mingus Dynasty, Tucson Jazz Institute Ellington Band, Spyro Gyra, Wycliffe Gordon, Jay Leonhart, more.
tucsonjazzfestival.org

Charleston Jazz Festival

Charleston, South Carolina
Jan. 18-21, 2018

This festival presents world-class musicians as well as local talent. Jazz fans flock to Charleston to celebrate the Holy City's rich jazz heritage and thriving jazz scene.

LINEUP: Kenny G, Nnenna Freelon, Charleston Jazz Orchestra, Charleston All-Star Youth Jazz Orchestra, more.
charlestonjazz.com

Blue Note at Sea

Cruise leaving from Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Jan. 27-Feb. 3, 2018

Featuring a star-studded lineup at sea, this cruise presents more than 20 acts representing a great variety of jazz styles, as well as comedian Alonzo Bodden. Music on Blue Note at Sea is presented "show style," meaning that each night there will be two main shows in the largest venue on the ship. Half of the guests will attend the first show and then proceed to the Main Dining seating for dinner; the other half of the guests will dine first and then attend the second show.

LINEUP: Chick Corea, Marcus Miller, Robert Glasper, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Lalah Hathaway, Leslie Odom Jr., David Sanborn, Charles Lloyd & The Marvels, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Don Was, Alonzo Bodden, Ambrose Akinmusire, Vicente Archer, Bill Frisell, Wycliffe Gordon, Eric Harland, Derrick Hodge, Geoffrey

Keezer, Billy Kilson, Greg Leisz, Lionel Loueke, Damion Reid, Reuben Rodgers, Kendrick Scott, Marcus Strickland, Ben Williams.
bluenoteatsea.com

The Jazz Cruise

Cruise leaving from Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Feb. 3-10, 2018

This cruise leaves Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with stops in New Orleans and Cozumel, Mexico. There will be nearly 100 jazz musicians on the ship, as well as jazz historian Dick Golden and comedian Alonzo Bodden.

LINEUP: Shelly Berg (Music Director), John Clayton (Big Band Director), Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Herlin Riley, Kurt Elling, Randy Brecker, Monty Alexander, Arturo Sandoval, Marcus Miller, Joey DeFrancesco, John Pizzarelli, Jeff Hamilton, Jeff Clayton, Gerald Clayton, The Cookers, New York Voices, Wycliffe Gordon, Anat Cohen, Lewis Nash, Nneena Freelon, Roberta Gambarini, Benny Green, Houston Person, Terrell Stafford, Robin Eubanks, Sean Jones, Will Lee, Dick Oatts, Tom Kennedy, Renee Rosnes, Gary Smulyan, more.
thejazzcruise.com

Berklee High School Jazz Festival

Boston, Massachusetts
Feb. 10, 2018

Berklee College of Music hosts its High School Jazz Festival at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. The largest event of its kind in the United States, the annual festival is free and open to

the public. Big bands, combos and vocal jazz ensembles will perform and compete throughout the day. Additionally, there will be performances by Berklee College of Music faculty, tours of Berklee's campus and open jam sessions.

LINEUP: Berklee ensembles, high school ensembles from around the country, plus special guests.
festival.berkleejazz.org

Newport Beach Jazz Party & Big Band Blowout

Newport Beach, California
Feb. 15-18, 2018

The 18th Annual Jazz Party will return to the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa and feature a closing big band each of the four nights. Artists will perform in various mix-and-match duo, trio, quartet and quintet settings for outdoor afternoon sessions and in the hotel's restaurant and Grand Ballroom for the evening concerts. A motto for this festival could be "One Last Time." Producers Joe Rothman and John McClure presented both the West Coast Jazz Party (1995-2009) and the Newport Beach Jazz Party (2001-'17). Although the 2017 party had its best attendance ever, the producers plan to go out on a high note with one last party celebrating these beloved events, which have presented shows by some 400 artists over the years.

LINEUP: Ken Peplowski, John Clayton, Lewis Nash, Scott Hamilton, Houston

Thurs.
Jan. 11



Hypnotic Brass

Fri.
Jan. 12



The Hot Sardines

Sat.
Jan. 13



Arturo Sandoval

Sun.
Jan. 14



Sheila E.

Thurs.
Jan. 18



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Fri.
Jan. 19



The Mingus Dynasty

Sat.
Jan. 20



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Person, James Morrison, Butch Miles, Chuck Redd, Tamir Hendelman, more.
newportbeachjazzparty.com

Biamp PDX Jazz Festival Portland, Oregon Feb. 15-25, 2018

PDX Jazz celebrates Black History Month by presenting living legends, established stars and emerging jazz artists in classic venues located in numerous eclectic neighborhoods. Fans can enjoy world-class jazz, restaurants, Willamette Valley wines, coffee, micro-brews and more. The festival will include tributes to singer Al Jarreau and drummer Art Blakey (as well as the Jazz Crusaders' legacy).

LINEUP: Terri Lyne Carrington, Esperanza Spalding, Ravi Coltrane, Darrell Grant, Luciana Souza, Lisa Fischer, Regina Carter, Bill Frisell, Dave King Trio, Julian Lage Trio, Scott Amendola, Ben Allison, Charles Tolliver & Music Inc., Jazz By Five, David Sánchez, George Colligan, Miles Electric Band, Charles Gayle, Tigran Hamasyan, Jazz Epistles: Abdulah Ibrahim & Ekaya and Hugh Masekela, Ethan Iverson, Russell Malone, Marcus Roberts Trio, Vocalese Tributes to Jon Hendricks and Eddie Jefferson with Kurt Elling, Allan Harris, Richie Cole, Ernie Andrews, Barbara Morrison, Charnett Moffett, Amina Figarova, Art Abrams, Rachel Flowers, more.
pdxjazz.com/pdx-jazz-festival

San Jose Jazz Winter Fest San Jose, California Feb. 15-25, 2018

A counterpart to San Jose Jazz Summer Fest, this festival features concerts by international jazz stars as well as student bands and master classes. The 2016 edition included The Jazz Beyond series, which was co-curated by Universal Grammar and featured artists who are pushing the boundaries of jazz, soul and hip-hop.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included artists such as John Scofield & Joe Lovano, Regina Carter, Nicholas Payton,

Delfeayo Marsalis and Kneedelus.
sanjosejazz.org

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Moscow, Idaho Feb. 22-24, 2018

Presented by the Lionel Hampton School of Music at the University of Idaho and celebrating its 51st edition, this festival offers competitive student performances, educational workshops and outstanding student performers during the evening concerts. Educators are invited to bring their students.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included artists such as Esperanza Spalding, René Marie, the Lionel Hampton Big Band, New York Voices.
uidaho.edu/class/jazzfest

Elmhurst College Jazz Festival Elmhurst, Illinois Feb. 22-25, 2018

Many of the best collegiate groups in the country will converge on the Elmhurst College Campus for four days of performances and educational sessions during the 51st edition of this world-class festival. Student musicians will be surrounded by some of the most accomplished professional jazz musicians in the world to create an unparalleled learning environment and a series of concerts that will be remembered for years to come.

LINEUP: Maria Schneider Orchestra, Arturo O'Farrill & The Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, Sean Jones, Jiggs Whigham, Matt Wilson.
elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival

DeMiero Jazz Fest Edmonds, Washington March 1-3, 2018

The 42nd annual edition of this non-competitive vocal jazz festival will feature daytime performances on Friday and Saturday from 60 choirs of all ages. Each night will have a concert with world-class jazz musicians as guest artists. New this year is the Thursday

Music Intensive (a day of concentrated clinics and master classes for only 10 groups).

LINEUP: René Marie, Dee Daniels, more.
demierojazzfest.org

Next Generation Jazz Festival presented by Monterey Jazz Festival

Monterey, California
March 9-11, 2018

Each spring, the Monterey Jazz Festival invites more than 1,300 of the nation's top student musicians to play at the Next Generation Jazz Festival (NGJF). One of the most inclusive festivals in the United States, the 48th NGJF will welcome middle school, high school and collegiate groups of every kind: big bands, combos, vocal ensembles, vocal soloists and conglomerate bands. From more than 70 finalists and 130 performing groups, the best will win a spot at the 61st Monterey Jazz Festival, to be held in September 2018. Check the website for an announcement about the Artist-in-Residence.

LINEUP: Past performers have included ensembles from throughout California, as well as Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and other states.
montereyjazzfestival.org

Knox-Rootabaga Jazz Festival

Galesburg, Illinois
April 2018 (Dates TBD)

Hosted by Knox College and the Galesburg community, this festival presents three days

of concerts and workshops. The festival is held in the birthplace of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Carl Sandburg and is named for his 1922 children's book, *Rootabaga Stories*.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included artists such as the Gretchen Parlato Quartet, Victor Garcia Organ Quintet, Knox College faculty members and others.
knox.edu

New York City Jazz Festival

New York City
April 8, 2018

Hosted at the world-famous Apollo Theater, the New York City Jazz Festival gives instrumental and vocal jazz ensembles the opportunity to perform as part of a ticketed daytime performance, receive comments from a panel of vocal and instrumental jazz experts, have a private clinic with one of them and attend an evening performance of select professional and amateur musicians.

LINEUP: Past editions have included artists such as Stefon Harris, Kurt Elling and Paquito D'Rivera.
mcp.us/nyc-jazz-festival/

French Quarter Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 12-15, 2018

An exciting showcase of Louisiana food, music and culture, this festival presents more than 2,000 musicians on 23 stages,

60 food vendors from well-known local restaurants and numerous special events.

LINEUP: Past editions have included artists such as Ellis Marsalis, Cory Henry, The Revelers and Cowboy Mouth.
fqfi.org/frenchquarter

Miami Downtown Jazz Festival

Miami, Florida
April 13-14, 2018

Presented by radio station WDNA, this festival returns to beautiful downtown Miami with a stellar lineup of local and national musicians and a piano competition open to Florida students. For updates, check the festival website and wdna.org.

LINEUP: Arturo Sandoval, tributes to NEA Jazz Masters Dr. Lonnie Smith and Todd Barkan, more.
miamidowntownjazzfestival.org

Eau Claire Jazz Festival

Eau Claire, Wisconsin
April 20-21, 2018

The 52nd annual edition of this festival will welcome more than 120 high school bands for two days of concerts and educational sessions. Participating venues are located in the city's vibrant downtown area and on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included artists such as Doc Severinsen and Carl Allen.
eauclairejazz.com

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Saxophonist James Carter leads his organ trio at the 2016 edition of the Tampere Jazz Happening in Finland.

TJH Reaches Ideal Size

The Tampere Jazz Happening has been living up to its name and creating a buzz for 36 years, not only as the primary jazz festival in Finland but as an event that draws fans from around the world. Its reputation got a significant boost this year when the European Jazz Network (EJN) gave the festival the prestigious “Adventurous Programming” award.

Additionally, at the annual music industry conference known as jazzahead! (held in Bremen, Germany, in April), the designated country-in-focus this year was Finland. Before being officially celebrated for the EJN award, Tampere Jazz Happening (TJH) Artistic Director Juhamatti Kauppinen could be found at a pre-show reception, serving as the DJ and spinning an array of impressive Finnish jazz platters.

“I try to spread what jazz I know,” Kauppinen said, “and to show the audience different kinds of music. Almost from the beginning, world music has also been part of our festival program. I want to [present] some newcomers and some legends. I try to keep the programming as wide as possible. Of course, the main thing is new, fresh things—what’s happening in the world of jazz at the moment.”

Tampere is Finland’s second largest city. The festival has flourished there, and nowadays it is part of a group of risk-embracing festivals that host jazz and creative music, such as Austria’s Saalfelden, the Moers festival in Germany, Lisbon’s Jazz em Agosto, Nattjazz in Bergen, Norway, and FIMAV in Victoriaville, Quebec.

The event began humbly in 1982 as an outgrowth of the Jazz Society Break’s programming, with shows in various venues around the city. Its current setting has a wonderful ambi-

ence, with performances held in two historic, adjacent brick buildings, the Telakka and the Paakahuone. Festivalgoers shuffle back and forth between stages, many of them thankful for the short trek, given the wintry conditions of a Finnish November.

When Kauppinen took over the reins of the artistic director role in 2002, one of his goals was to lure a new, younger audience, partly by instituting free concerts at the beginning and end of the festival. The opening now belongs to select acts from a featured country: Last year, it was Sweden. This year’s edition, to be held Nov. 2–5, will focus on Estonia. Next year it will be Austria.

The 2016 program offered an impressive balance of luminosity and bracing edginess. American acts included the Steve Lehmann Octet, elder statesman Charles Lloyd and a stirring finale by Dave Holland’s band Aziza (featuring Chris Potter). From the Finnish front, we heard pianist Aki Rissanen, saxophonist Pepa Päivinen, guitarist Raoul Björkenheim and tenor saxophonist Esa Pietilä, winner of the annual Yrjö Award, presented early in the festival weekend.

Asked for a list of highlights in this year’s edition, Kauppinen pointed out several highly anticipated shows. The Fifth Man, an electro-acoustic band led by saxophonist Evan Parker, will make its first visit to Tampere, and another intriguing saxophonist, Shabaka Hutchings, will appear in two settings. Swiss trombonist Samuel Blaser brings his group Early in the Morning, with reedist Oliver Lake as special guest. Drummer Tony Allen will perform material from his recent EP, *A Tribute To Art Blakey* (Blue Note). Repeat visitors include

ambitious saxophonist Steve Coleman and the jazz-meets-post-rock pianist Nik Bärtsch.

Appearing on Nov. 5 will be New Zion Trio, with pianist Jamie Saft, bassist Brad Jones and respected veteran drummer Hamid Drake, who described the band as “improvisers who love reggae and players of reggae who love to improvise.”

Drake is very familiar with the Jazz Happening’s virtues, having played there numerous times since 1994 when he was in trumpeter Don Cherry’s group Nu. Subsequently, the drummer has appeared in Tampere with Peter Brötzmann, David Murray, the Chicago Tentet, his own groups and more.

“The Jazz Happening is one of the most unique festivals in Europe—perhaps even the world,” Drake said. “It exudes a wonderful aesthetic of diversity among musical and cultural lines. Anyone who attends the festival will bear witness to this and be thankful for it. The organizers feel that it is their responsibility to have and maintain a diverse palette. It is through the combination of progressive and historical expressions that they are able to convey the natural spirit of artistic culture and improvisation.”

All is well in Tampere, but don’t expect any imminent expansion plans. “At the moment, I’m satisfied with the festival,” said Kauppinen, “It’s almost totally sold-out. And I think the size is good. There are three stages near each other, so it’s easy to change the stages, and to go wherever you want. For me, it’s perfect at the moment.

“I think small is beautiful. I don’t like those knotty kinds of big, huge festivals so much. For me, this is better. Small things. Our audience likes that, too.”

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Marcus Miller at Baloise Session in Basel, Switzerland

Hong Kong International Jazz Festival

Hong Kong, China

Sept. 30, Oct. 5-7

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, this festival brings together renowned musicians from around the world to play alongside local young musicians on various stages. In addition, attendees can participate in workshops and other educational initiatives.

LINEUP: Alan Kwan, Patrick Lui Quartet, Hang Em High, EYOT, Samba Jazz Collective, Maxime Bender Universal Sky, J.A.S.S., Cannonball, Born To Be Blue Quartet, Mathias Heise Quadrillion, Jazvolution.
hkijf.com

Agharta Prague Jazz Festival

Prague, Czech Republic

Oct. 2-Nov. 15

This festival is held in the Lucerne Music Bar and the Agharta Jazz Centrum, a jazz club located in the basement of a building constructed in the 1400s. The festival presents a mix of European and American acts.

LINEUP: Original Vintage Orchestra, LacoDeczi & Celula New York, Candy Dulfer, Dean Brown Band, more.
agharta.cz

Enjoy Jazz

Heidelberg, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, Germany

Oct. 2-Nov. 17

This festival, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, typically presents one concert per evening per city. Among the legendary artists who have played this event is Ornette Coleman.

LINEUP: Vijay Iyer Sextet, Donny McCaslin, Archie Shepp, Shabaka & The Ancestors, Brad Mehldau, Eric Schaefer & The Shredz,

Egberto Gismonti & Maria João, Wolfgang Muthspiel Quintet, Richard Bona Mandekan Cubano, Amok Amor, Gonjasufi, BadBadNotGood, Gerald Clayton Trio, Giovanni Guidi, Gianluca Petrella & Louis Sclavis, Somi, Youn Sun Nah, Tarkovsky Quartet mit Couturier, Lechner, Larché & Martinier, Mammal Hands, Ida Lupino, Ilhan Ersahin's Istanbul Sessions, Avishai Cohen Quartet, Django Memories Quartet featuring Biréli Lagrène
enjoyjazz.de

Angra Jazz Festival

Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal

Oct. 4-7

Founded in 1999, this festival takes place on Terceira, a beautiful, small island. For the past 18 years, many of the world's most important jazz musicians have played at Angrajazz (aka the Angra Jazz Festival).

LINEUP: Matt Wilson Quartet, Yllian Cañizares Quintet, Jon Irabagon Quartet, Orquestra Angrajazz, Baptiste Trotignon & Minimo Garay, Charles Tolliver Tentet, Ensemble Super Moderne.
angrajazz.com: visitazores.com

Stockholm Jazz Festival

Stockholm, Sweden

Oct. 6-15

This is one of Sweden's oldest festivals and one of Stockholm's biggest cultural events. It has a reputation as one of Europe's best-run festivals. Since 2012, the festival has been held indoors on the finest stages in Stockholm.

LINEUP: Roy Hargrove Quintet, Diane Reeves, Vijay Iyer Sextet, Maria Schneider & Bohuslän Big Band, Tigran Hamasyan, Hiromi with Edmar Castañeda, Al Di Meola World Sinfonia, Benja-

min Koppel/Scott Colley/Brian Blade Collective, Horncraft, Tenor Madness, Anna Louise & The Fellas, Hasse Ling & His Syncopators of Swing.
stockholmjazz.com/english

Padova Jazz Festival

Padova, Italy

Oct. 7-14

This festival will celebrate its 20th edition with a series of concerts by world-class musicians. Guitar legend Pat Metheny will be in Padova rehearsing for his European tour, which will begin in Padova. He will perform with his band and participate in an onstage conversation.

LINEUP: Pat Metheny (with Antonio Sanchez/Linda May Han Oh/Gwilym Simcock), Mike Applebaum, Sergio Cammariere, Eric Reed Trio featuring Piero Odorici, more.

padovajazz.com

Jazzmandu

Kathmandu, Nepal

Oct. 12-18

Key attractions for this famous festival are a verdant valley, centuries-old palaces and pagodas, packed crowds in unique venues, and the mixing of musical traditions from around the world. Jazzmandu (aka the Kathmandu Jazz Festival) will celebrate its 15th year with a special lineup.

LINEUP: Filtron M, Samuel Wootton's Toy Story, Julia Sarr Quartet, Palouse Jazz Project, Cadenza Collective, more.

jazzmandu.com

Canterbury Festival

Canterbury, United Kingdom

Oct. 12-Nov. 4

Canterbury Festival is Kent's International Arts Festival, the largest such event in the region. The festival attracts an audience of more than 60,000 fans of all ages to free and ticketed events. The 200 performances and events include jazz, classical music, world music, contemporary dance, visual arts, comedy, theater, walks, lectures and more.

LINEUP: Imelda May, Chris Ingham Quartet, Katy Windsor & Ginger Bennett Jazz Trio, Jacqui Dankworth & Craig Ogden, Mary Black, Christ Church University Big Band, Hamish Stuart Band, Alex Rose, Trio Apaches, Harvey & The New Wallbangers, Budapest Cafe Orchestra, London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra, Newton Faulkner, Ruby Turner, more.
canterburyfestival.co.uk

Barcelona Vull-Damm Jazz Festival

Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Oct. 17-Dec. 19

This legendary festival is a two-month marathon extravaganza with a variety of music, plus a very special interest in oe-

nology and gastronomy. It is run by The Project, a leader in the concert industry.

LINEUP: Diana Krall, Chick Corea/Steve Gadd Band, Avishai Cohen, Chucho Valdés & Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Lila Downs, Trombone Shorty, Maeco Parker, Barbara Hendricks, Hiromi & Edmar Castañeda, Kamasi Washington, Ambrose Akinmusire, Cory Henry, Chris Dave, Chano Domínguez & Stefano Bollani, Fred Hersch, Rebecca Martin, Cyrille Aimée, Logan Richardson, Shai Maestro, Aaron Goldberg, The Bad Plus, Miguel Zenón, Eliane Elias, Daymé Arocena, Marco Mezquida, Andrea Motis, Carles Benavent, The Waterboys, Julia Holter, Tony Visconti & Woody Woodmansey's Holy Holy, Tomatito, José Mercé, Estrella Morente, Niño Josele, Rocío Márquez, Antonio Carmona, Chicuelo, more.
barcelonajazzfestival.com

Døla Jazz Lillehammer Jazz Festival Lillehammer, Norway Oct. 19-22

Founded in 1978, this event has grown to become one of the most prominent jazz festivals in Norway—not necessarily because of its size, but because it offers an intimate listening experience, with the audience close to the musicians.
LINEUP: Arild Andersen Trio, Erik Løkra Volunteer Quartet, Maren Selvaag Trio, Jacob Young, Trail of Souls, Sarah McKenzie, Confusion, Bendik Hofseth Kvartett, more.
dolajazz.no

Skopje Jazz Festival Skopje, Republic of Macedonia Oct. 19-22

Established in 1982, this festival is one of the leading music events in the Republic of Macedonia. Past lineups have included many jazz styles and performances by American and European jazz artists, representatives of Latin American and African music, as well as the best Macedonian jazz musicians.

LINEUP: Performers in last year's festival included artists such as Julian Lage, The Thing and the Marcin Wasilewski Trio with Joakim Milder.
skopjejazzfest.com.mk

Jarasum International Jazz Festival Gapyeong, South Korea Oct. 20-22

Held on an island on the Bukhan River, this event has been recognized as the best festival by the Korean Culture Ministry. The 15 host venues are located in a beautiful natural setting. Each year, Jarasum Jazz has a program that focuses on a partner country, and this year the spotlight is on Israel. Other attractions of the festival include a children's program, films and a farmers' market.

LINEUP: Lee Ritenour & Dave Grusin, Chucho Valdés & Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Joshua Redman Trio (with Reuben Rogers and Kendrick Scott), Dino Saluzzi Group, Avishai Cohen Trio, Mike Stern Band (featuring

Dave Weckl/Randy Brecker/Tom Kennedy), Eli Degibri Quartet, Pablo Held Trio, Jacob Young, Fabrizio Bosso Quartet, Mario Laginha Trio, Yuri Honing Acoustic Quartet.
jarasumjazz.com

Baloise Session Basel, Switzerland Oct. 21-Nov. 9

Baloise Session presents a unique atmosphere: Seated in an elegant club-like setting at round, candlelit tables, the audience is just a few meters away from the stage. For the past 32 years, major stars have been coming to this popular Swiss boutique-music festival, which features jazz, soul, funk, blues, world music and many other genres.

LINEUP: Gilberto Gil, Amadou & Mariam, Chris Rea, Imelda May, Alicia Keys, Kaleo, Ásgeir, Tim Bendzko, Max Giesinger, more.
baloisession.ch

JazzUV Festival Xalapa, Mexico Oct. 24-29

The mission of this festival is to promote jazz as a platform for dialogue and collaboration, and to celebrate cultural diversity in a setting of equality. The festival is supported in part by the Center for Jazz Studies of the University of Veracruz, the Academic Area of Arts, the IVEC, Secretariat of Culture, IBERMUSICAS and the Institute of Youth of Quebec.

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Jarasum International Jazz Festival in Gapyeong, South Korea

LINEUP: Donald Harrison Quintet, Michael Dease Quintet, Martha Gómez, Gentiane MG Trio, Henry Cole.

uv.mx/jazzuv/festival-jazzuv

Bologna Jazz Festival

Bologna, Italy

Oct. 26–Nov. 19

This festival will focus on the mixing of modern jazz language and contemporary sounds, including hip-hop and electronica. Its program will feature many world-class artists.

LINEUP: Chick Corea/Steve Gadd Band, Lee Konitz Quartet, Yellowjackets, Miguel Zenón Quartet, Tim Berne's Snakeoil, Barry Harris Trio, Paolo Fresu Devil Quartet, Matthew Herbert, Enrico Rava, Giovanni Guidi, Bassdrumbone, Steve Lehman & Sélébéyone, The Claudia Quintet, Ralph Towner, Brian Auger's Oblivion Express featuring Alex Ligertwood, more.

bolognajazzfestival.com

Guinness Cork Jazz Festival

Cork, Ireland

Oct. 27–30

In addition to presenting world-famous headliners, this festival, which is celebrating its 40th edition, offers numerous free events and activities, including outdoor shows, a Jazz Bus, a Record & CD Fair at the Unitarian Church, a jazz parade, a food fair and a gospel service. The Jazz Festival Club shows at the Metropole Hotel aim to re-create the ambience of Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London.

LINEUP: Kenny Garrett Quintet, Nicholas Payton, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Monty Alexander Trio, Michael Wollny Trio, Sue Rynhart Trio, Ronnie Scott's All-Stars, Imelda May, Sarah McKenzie, Scott Hamilton & The Champion Fulton Trio, more.

guinnessjazzfestival.com

Dominican Republic Jazz Festival

Santo Domingo, Santiago, Sosua, Puerto Plata & Playa Cabarete, Dominican Republic

Oct. 29–Nov. 5

The 21st edition of this festival, presented by FEDUJAZZ and the Ministry of Tourism, will present concerts in beautiful locations.

Marco Pignataro, who is managing director of the Berklee Global Jazz Institute, serves as artistic advisor to this festival.

LINEUP: Sean Jones, Anat Cohen with the Berklee Global Jazz Ambassadors, Alain Mallet, Jonathan Suazo, Edmar Colon, El Eco with Guillermo Nojehowicz featuring Marco Pignataro, Brian Lynch, Helio Alves, Kim Nazarian & Fernando Huergo, Roni Eytan Quartet, Trío da Paz, Guy Frómata Trío, more.

drjazzfestival.com

Berlin Jazz Festival

Berlin, Germany

Oct. 31–Nov. 5

The 54th edition of this festival will include performances by more 150 musicians hailing from numerous countries. This is the third and final year that British writer Richard Williams will serve as the festival curator. Williams has given this year's edition a title that nods to a quote from Ornette Coleman: "In All Languages."

LINEUP: Ambrose Akinmusire, Michael Wollny, John Beasley's MONK'estra, Nels Cline, Tyshawn Sorey, Steve Lehman & Sélébéyone, Shabaka & The Ancestors, Dr. Lonnie Smith Trio, Punkt.Vrt.Plastik: Kaja Draksler/Petter Eldh/Christian Lillinger, Empirical, Amir ElSaffar + Zinc & Copper, Ingrid & Christine Jensen with Ben Monder, Amirtha Kidambi & Elder Ones, Geir Lysne + NDR Bigband, Trondheim Voices + Kit Downes, René Urtreger, Mônica Vasconcelos, more.

berlinerfestspiele.de

Roma Jazz Festival

Rome, Italy

November (Dates TBD)

This celebration of jazz in Italy's capital brings revered Italian artists together with international stars. Founded in 1976, the festival offers diverse programming and has presented such music legends as Miles Davis, Sarah Vaughan, B.B. King and Bob Dylan.

LINEUP: Last year's lineup included artists such as Joshua Redman, Jacob Collier, Richard Galliano, John Scofield, Enrico Rava, Giovanni Guidi and Omar Sosa.

romajazzfestival.it

Jazznojazz Festival

Zurich, Switzerland

Nov. 1–4

In its 19th year, this festival will offer more than 20 concerts featuring jazz, funk, fusion and soul. And for the first time ever, the festival will be hosting exclusive Late Night Sessions, so that fans can keep the party going into the wee hours.

LINEUP: Cécile McLorin Salvant, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Marcus Miller, Stanley Clarke, Kamasi Washington, Billy Cobham, Nils Landgren Funk Unit, Yellowjackets, Abdullah Ibrahim, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles.

jazznojazz.ch

Tampere Jazz Happening

Tampere, Finland

Nov. 2–5

Founded in 1982, the Tampere Jazz Happening brings together the most interesting artists of modern jazz from Finland and from abroad. In 2017 Tampere Jazz Happening was honored by the European Jazz Network for its continuous bold and innovative programming, its ability to stimulate new and original projects linking local and international musicians, and its commitment to broaden the horizons of jazz, maintaining quality at the highest levels.

LINEUP: Steve Coleman & Five Elements, Tony Allen, Kirke Karja Quartet, Kadri Voorand Duo, Heavy Beauty, The Comet Is Coming, Sid Hille & Foreign Friends, Njet Njet 9, Jukka Eskola Soul Trio, Shabaka & The Ancestors, Jojo Mayer/Nerve, Adele Sauros Quartet, Eero Koivistoinen Quartet, Virta, Sunna Gunnlaugs Trio with Verner Pohjola, Samuel Blaser, Oliver Lake, Eric Truffaz Quartet, The Fifth Man, Trail Of Souls, Knut Reiersrud, Solveig Slettahjell, Thomas de Pourquerey & Supersonic, Nik Bärtsch's Mobile, New Zion Trio with Hamid Drake, Dhafer Youssef, Lucia Cadotsch, more.

tamperemusicfestivals.fi/jazz/en/

Wangaratta Jazz & Blues Festival

Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia

Nov. 3–5

This festival features nine venues, gourmet food and wine, markets and

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LINEUP: Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Jon Cleary, Ian Moss, Spiderbait & Wang Horns, Katie Noonan/Karin Schaupp, Kari Ikonen Trio, Jen Shyu, Aron Ottignon Trio, Caiti Baker, Kevin Borich, Bridie King, James Morrison/Paul Grabowsky/Kram, Tony Gould & Mike Nock, more. wagarattajazz.com

Akbank Jazz Festival

Istanbul, Turkey
Nov. 3-19

Launched in 1991, this festival not only hosts prominent jazz figures from across the world but also presents emerging and promising next-generation artists. The festival includes panel discussions, workshops, film screenings, concerts and social responsibility projects.

LINEUP: Abdullah Ibrahim & Ekaya and Hugh Masekela, Henri Texier Hope Quartet, Bonobo, Wolfgang Muthspiel Trio, Amina Figarova Sextet, Alfredo Rodriguez Trio, Ala.Ni, Red Baraat, Emir Ersoy Quartera featuring Türkü Turan, Daniel Herskedal & Marius Neset, Nicola Cruz, more. akbankjazzfestival.com

Leverkusener Jazztage

Leverkusener, Germany
Nov. 4-16

Founded in 1980, this festival has become one of the largest cultural events in Germany, drawing artists from a variety of genres and countries.

LINEUP: Marcus Miller, Maceo Parker, Chris Thile & Brad Mehldau, Nils Landgren Funk Unit, Albert Lee, Kennedy Administration, Max Giesinger, Gov't Mule, more. leverkusener-jazztage.de

Festival de Jazz de Montevideo

Montevideo, Uruguay
Nov. 6-8

Festival performances are held all around Montevideo, with the Teatro Solís as the main venue. There are also shows and jam sessions in restaurants and bars with local and international artists playing together. This festival also includes free workshops.

LINEUP: Mario Laginha & Pedro Burmester, Diego Piñera Trio, Javier Colina & Josemi Carmona, Gino Sitson, Luca Ciarla, more. jazztour.com.uy

EFG London Jazz Festival

London, United Kingdom
Nov. 10-19

One of the UK's landmark musical celebrations, this festival is celebrating its 25th edition. It brings the best and freshest music to the streets, clubs and concert halls of London, featuring world-renowned musicians and emerging stars from across the globe.

LINEUP: Herbie Hancock, Miles Mosley, Pat Metheny, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Pharoah Sanders, Chris Thile & Brad Mehldau, Terence Blanchard, Robert Glasper, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Eliane Elias, Mike Stern, Jaimeo Brown, Marcus Miller, Abdullah Ibrahim & Hugh Masekela, Tomasz Stanko, Chucho Valdés & Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Zakir Hussain with Dave Holland and Chris Potter, Fred Hersch Trio, Michael Wollny, Kirk Lightsey Trio, The Haywood Sisters, Moon Hooch, Becca Stevens, Bill Laurance, Harlem Gospel Choir, Matthew Stevens, Knowler, Keith Tippett Octet with Matthew Bourne, Nicole Henry, Camila Meza, Tony Kofi & The Organisation, Wolfgang Muthspiel Trio, Mark Guiliana Jazz Quartet, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Ben L'Oncle Soul, Polly Gibbons, Dayna Stephens, Darcy James Argue's Secret Society, Jazzmeia Horn, London Jazz Orchestra, more. efglondonjazzfestival.org.uk

Jazzdor Festival

Strasbourg, France
Nov. 10-24

The 32nd edition of this fest will present dozens of concerts in multiple venues around the city of Strasbourg.

LINEUP: Fred Hersch Trio, Ralph Towner, Paolo Fresu Devil Quartet, Samuel Blaser Quartet, Celea/Parisien/Reisinger featuring Dave Liebman, Louis Slavis & Benjamin Moussay, Joachim Kuhn New Trio, Daniel Humair New Quartet, James Brandon Lewis

& Chad Taylor, Dave Douglas & Chet Doxas Riverside Quartet featuring Carla Bley, more. jazzdor.com

Vilnius Mama Jazz Festival

Vilnius, Lithuania
Nov. 15-19

Founded in 2002, this festival introduces Lithuanian audiences to talented jazz musicians and provides a forum for young artists to participate in collaborations.

LINEUP: Performers at past editions of this festival include artists such as Ambrose Akinmusire, Oregon, Avishai Cohen, Terence Blanchard, Steve Coleman, Ernie Watts and Miguel Zenón. vilniusmamajazz.lt

Christmas Jazz of Jazzkaar

Tallinn, Estonia
Nov. 24-Dec. 11

Christmas Jazz is a two-week international event that features a variety of programs held at churches, clubs and concert halls.

LINEUP: Stacey Kent, Simone Phillips, ALA.NI, more. jazzkaar.ee

Deutsches Jazzfestival Frankfurt

Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Nov. 25-29

Founded in 1953, this is one of the oldest jazz festivals in the world and is known for presenting unique collaborations.

LINEUP: Craig Taborn Quartet, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Cory Henry & hr-Bigband, Shabaka & The Ancestors, Danilo Pérez/John Patitucci/Brian Blade, more. jazzfestival.hr2-kultur.de

Riviera Maya Jazz Festival

Playa del Carmen, México
Nov. 30-Dec. 2

The 15th edition of this festival presents jazz under the moonlit sky, on the beach, for free. This edition is dedicated to Fernando Toussaint (1957-2017), a writer, musician and producer who served as director for this festival.

LINEUP: John McLaughlin & Jimmy Herring, Chick Corea & Béla Fleck, Illya Kuryaki & The Valderramas, Aguamala, Wallace Roney, Memo Ruiz Big Band, Gipsy Kings, more. rivieramayajazzfestival.com/2017

Umbria Jazz Winter

Orvieto, Italy
Dec. 28, 2017-Jan. 1, 2018

The 25th edition of Umbria Jazz Winter will include more than 100 events. Festival concerts take place in numerous venues, and there will be music at the Ristorante San Francesco, the perfect place for the festival's Jazz Lunches and Dinners and for the special dinner with music on New Year's Eve. Orvieto's magnificent cathedral will once again be the setting for a Mass for Peace with gospel singers on the afternoon of New Year's Day. In addition to world-class jazz, the city of Umbria has beautiful architecture and renowned food and wine.



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LINEUP: Jason Moran, Marc Ribot, Gilberto Gil, Danilo Rea, Enzo Pietropaoli, Rita Marcotulli, more.
umbriajazz.com

Festival Internacional de Jazz de Punta del Este *Finca El Sosiego, Punta del Este, Uruguay* **Jan. 4-7, 2018**

Founded in 1996, this festival takes place in the countryside, where the musicians are surrounded by a beautiful, natural environment. It features artists from all over the world in an easygoing setting.

LINEUP: Jason Marsalis, Paquito D'Rivera, Jon Irabagon, David Feldman, Popo Romano, Papi Piazzolla/Nicolás Mora, Grant Stewart, Chris Cheek, Yasushi Nakamura, Neal Smith, Donald Vega, Brandon Lee, Jon Cowherd, Rodney Jordan, Stephen Riley, Boris Kozlov, Rudy Royston, George Colligan, Nicole Glover, Emmet Cohen, Clovis Nicholas, Pete Van Nostrand, Bruce Harris, Chano Domínguez, Alex Brown, Zachary Brown, Eric Doob, Diego Urcola.
festival.com.uy

Panama Jazz Festival *Panama City, Panama* **Jan. 15-20, 2018**

This festival expects to draw more than 30,000 fans from all over the world for its performances and educational activities. With more than 30 concerts, 70 master classes and a music therapy symposium, this festival has become one of the most important cultural events in the region. Pianist Danilo Pérez serves as a UNESCO Artist For Peace, Cultural Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Artistic Director of the Berklee Global Jazz Institute and Artistic Director of the Panama Jazz Festival.

LINEUP: Performers at past editions of this festival have included artists such as Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock, Chucho Valdés, Ellis Marsalis, Randy Weston, John Scofield, Omara Portuondo and Benny Golson.
panamajazzfestival.com

Havana International Jazz Festival *Havana, Cuba*

Jan. 17-21, 2018

The 33rd edition of this festival has been expanded to five days to include more artists, with a lineup that will include many musicians from the United States. At the 2016 edition, Chucho Valdés performed, as did more than 50 bands from 30 nations.

LINEUP: Performers at past editions have included artists such as Terence Blanchard, Bobby Carcassés, Arthur O'Farrill, Harold López Nussa, Roberto Fonseca, Aldo López Gavilán and Alejandro Falcón.
jazzcuba.com

Port-au-Prince International Jazz Festival

Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Jan. 20-27, 2018

This festival will offer a vibrant mixture of jazz and Haitian music, with more than 30 concerts in 10 venues around the sunny capital, followed by jam sessions every evening. And for the first time, the festival will end at the Royal Decameron Beach resort.

LINEUP: Kenny Garrett, Norman Brown, Emilie Claire Barlow, Michael Brun, Leila Pinheiro, Dominique Di Piazza, Beethova Obas, Ram, more.
papjazzhaiti.org

Winter Jazz

Prøehallen, Valby, Copenhagen, Denmark
Feb. 2-25, 2018

This festival features hundreds of concerts all across Denmark.

LINEUP: DR Big Band & Palle Mikkelborg, Sinne Eeg Group, more.
jazz.dk

Oscar Peterson International Jazz Festival *Niagara Wine County, Ontario, Canada*

Feb. 16-18, 2018

Pianist Renee Rosnes will serve as the artistic director for the inaugural edition of this

festival, which is named for the Canadian jazz pianist and DownBeat Hall of Famer Oscar Peterson (1925–2007). The fest will take place in the rural setting of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The festival's artistic producer is Peterson's widow, Kelly Peterson, who has been active in preserving his legacy.

LINEUP: Check website for announcement.
opjazzfest.org

Dubai Jazz Festival

Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Feb. 21-23, 2018

This award-winning festival, which routinely draws capacity crowds, offers exceptional production values and has become a highlight of the Dubai entertainment calendar.

LINEUP: Performers at past editions have included artists such as Stanley Jordan, Archie Shepp, Esperanza Spalding, Jamie Cullum, Sean Jones and Jane Monheit.
dubaijazzfest.com

Jakarta International Java Jazz Festival

Jakarta, Indonesia
March 2018 (Dates TBD)

The same organization responsible for festivals such as Java Rockin'land, Java SoulNation and Soundsfair also presents this acclaimed event.

LINEUP: Past editions have included artists such as Nicholas Payton, Arturo Sandoval, Chick Corea, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Dewa Budjana, Dira Sugandi, Adinda Shalahita and Adra Karim.
javajazzfestival.com

Fiesta Del Tambor

La Habana, Cuba
March 4-11, 2018

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

LINEUP: Mark Guiliana, Craig Haynes, José Eladio Amat, Will Calhoun, Dafnis Prieto, Aldo Mazza, Delvis Ponce, Eduardo Sandoval y Habana Jazz, Julito Padrón, Emilio Martini y Natural Trio, more.
fiestadeltambor.cult.cu
fiestadeltamborpopular.com

Cape Town International Jazz Festival *Cape Town, South Africa*

March 23-24, 2018

This festival is known for its star-studded lineup, which includes a balance of South African musicians and international artists. Often referred to as "Africa's Grandest Gathering," this festival is held on five stages at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. It is the largest music event in sub-Saharan Africa.

LINEUP: Performers at past editions have included artists such as Rudresh Mahanthappa, Darren English, Gretchen Parlato, Lizz Wright, Victor Wooten, Cassandra Wilson and Gerald Clayton.
capetownjazzfest.com



Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah (foreground) and flutist Elena Pinderhughes at the 2015 EFG London Jazz Festival

EFG London Fest on the Rise at 25

The EFG London Jazz Festival is one of the world's largest and most ambitious festivals, sprawling across the city and inhabiting multiple venues. The festival's 25th edition, to be held Nov. 10–19, will reflect its steady expansion in locations, scale and artistic scope.

John Cumming is one of the festival's three directors, and his involvement dates back to the beginning. He programmed the Bracknell and Camden festivals (from 1975 and '78, respectively), both of which formed the roots of the LJF, when it became a London-wide event in 1993. The festival was created by Serious, one of the U.K.'s leading promoters of jazz, global sounds and crossover classical music. The aim was to showcase London's status as a major world city, mixing up starry names with emerging talents and combining indigenous artists with international touring acts.

"One big challenge was to make an impact with what [some might see] as a niche art form in a very large city," Cumming said. "So we let the city speak to us, taking the festival into the outer boroughs as well as the obvious central venues, and responding to new initiatives that appear. This year sees the return of the festival to venues in Croydon, for example."

The festival has expanded its collaborations with orchestras, cultural institutes and foreign embassies, leading to an increase in artists arriving from Scotland, for instance, as well as mainland Europe and the Americas. "This has been an evolutionary process," Cumming said.

"Nothing happens overnight. The festival has expanded steadily in terms of scale, and this in itself has been in response to audience demand."

Other steadily heightened aspects, over the years, include master classes, panel discussions, kids' sessions and mass audience-participation events. The broadcasting of festival concerts is at its highest level, not least through the coverage on BBC Radio 3 and, more recently, the digital radio station Jazz FM.

"We've also seen other opportunities emerge: a strong film program with the Barbican cinema, and an increasing use of visuals within the concert program," Cumming said. "Some interesting projects have developed with galleries, especially the Royal Academy. This year sees our first foray into listening sessions, with [a focus on] classic albums."

A significant portion of this year's program is billed as "25 For 25," a series of specific commissions to mark the festival's anniversary. Not least of these is "Thelonious Monk At 100," a run of concerts that examines specific albums by the pianist, with a band headed by pianist Jonathan Gee and saxophonist Tony Kofi.

"There's a lot of other commissioned pieces," added Cumming. "For example, a commission for Terence Blanchard and the BBC Concert Orchestra, shared with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Philharmonic Hall in Wrocław, Poland; a commission for Dave Maric, Phronesis and the Engines Orchestra, shared with Cheltenham and Manchester Festivals; a new collaboration between [pianists] Keith

Tippett and Matthew Bourne; and a series of 25 one-page scores, which could be notated, graphic or [anything] in-between."

Over the last quarter-century, many legends have graced the festival's stages: Wayne Shorter, Carla Bley, George Russell, Michael Brecker, Randy Weston, Cecil Taylor and Sheila Jordan. In November, the festival will present dozens of artists, including Herbie Hancock, Pat Metheny, Pharoah Sanders, Chris Thile and Brad Mehldau, John Surman, Jaimeo Brown, Chucho Valdés and Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Zakir Hussain with Dave Holland and Chris Potter, Henri Texier and Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles.

Tippett has a long history with the LJF and its predecessors. This year, he will play on the opening night, with his octet, and in a duo with Bourne. "I've admired and enjoyed Matthew's playing for some time," Tippett beamed. "I really enjoy piano duets: In the past, I've done extensive concerts with Howard Riley and Stan Tracey. I have wonderful memories of Bracknell, glorious summer evenings, wonderful music—truly a golden period."

When quizzed about the festival's future, Cumming is characteristically optimistic. "I think that the shape is robust, but it can always be augmented and reinvigorated as opportunities arise," he said. "That's in the nature of the music, finding new ideas in terms of commissioning and learning work. For instance, it would be great to find an unusual indoor space that could be adapted for special projects."

—Martin Longley