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Moon Hooch, seen here at NattJazz in Norway, will play several festivals in 2018. (Photo: Oddbjørn Steffensen)

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Vibraphonist Roy Ayers performs last year in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH JAZZ FEST BUILDS ON THE CITY'S HISTORY

Pittsburgh's contributions to the jazz firmament stretch from seminal figures like Roy Eldridge, Kenny Clarke and Earl "Fatha" Hines to modern-day luminaries like Geri Allen, Steve Nelson and Jeff "Tain" Watts. But as the 21st century dawned, the one-time Steel City lacked a major jazz festival.

That began to change one day in 2009, when Janis Burley Wilson, then an executive with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, met with trumpeter Sean Jones, drummer Roger Humphries and bassist Dwayne Dolphin for a barbecue at Dolphin's Pittsburgh-area home. Jazz advocates all, they cooked up a plan and two years later, the Pittsburgh JazzLive International Festival was born.

"We have a great legacy and history here," Burley Wilson said. "It was the right time to do it."

The inaugural event in 2011 was conceived along the lines of the Detroit International Jazz Festival, but on a smaller scale. "We wanted to make sure the festival had a certain vibe—energetic, easily accessible and free," said Jones, then a professor at Pittsburgh's Duquesne

University.

That vibe persists. At this year's event, now called the Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival (June 15–17), the bulk of the action will take place on three outdoor stages near Liberty Avenue. Though the staging area will be more spacious than last year's location, near Penn Avenue and 9th Street, about 20,000 people are expected to pack the streets to hear the music—for free.

The stages will offer a cross-section of cutting-edge artists, from Cuban percussionist Pedrito Martinez to trumpeter Ambrose Akinmusire and saxophonists Donny McCaslin, Kenny Garrett and Miguel Zenón; pianist Emmet Cohen will continue his intergenerational association with drummer Tootie Heath; and singer Gregory Porter, who appeared as a relative unknown at the festival's first installment, will return as this year's Sunday-night closer.

While the bulk of the action will be outside, the festival will kick off indoors on Friday with what Burley Wilson called a "jazz crawl," in which local artists perform in spots through-

out the cultural district. Later that night, jam sessions will be held around town. In between, a ticketed concert at the August Wilson Center for African American Culture will feature bassist Marcus Miller's quintet with Pittsburgh native Brett Williams on piano.

Burley Wilson stressed that the decision to charge admission—even on a limited basis, for the Miller concert and a few ancillary activities—was a recent nod to economic realities, a move that was necessary to keep the quality and quantity of the music at current levels. "These festivals are expensive, and we don't have an endowment," she said. "We rely on foundations and corporate support."

The decision appears not to have dampened the festival's broad appeal. An audience survey revealed that in 2017 about 20 percent of the audience came from areas outside Pennsylvania, primarily Ohio, Michigan and Canada. The audience was divided evenly between men and women and well distributed among age and income groups.

The atmosphere is decidedly festive, but it has its serious side as well. Burley Wilson, the

president and CEO of the Wilson Center, plans to schedule artist talks and master classes in the ultramodern center's various spaces. And, as one of the few women running a major music festival, she said she is "committed to presenting diversity onstage. I've heard many musicians—women jazz musicians—who say they don't get a chance to headline as much as they would like. I always try to present those musicians who are doing great work and just happen to be women."

This year's festival is set to include drummer Terri Lyne Carrington and singer Polly Gibbons, who hails from the U.K. But it might be blues singer Shemekia Copeland who, at a time when women's empowerment is at the forefront of the American consciousness, draws the most attention by virtue of both her pipes and her message.

Backed by her longtime band—lead guitarist Arthur Neilson, rhythm guitarist Willie Scandlyn, bassist Kevin Jenkins and drummer Robin Gould—Copeland will be belting out tunes that address social injustice, like "The Battle Is Over (But The War Goes On)," and domestic violence, like "It Don't Hurt No More."

Such tunes, she said, have been met with gratitude wherever she sings them—including at a separate music series at the Wilson Center. "I hear from women, 'This song saved my life,'" she said. "That's one of my reasons for performing."

Burley Wilson said that the decision to book the award-winning Copeland—who as a young girl sang at Harlem's Cotton Club with her father, legendary blues guitarist Johnny Copeland—was in keeping with the profile of August Wilson himself, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and Pittsburgh native whose work was inspired by the blues.

"Moving forward," she said, "we'll always have a blues presence at the jazz festival because of the connection with the August Wilson Center. Shemekia's helping us to create that presence."

The festival has a history of regularly addressing social issues, too. Last year at the Wilson Center, trumpeter Jones presented an extended work he wrote based on James Baldwin's incendiary *The Fire Next Time*. This year, bassist Miller, who has been a spokesman for UNESCO's Slave Route Project, said he will draw on his latest album, 2015's *Afrodeezia* (Blue Note), a disquisition on the slave trade that employs African, Caribbean and Brazilian rhythms.

Miller, who previously has performed in Pittsburgh at both the jazz festival and at the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, said that audiences in the city have proved a sophisticated lot, hip to what he was trying to say in pulsating tunes like "B's River" and "We Were There."

"In some parts of the States," he said, "they weren't as familiar with some of the African rhythms I'm using. But, of course, not in Pittsburgh."

One tune from *Afrodeezia* that has proved universally accessible is Miller's powerful cover of The Temptations' 1972 hit "Papa Was A Rolling Stone." Miller said he is certain to play the tune at the festival, adding that audiences only familiar with its treatment on *Afrodeezia* will be interested in how it has matured on the road.

"People will be surprised," he said. "The

form has stretched—some things have been shortened because we realized they're not where the juice is. We've also added parts—if somebody played something one night that was inspired, we said, "That's no longer an improvisation; that's part of the song."

Such surprises are built into the festival's DNA, Burley Wilson said: "Our goal is to try and curate an experience that is going to give people an opportunity to learn about someone new and to hear the music that is familiar to them—to give them what they want *and* what they need to hear." —Phillip Lutz

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Cape May, New Jersey
 April 20-22

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LINEUP: Bria Skonberg, Joey Alexander, Chris Botti, Brian Betz-Denis DiBlasio Quartet, Kali Rodriguez Pena, Baylor Project, Dara Tucker, High & Mighty Brass Band, others.
exit0jazzfest.com

Center City Jazz Festival

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 April 28

The seventh edition of this festival will present concerts as part of Philadelphia Jazz Appreciation Month. Attendees can expect a jam-packed schedule of more than 20 bands performing at several venues, all within walking distance of each other in the heart of Center City. One ticket provides access to all performances.

LINEUP: David Kikoski Trio (featuring Justin Faulkner & Alex Claffy), Marcus Strickland, Arturo Stable, Sharel Cassity, V. Shayne Frederick, Nicole Sapphos, Danny Janklow, Leon Jordan Jr., Yesseh Furaha-Ali, Ken Foswer, Lena Seikaly, others.
ccjazzfest.com

Celebrate Mary Lou Williams

Washington, D.C.
 May 5

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Hall of Fame inductee Mary Lou Williams (1910-'81) will be celebrated. This event will be held at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater. (The Kennedy Center will also present Carla Bley on June 1 and Gregory Porter on June 27.)

LINEUP: Eliane Elias, Anat Cohen Tenet, Amina Claudine Myers Trio.
kenedy-center.org/calendar/event/MSWIL

New York Guitar Festival

New York City
 May (Dates TBA)

Exploring virtually every aspect of the guitar's personality, this festival, which was founded in 1999, has presented many of the world's most influential guitarists at Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, National Sawdust, (Le) Poisson Rouge, Brookfield Place Winter Garden and the 92nd Street Y. From Grammy winners to emerging artists, festival performers have come from all genres: classical, jazz, blues, pop, indie rock, folk and world music, as well as genre-defying innovators. In addition to producing eclectic, multi-genre concerts and radio broadcasts, the festival's Guitar Harvest recording series supports innovative outreach programs in public schools.

LINEUP: TBA. Last year's performers included Julian Lage, Marc Ribot, Lee Ranaldo, Trixie Whitley.
newyorkguitarfestival.org

City Parks Foundation's SummerStage

New York City
 May 17-Oct. 7

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LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Mavis Staples, Robert Glasper Experiment, Vince Giordano & The Night Hawks, Jimmy Heath Big Band, Mulatu Astatke, Roy Ayers with Seun Kuti & Egypt 80, Elvis Costello, Kid Cudi.
summerstage.org

Vision Festival
Brooklyn, New York
May 23-28

The Vision Festival presents legendary and emerging stars of boundless improvised music. Now in its 23rd year, this multi-arts festival returns to Roulette in Brooklyn. Opening night celebrates Dave Burrell for his Lifetime of Achievement, featuring the pianist in performance with musical associates spanning his 50-plus-year career.

LINEUP: Dave Burrell, Archie Shepp, Ambrose Akinmusire, Nicole Mitchell, Kris Davis, Kidd Jordan, Chris Potter, David Virelles, Jaimie Branch's Fly or Die, Oliver Lake Big Band, Matthew Shipp Acoustic Ensemble, Mary Halvorson's Code Girl, Roscoe Mitchell, Nasheet Waits Equality, Andrew Cyrille, Fay Victor, Hamid Drake, others.
artsforart.org/vf23

Plymouth Rock Jazz Fest

Plymouth, Massachusetts
May 25-27

Plymouth's Spire Center for Performing Arts

is the venue for this Memorial Day festival, which is now in its fifth year. (The event is produced by Johnny Souza, through the generous sponsorship of Eastern Bank.)

LINEUP: Donna Byrne & The Marshall Wood Trio, Stan Strickland Quartet, Alexei Tsiganov Group, Rhythm Future Quartet, Suede.
spirecenter.org/events

Delaney Chevrolet Westsylvania Jazz & Blues Festival

Indiana, Pennsylvania
May 26

The fifth edition of this free festival takes place in IRMC Park. The event has featured nationally and internationally known musicians, regional acts and student musicians playing in a classic American small town.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Laura Ferguson & The Jazz Trip Trio, Seventh Street Stompers, Nevin Saylor Big Band, Reggie Watkins & The Steeltown Horns.
westsylvaniajazzandblues.org

Capital Jazz Fest

Columbia, Maryland
June 1-3

The 26th edition of this festival will take place at Merriweather Post Pavilion and will feature more than 25 national jazz and soul acts on two big stages.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included George Benson, Marcus Miller, Chris Botti, Sheila E, Anthony Hamilton.
capitaljazz.com/fest/2018

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with Antonio Sanchez, Linda May Han Oh & Gwilym Simcock

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Michael Arnone's Crawfish Fest

Augusta, New Jersey
 June 1-3

For 29 years, Louisiana native Michael Arnone has been bringing the best of New Orleans music and food to the rural and scenic farmlands of New Jersey. With three stages hosting 23 bands, free dance lessons and an extensive menu to chose from, the event offers a wide array of entertainment.

LINEUP: Taj Mahal, Jon Cleary Trio, Samantha Fish, George Porter Jr. & The Runnin' Parners, Tab Benoit, Big Sam's Funky Nation, Bonerama, others.
crawfishfest.com

Burlington Discover Jazz Festival

Burlington, Vermont
 June 1-10

Begun as a grassroots event 35 years ago, this festival is now a 10-day celebration welcoming more than 70,000 people to events across the city. The festival's mission is to broaden awareness and appreciation of jazz through live performances, illuminate the art form, educate, and create a city-wide community festival.

LINEUP: Bill Frisell Trio, Chucho Valdés, Leslie Odom Jr., Anat Cohen, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Rhiannon Giddens, Allison Miller's Boom Tic Boom.
discoverjazz.com

Blue Note Jazz Festival

New York City
 June 1-30

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Hudson Valley Jazz Festival

the genre, featuring some of the biggest names on the scene today. Put on by the owners of the Blue Note jazz club, the festival celebrates its seventh anniversary in 2018.

LINEUP: The Bad Plus, Keyon Harrold & Friends, McCoy Tyner, Paquito D'Rivera Ensemble, Jason Stein, Victor Wooten, Pablo Ziegler Trio, Chano Domingues Trio, Sergio Mendes, Average White Band, Sarah McKenzie, others.
bluenotejazzfestival.com

DC Jazz Festival Washington, D.C. June 8-17

This festival will present a wide array of renowned and resident artists in more than 40 venues throughout the capital city. There will be more than 125 free and ticketed concerts and Meet the Artists events, including the DC JazzFest at The Wharf, which will feature four main stages.

LINEUP: Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Chucho Valdés & Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Roy Hargrove, Leslie Odom Jr., R+R=Now (Robert Glasper, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Terrace Martin, Taylor McFerrin, Derrick Hodge), Ivan Lins, Maceo Parker, Regina Carter, Ben Williams, Oliver Lake Big Band, Terence Blanchard & The E-Collective, Delfeayo Marsalis, Terri Lyne Carrington's Feed The Fire: Celebrating Geri Allen, Melissa Aldana, Edmar Castaneda & Gregoire Maret, Fabrizio Bosso, Jihye Lee Orchestra, Patricia Barber, Kris Funn & Cornerstone, Esther Williams & Davey Yarborough, DC JazzPrix Finalists, more.
dcjazzfest.org

Berkshire Gateway Jazz Weekend *Lee, Massachusetts* June 14-17

This event features headline concerts, al fresco jazz, food vendors, a jazz brunch and

more during Father's Day weekend—all in the beautiful Western Massachusetts town of Lee, the "Gateway to the Berkshires."

LINEUP: Frank Vignola Trio, Jeff Holmes Big Band, others.
berkshiregatewayjazz.org

Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 15-17

Nearly 20,000 people are expected to pack the streets for this festival's free concerts. The fest will also offer an artist bazaar, a vintage vinyl boutique, food trucks, a craft beer garden, a bar crawl and jam sessions.

LINEUP: Marcus Miller, Kenny Garrett, Gregory Porter, Ambrose Akinmusire, Pedrito Martinez, Donny McCaslin, Terry Lyne Carrington & Social Science, Miguel Zenón, Polly Gibbons, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Emmet Cohen Trio with Tootie Heath, Shemeika Copeland, Yoko Suzuki.
pittsburghjazzfest.org

DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival *Wilmington, Delaware* June 17-24

Now celebrating its 30th anniversary, this nationally renowned, free festival draws more than 25,000 residents and visitors from across the country.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Marcus Miller, Hiromi, Rufus Reid.
cliffordbrownjazzfest.com

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rochesterjazz.com

Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival

Saratoga Springs, New York
June 23-24

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spac.org

Belleayre Music Festival

Highmount, New York
July-September (Dates TBA)

Founded in 1992, this festival offers a series of concerts between the Fourth of July and Labor Day. It is presented by the not-for-profit Belleayre Conservatory.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Pedrito Martinez, Ricky Gordon Sextet, Nancy Kamen.

belleayremusic.org

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Harrisburg, Mt. Gretna & Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
July 5-8

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LINEUP: Last year's artists included Delfeayo Marsalis, River City Big Band, Joshua Breakstone, Dwayne Dolphin, New World Parade.

friendsofjazz.org

North Atlantic Blues Festival

Rockland, Maine
July 14-15

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northatlanticbluesfestival.com

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92y.org/jazzinJuly

Caramoor Jazz Festival

Katonah, New York
July 21

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LINEUP: Dianne Reeves, Romero Lubambo, Reginald Veal, Terreon Gully, Peter Martin, Benny Green Trio (featuring Veronica Swift) Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Shenel Johns & Vuyo Satashe, Ulysses Owens Jr., Leonardo Sandoval & Eduardo Belo, Paul Nedzela Quartet, Patrick Bartley Presents the Mighty Cannonball Adderley, Mariel Bildsten Septet, Joel Ross & Immanuel Wilkins.

caramoor.org/events/jazz-festival-2018

Litchfield Jazz Festival

Goshen, Connecticut
July 28-29

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LINEUP: Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Orrin Evans, Emmet Cohen Trio with Jimmy Cobb, Yoko Miwa Trio, Trio Da Paz, Dan Brubeck & Friends' Tribute to Dave & Iola Brubeck, Jeff "Tain" Watts Trio, Kris Allen Trio, Doug Munro & Le Pompe Attack featuring the Matthew Westerby Company Dancers. litchfieldjazzfest.com

 **Newport Jazz Festival**
Newport, Rhode Island
Aug. 3-5

Since 1954, the legendary Newport Jazz Festival (now presented by Natixis Investment Managers) has served as the template for music festivals all over the world. Held at Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay, the festival will feature more than 60 acts at Fort Adams State

 **Rockport Jazz Festival**
Rockport, Massachusetts
Aug. 4-12

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rockportmusic.org

Hudson Valley Jazz Festival

Hudson Valley, New York
Aug. 9-12

This year marks the ninth edition of this event. This festival distinguishes itself with a focus on musicians in New York's Hudson Valley area. The series of shows take place in varied settings.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Wallace Roney, The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Lenny White, Mark Egan, Don Braden, Adam Nussbaum.
hudsonvalleyjazzfest.org

Provincetown Jazz Festival

Cape Cod, Massachusetts
Aug. 9 & Aug. 13

Since 2005, this festival has been held in the oldest continuously operated art colony in the United States. The nonprofit festival is planning to donate a portion of the proceeds to worthy causes. Musicians from the United States, Canada, Brazil, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand and Japan previously have appeared.

LINEUP: Cassandre McKinley, Myanna,



Charenée Wade at Charlie Parker Jazz Festival in New York

Tim Ray, Daryl Sherman, John Lockwood, Mark Walker, Bruce Abbott, Fred Boyle, Ron Ormsby, Bart Weisman.
provincetownjazzfestival.org

 **Montclair Jazz Festival**
Montclair, New Jersey
Aug. 11

This annual festival is the biggest free jazz

event in the region—located just 13 miles outside New York City. The festival is held in Nishuane Park and produced by artistic director (and Grammy winner) Christian McBride, and the music education nonprofit organization Jazz House Kids.

LINEUP: Eddie Palmieri, Oliver Lake with Trio 3, Christian McBride, Royal Bopsters.
montclairjazzfestival.org

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Charlie Parker Jazz Festival

New York City
Aug. 23-26

This festival, now in its 26th edition, is New York City's annual salute to the legendary saxophonist, featuring veterans who remember Parker, as well as young jazz musicians who continue to shape jazz. The four-day festival will kick off with a performance at the New School for Jazz

& Contemporary Music on Aug. 23, before moving into the parks near where Parker worked and lived: Marcus Garvey Park in Harlem and Tompkins Square Park on the Lower East Side (summerstage.org).

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Joshua Redman, Anat Cohen, Lee Konitz, Tia Fuller, Lou Donaldson, Terri Lyne Carrington. cityparksfoundation.org/charlieparker

Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival

Norfolk, Virginia
Aug. 24-25

Hampton Roads' longest running outdoor jazz festival returns for two nights along the downtown Norfolk waterfront. On summer evenings, fans can enjoy the sounds of smooth-jazz and r&b recording artists. The festival features a variety of seating and ticket options, including the New Journal and Guide VIP Club, reserved seating, designated tent areas, festival lawn seating, fine foods and beverages, plus a festival marketplace with crafts, retail items and more.

LINEUP: Boney James, David Benoit & Marc Antoine, Marcus Anderson, Dave Koz, Norman Brown, Adam Hawley. festevents.org/events/2018-season-events/norfolkwaterfrontjazzfestival

Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts

Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania
Sept. 7-9

Four decades ago, jazz fans in the Poconos decided to throw a jazz party. Now, that event has become a three-day extravaganza, held rain or shine. Many of the best names in jazz have come to Pennsylvania to perform.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Dave Liebman, 3 Divas, Boborough. cotajazz.org

Berklee Beantown Jazz Festival

Boston, Massachusetts
Sept. 29

This festival is Boston's biggest block party—a free, annual, outdoor public concert that has delighted hundreds of thousands of music lovers over the years with its variety of jazz, Latin, blues, funk and groove performances. Also a part of the festivities are the Kids-Jam, an instrument petting zoo and an array of food vendors.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include the Chick Corea/Steve Gadd Band, Lizz Wright, Jazzmeia Horn, Camille Thurman. berklee.edu/beantownjazz

Scranton Jazz Festival

Scranton, Pennsylvania
October (Dates TBA)

This festival began in 2005 at the Hanlon's Grove Amphitheatre at Nay Aug Park. After a major snowstorm damaged the facility in 2007, the festival's organizers moved the event to its present home at the historic Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in downtown Scranton, where it has become a permanent fixture on the arts and culture scene. Programming includes jazz, blues and world music.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Stanley Clarke, John Pizzarelli, Eddie Allen Jazz Quintet, Nate Birkey. scrantonjazzfestival.org

Pittsfield City Jazz Festival

Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Oct. 12-13

This year marks the 14th edition of this cultural event in Western Massachusetts. There will be ticketed shows, as well as a number of free events.

LINEUP: Christian McBride's New Jawn, Veronica Swift, others. berkshiresjazz.org

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Clearwater Jazz Holiday

French Quarter Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 12-15

This festival, now its 35th year, bills itself as “the world’s largest showcase of Louisiana music, food and culture.” The event will feature more than 300 acts on 23 stages and cuisine from more than 60 of New Orleans’ favorite restaurants. This year, the fest will include new stages, tricentennial celebrations and numerous special events.

LINEUP: Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Irma Thomas, Corey Henry’s Treme Funktet, Astral Project, Jon Cleary, James Andrews, John Boutté, Don Vappie & The Creole Jazz Serenaders, Ellis Marsalis Quintet, Evan Christopher’s Clarinet Road, Rebirth Brass Band, Gregory Agid Quartet, Helen Gillet’s Wazozo Zorchestra, Little Freddie King, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Zachary Richard, Cyril Neville & Swamp Funk, Brass-A-Holics, Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, Alvin Youngblood Hart’s Muscle Theory, The Iguanas, Stooges Brass Band, Walter “Wolfman” Washington & The Roadmasters.

frenchquarterfest.org

Seabreeze Jazz Festival

Panama City Beach, Florida
April 18-22

This fest features smooth jazz and classic r&b.

LINEUP: Spyro Gyra, Brian Culbertson, Gerald Albright, Peter White, Boney James, Jeff Lorber, Rick Braun, Richard Elliot, Cindy Bradley, Rachelle Ferrell, Euge Groove, Kool & The Gang, The Commodores, Jeffery Osborne, Peabo Bryson.

seabreezejazzfestival.com

Festival International de Louisiane

Lafayette, Louisiana
April 25-29

Education and community enrichment are at the center of Festival International de Louisiane, a music and arts festival held each year at the end of April in downtown Lafayette. While focused on music birthed in the area, a variety of international perform-

ers are included in this year’s festivities.

LINEUP: Marc Broussard, Marcia Ball, Terrance Simien, Sidi Touré, Street Side Jazz Band, Mike Dillon Band, Mydy Rabycad, Jupiter & Okwess, Lisa Leblanc, Sona Jobarteh, Zachary Richard, Making Moves, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, Florent Volland, Shauit, Niyaz, Azam Ali, Samantha Fish, Dominique Dupuis, The War and Treaty, Culture, Geno Delafosse & French Rockin’ Boogie, Wesli, Innov Gnawa, Vishtën, Alash, Shodekeh, Doug Kershaw, Steve Riley, Ladama, Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble, Frigg, Lee’s Golden Dragons, Jeunes Chanteurs D’Acadie, Amythyst Kiah, Socks in the Frying Pan, Feufollet, Glenn David Andrews, Walter Mouton & The Scott Playboys, Blue Monday All-Stars, Grand Nathaniel & The Ghosts, Tonomono, The Huval-Fuselier Cajun Band, Harmonouche, Brass Mimosa, Dans L’Shed, Frenchaxe, Acadiana Youth Symphony Orchestra, Casa Samba, Zydeco Ragin’ Steppers, Radio Zydeco, Michael Juan Nunez, Adeline et Les Amis du Teche, Asarts Night Band, Vermilion Express, Ethan Airhart avec Deux Pour La Route and Givers.

festivalinternational.org

Jacksonville Jazz Festival

Jacksonville, Florida
May 24-27

Fans can enjoy concerts spread over 15 city blocks downtown along the St. Johns River. The mix of Grammy winners and rising talent makes this free event a great experience for music lovers who flock to Jacksonville over Memorial Day weekend. This event has been rolling along for more than 30 years.

LINEUP: The Bad Plus, Vijay Iyer Sextet, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Sheila E, Pete Escovedo Latin Jazz Orchestra, Champion Fulton, Chris Thomas Band, The 4 Korner, Lohai, Euge Groove, Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys, Noel Freidline Quintet with Maria Howell.

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Spoleto Festival USA

Charleston, South Carolina

May 25–June 10

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LINEUP: Jon Batiste, The Dap-Kings, Fred Hersch Trio, Artifacts (Nicole Mitchell, Tomeka Reid, Mike Reed), Jazzmeia Horn, Chucho Valdés, Trio 3 (Reggie Workman, Oliver Lake, Andrew Cyrille) with Vijay Iyer, Craig Taborn, Ranky Tanky.

spoletousa.org

Atlanta Jazz Festival

Atlanta, Georgia

May 26–27

The Atlanta Jazz Festival, which takes place at Piedmont Park, is celebrating its 41st anniversary as one of the largest free jazz festivals in the country. The festival will feature a Tribute to Women, with female-lead jazz performances on all three stages on May 26.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's lineup included Robert Glasper, Macy Gray, Charles Lloyd, Pedrito Martinez and Marquis Hill.

atlantafestivals.com

Jazz In June

Norman, Oklahoma

June 14–16

Marking its 35th anniversary, this free event returns to Norman for three days of jazz and blues.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Dr. Lonnie Smith, Harold Lopez-Nussa, Ardent Spirits.

jazzinjune.org

Eureka Springs Blues Weekend

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

June 14–17

This event showcases music throughout historic Eureka Springs at a variety of venues. The festival features everything from nationally renowned players like guitarist Eric Gales performing at outdoor venues to homegrown Arkansas talent in area dive bars.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Toronzo Cannon, EG Knight, Mark Shields Duo, Scott Ellison Trio, Pinetop Renegades, Josh Hoyer and Soul Colossal, Cori Jay, Norman Jackson Band.

eurekaspringsblues.com

W.C. Handy Music Festival

Florence, Alabama

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the first person to write down a composition and call it a blues, this festival marks its 37th year with an array of events. While in town, fans can take a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Rosenbaum House, one of the few structures the architect completed in the South.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include The University of Northern Alabama Jazz Combo, Mike Dillon, The Swinging River Jazz Band, Lillie Mae, Col. Bruce Hampton, Tommy Womack, Latimore, Trojan Drive Jazz Band, The Midnighters, Johnny Collier & The Misbehavers, Clara Belle & The Creeps.
wchandymusicfestival.org

Satchmo SummerFest

New Orleans, Louisiana
Aug 3-5

Satchmo SummerFest is the premier festival dedicated to celebrating the life, legacy and music of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. The annual event features contemporary and traditional jazz and brass bands, New Orleans cuisine, and seminars about the life of Armstrong and the history of New Orleans music.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers include Stephanie Jordan, Hot 8 Brass Band, Bill Summers & Jazalsa, Meschiya Lake.
satchmosummerfest.org

Amelia Island Jazz Festival

Fernandina Beach, Florida
Oct. 7-14

Held annually in October and headed by Artistic Director Les DeMerle, this festival promotes world-class performers of various jazz styles, including swing, bebop, Dixieland, big band, Latin and contemporary. Concerts are staged in venues around Amelia Island, including the historic seaport of Fernandina Beach. The festival also awards a Jazz Scholarship yearly to an aspiring high school musician.

LINEUP: Requite Trio (featuring Janis Siegel, of Manhattan Transfer), Nanny Assis & John DiMartino, Henry Johnson, El Niño & The Latin Jazz Knights, The Dynamic Les DeMerle Band with Bonnie Eisele, Florida State University Jazz Ensemble.
ameliaislandjazzfestival.com

Mighty Mississippi Music Festival

Greenville, Mississippi
Oct. 11-13

At its core, this festival is centered on the blues, which makes sense given the locale's importance in the development of the genre. But festival planners also want to highlight the ways that the blues wound up influencing virtually every strain of popular music today. Festival attendees can camp out for the weekend and participate in late-night jam sessions.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers include St. Paul & the Broken Bones, Cedric Burnside Project, Duane Dopsie & The Zydeco Hellraisers, Jarekus Singleton.
mightymississippimusicfestival.com

Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater, Florida
Oct. 18-21

Crowds of more than 35,000 flock to this festival for a vibrant musical lineup that includes jazz, rock, funk, fusion and more. Now in its 39th year, this expansive, festive event is a collaboration between the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation, Inc., City of Clearwater, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater and Ruth Eckerd Hall.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Esperanza Spalding, Medeski, Martin & Wood, Christian McBride, Herbie Hancock, Trombone Shorty, Marcus Roberts, Mindi Abair, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Béla Fleck, Boney James, Brandi Carlile, Lake Street Dive.
clearwaterjazz.com

Jazz for All Ages Festival

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Nov. 2-5

Bob Masteller's Jazz for All Ages Festival is a charity event to support the preservation of jazz education in schools. Several scholarships, programs, and instruments are provided to students and schools as a result of this event. Special room rates are available.

LINEUP: Joey Alexander, Christian Tamburr, Clint Holmes, Ronnie Leigh.
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Celebrating their 24th and 22nd anniversaries, respectively, the Lansing JazzFest and East Lansing's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival each have proven staying power.

"When I moved into this part of the city, it was a ghost town," said Terry Terry, founder of the Lansing JazzFest, which runs Aug. 3-4. "This was originally the center of Lansing, along the river; it had the highest concentration of historic commercial buildings. Everything was boarded up."

Terry, who also is president of the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art, the organization that produces Michigan BluesFest, sees his Lansing event as a success story.

"I moved down here, bought a building, lived upstairs and fixed it up," he said. "There were a lot of artists hanging around. Now, we have a bunch of galleries and artists that've transformed the area."

A part of that transformation was Terry's idea to bring music to that part of the city.

"I started thinking, 'Why don't we do a little jazz festival?' So, we got a permit to close down the street and formed a nonprofit," Terry said about a concept he had back in 1984. The first installment of the jazz festival

came to fruition 11 years later. "What were our assets? We have these cool buildings; we're along a great river; we're near the capitol and a big university."

This year, the festival boasts performances by a wealth of players exhibiting the breadth of the jazz genre. Vocalist Cindy Scott will be accompanied by guitarist Brian Seeger and Latin sounds will be offered by Aguanko, with the wide-ranging Elden Kelly Group and trumpeter John Douglas also set to make appearances.

"We like to mix it up: big band, straight-ahead, a little Latin," Terry said. "And, instead of commissions, we ask musicians to perform something they've written that they've never performed anywhere else. And, because we are always on the first Friday and Saturday of August, people can plan ahead."

The festival founder perceives the event, as well as the burgeoning arts scene, as potential catalysts for community development.

"Over the years, we've had amazing performances from multiple stages that get people up and moving, socializing and enjoying this unique historic environment," Terry said. "After one of the first festivals, someone came in and bought a building. The festival created that sense of urgency. In terms of

age, race, economic background, it's the most diverse cultural event in the greater Lansing area."

Terry estimates that the free two-day festival averages about 5,000 visitors each year. And a determined group of volunteers has helped with organization of the performances. Along with clinics and workshops hosted in surrounding buildings, past performers at the festival have included Stanley Jordan, Eric Reed and the late Mose Allison.

"Last year, we expanded north, got the city to refurbish the streets and sidewalks. We have three stages and a great hosting area for the musicians to hang out," Terry said. "And now, we have upwards of 200-plus volunteers."

The Summer Solstice festival, which is set to run June 22-23, is just a bit newer than Terry's event, but was influenced by something much older.

"Al Cafagna formed the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival in 1996," said Heather Surface, the festival's coordinator. "He was co-chair of the East Lansing Arts Commission at the time. ... Al, who remains a board member, was interested in and drew inspiration from the summer solstice celebrations in Europe."

By 2007, Cafagna and the festival worked with the City of East Lansing to create a partnership with the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts and Michigan State University's College of Music to sponsor, market and co-produce the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, naming faculty member and bassist Rodney Whitaker its artistic director.

Surface said that 18 performances are set for this year's festival, including concerts with three groups affiliated with the College of Music, including a Saturday performance by Shadakeon. Trumpeter and vocalist Benny Benack will headline Friday night alongside the Lansing Symphony Big Band. Also scheduled to perform at this year's festival are Ritmo and Deon Yates, among others. Artists who previously have performed at the Summer Solstice Festival include Dafnis Prieto, Cyrille Aimée and Jeff Hamilton.

Surface said that due to construction, the festival, which averages about 10,000 attendees each year, will be moved three blocks down from its usual spot in the heart of East Lansing's business district. The free Summer Solstice Jazz Festival features two stages and runs with the support of about 40 volunteers each year.

"The first two festivals went all night, starting at 9 p.m. and lasting until dawn," Surface said. "Since then, it's been a two-day festival scheduled around the summer solstice."

—John Ephland

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Wichita Jazz Festival

Wichita, Kansas

April 1-8

The 47th annual edition of this festival will include world-famous artists, as well as educational events and a screening of the documentary film *Bill Frisell: A Portrait*. The WSU Jazz Invitational features top high school and college bands in a daylong juried competition.

LINEUP: Eric Alexander/Harold Mabern Quartet, Ben Allison, Brad Leali, Katie Thiroux, Mark Foley, PALO!, Delano Jazz Orchestra.

wichitajazzfestival.com

18th & Vine Jazz and Blues Festival

Kansas City, Missouri

April 19-21

Presented as collaborative effort between the Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley and the American Jazz Museum, this festival offers middle school, high school and college students a chance to learn from established musicians through clinics and evening performances. Tours of the museum also are offered.

LINEUP: See website.

mcckc.edu/programs/music/penn-valley/jazz-festival

Eau Claire Jazz Festival

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

April 20-21

With its re-creation of New York's famed 52nd Street, the Eau Claire Jazz Festival works to craft a setting befitting the hundreds of middle, high school and college students who attend the event.

LINEUP: Bob Mintzer, Bobby Sanabria.

eauclairezjazz.com

Ravinia Festival

Highland Park, Illinois

June-September

One of the oldest outdoor music festivals in the United States, the Ravinia Festival is held each year in Highland Park, north of Chicago. Tony Bennett has a long history of performing at this outdoor venue, which has lawn seats as well as an area of covered, reserved seats.

LINEUP: Trombone Shorty, Snarky Puppy with Damien Escobar and Jacob Collier, Buddy Guy and Jonny Lang, Galactic, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, New Breed Brass Band, Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Cyril Neville, Kermit Ruffins, Tony Bennett, Lara Downes and Theo Bleckmann, Seal, Jill Scott, Lindsey Stirling, Audra McDonald, Angelique Kidjo, Femi Kuti, Steve Martin and Martin Short with the Steep Canyon Rangers, Michael Feinstein and Kristin Chenoweth, Earth Wind & Fire, Gipsy Kings, Johnny Rivers, Jimmy Webb.

ravinia.org

Glenn Miller Jazz Festival

June 7-10

Clarinda, Iowa

The birthplace of Glenn Miller hosts a series of events dedicated to the band-leader's music and legacy. Performers from around the world will be on-hand for concerts hosted at Clarinda High School, as well as other venues across the city.

LINEUP: Glenn Miller Orchestra, Canadian Brass, Bill Baker's Big Band, Tamana Girls High

School Band, Nebraska Brass Band, Adam Swanson, Key of Steam, The GMBS Big Band. glennmiller.org/festival-2

Chicago Blues Festival

Chicago, Illinois

June 8-10

The largest free blues festival in the world will present its 35th annual edition this year. Headliners will perform in Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion. On opening night, the festival will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Delmark Records and the independent label's founder, Bob Koester. (Festival fans also should note that the City of Chicago will present a House Music Festival on May 26, and a Gospel Music Festival on June 1-2.)

LINEUP: Mavis Staples, Corey Dennison Band, Mississippi Heat with Billy Flynn and Giles Corey, Selwyn Birchwood, Willie Clayton, Fantastic Negrito, Kenny Neal, Lurrie Bell and Steve Bell, Jimmy Johnson and Dave Specter, Billy Branch, Billy Boy Arnold, Corky Siegel, Rick Estrin, Sugar Blue.

chicago-blues-festival.us

Twin Cities Jazz Festival

Saint Paul, Minnesota

June 21-23

Now in its 20th year, the Twin Cities Jazz Festival is a free, family-friendly event attracting more than 40,000 attendees. Festival events are held in and around beautiful Mears Park in the heart of downtown Saint Paul's historic Lowertown neighborhood.

LINEUP: Tia Fuller, Dee Dee Bridgewater, others.

twincitiesjazzfestival.com

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

East Lansing, Michigan

June 22-23

This festival salutes jazz as one of America's truly original art forms with a spate of 18 performances during a two-day celebration of the genre. In addition to regionally and nationally recognized performers, the festival includes youth and community education events.

LINEUP: Shadakeon, Benny Benack, The Lansing Symphony Big Band, Ritmo and Deon Yates.

eljazzfest.com

Elkhart Jazz Festival

Elkhart, Indiana

June 22-24

Since 1988, jazz legends and fans have gathered each summer for a memorable weekend at the Elkhart Jazz Festival. Combining warm, intimate, small-town hospitality with the excitement of big city jazz, the Elkhart Jazz Festival has become an internationally acclaimed event with more than 100 performers

LINEUP: See website. Last year's perform-

ers included Ramsey Lewis, Ben Folds, Terence Blanchard.
elkhartjazzfestival.com

Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland *Cleveland, Ohio* June 28-30

The 39th annual edition of this beloved festival will take place at Playhouse Square. This year features 13 acts made up of jazz icons with decades of hits, artists at the pinnacle of their craft and emerging talent just beginning to etch their names in the industry.

LINEUP: Snarky Puppy, José James, Leslie Odom Jr., Dee Dee Bridgewater, Joshua Redman, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Terence Blanchard, Grace Kelly, Common, Vinícius Cantuária, DIVA Jazz Orchestra, Brian Simpson's Smooth Jazz All Stars.
tri-cjazzfest.com

Iowa City Jazz Festival *Iowa City, Iowa* June 29-July 1

This free festival has become one of the premier music events for bringing world-class talent to Iowa City. The festival features music on four stages, many food vendors and a dramatic, extensive fireworks display.

LINEUP: Still Dreaming (Joshua Redman, Ron Miles, Scott Colley, Brian Blade), Jane Ira Bloom Quartet, Matt Wilson's Honey & Salt, René Marie and Experiment in Truth, Vincent Herring Quartet, Braxton Cook's Quintet, Hot Tamale Louie, Amanda Monaco Quartet, Behn Gillece Quartet, Steve Kenney's Group 47, United Jazz Ensemble, North Corridor Jazz All-Stars.

summerofthearts.org

Mississippi Valley Blues Festival

Davenport, Iowa
July 6-7

Hosted by the Mississippi Valley Blues Society, this festival aims to instill an appreciation of the blues tradition in a new generation of music aficionados with programs like BlueSKool. Held at LeClaire Park along the Mississippi River, the festival offers a relaxed atmosphere with acoustic and electric strains of the blues.

LINEUP: Walter Trout, Jonny Lang, others.
mvbs.org

Lowertown Blues & Funk Festival

St. Paul, Minnesota
July 20-21

The oldest blues festival in the Twin Cities, the Lowertown Blues & Funk Festival pulls in acts like the Average White Band to perform alongside regional and local talent. Founded in 2003, the festival initially was held in Minneapolis before relocating to Mears Park in 2013.

LINEUP: Ohio Players, Free and Easy, High & Mighty, Scottie Miller Band, Crow, Toronzo Cannon, Chubby Carrier, Marcia Ball.
lowertownbluesfestival.com

Sioux Falls JazzFest

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
July 20-21

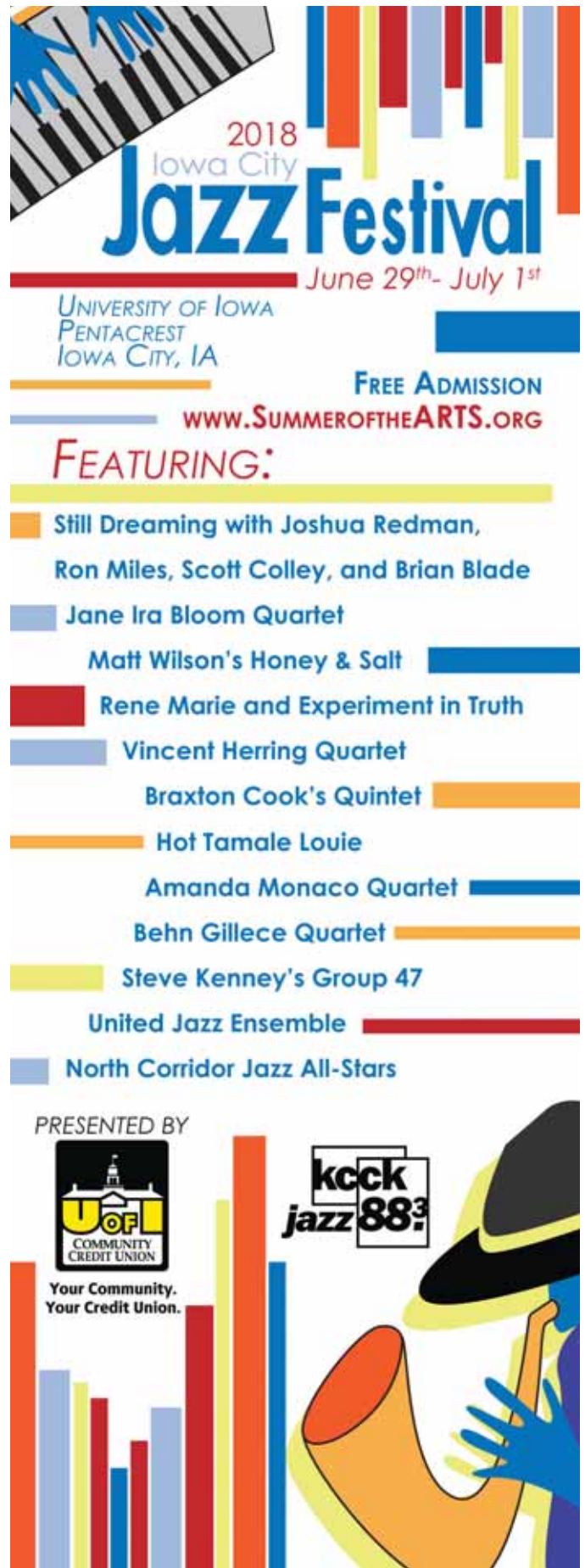
This free, annual festival features more than 18 hours of music on multiple stages, as well as with food vendors, beer and wine gardens, arts and crafts vendors and a children's area. The event is held in Yankton Trail Park.



LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Robert Cray, Jonny Lang.
siouxfallsjazzfest.com

Jazz & Rib Fest

Columbus, Ohio
July 20-22

Held along the Scioto River in Ohio's capital, this free festival




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
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features three days of big-name jazz-related players, as well as chicken and ribs prepared by some of the nation's best chefs. **LINEUP:** See website. Last year's performers included Kenny Garrett, Maysa, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Miles Electric Band, Rebirth Brass Band. hotribscooljazz.org

Prairie Dog Blues Festival

Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
July 27-28

Held each year on St. Feriole Island, a piece of land in the middle of the Mississippi River nestled between cliffs and hills, this festival offers blues and roots supplemented by New Orleans tunes, Texas boogie, zydeco and gospel. Barbecue to cajun cuisine and other types of food are available from multiple vendors.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Danielle Nicole, Moreland & Arbuckle. prairiedogblues.com

Iowa Soul Festival

Iowa City, Iowa
August (Dates TBA)

This festival is a celebration that features the dance, music, food and art of the African and African-American communities. The event highlights the positive influences that the culture has on Iowa City, the Creative Corridor and Eastern Iowa. This event will feature locally, regionally and nationally recognized artists.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers include Shade of Blue, Sidewalk Chalk, T.L. Williams & The Storm Chaser Orchestra. summerofhearts.org

Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival

Davenport, Iowa
Aug. 2-4

Focused mostly on the genre's early period, the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival works to honor the legacy of its namesake. At this point, the festival has spanned more years than the cornetist's recording career.

The fact that Beiderbecke's name can still bring crowds to the Rhythm City Casino Resort is a testament to the important work he crafted in just a few years of recording.

LINEUP: The Fats Waller Legacy Band and The Benny Goodman Trio (both featuring Jeff Barnhart) Hal Smith and Dave Bennett, The Fat Babies, Josh Duffee's All-Star Graystone Monarchs, Miss Jubilee & The Humdingers, The Wolverines. bixsociety.org

Lansing JazzFest

Lansing, Michigan
Aug. 3-4

This 24th annual free, outdoor, festival features more than a dozen performances on two main stages, plus clinics/workshops and children's activities. Now known as the "hub of hip," the Old Town section of Lansing is home to historic buildings next to the Grand River and a vibrant nightlife, which now is the festival's backdrop. Mose Allison, Nicole Mitchell and Stanley Jordan are among the international stars who have played this fest.

LINEUP: Cindy Scott and Brian Seeger, Aguanoko, Elden Kelly Group, John Douglas, others. jazzlansing.com

Chicago Jazz Festival

Chicago, Illinois
Aug. 30-Sept. 2

In honor of the 40th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival in 2018, the Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events will offer a new program to support local venues and jazz-presenting organizations that offer free, public programs. The Chicago Jazz Festival is a free event held in Millennium Park at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Jason Moran, Anat Cohen, Allison Miller, Mary Halvorson, Sonny Rollins, Marquis Hill, Dee Dee Bridgewater. chicagojazzfestival.us

Detroit Jazz Festival

Detroit, Michigan
Aug. 31-Sept. 3

Fans can enjoy four jam-packed days of unique programming and more than 60 performances as remarkable and diverse as the genre itself during the world-class, free Detroit Jazz Festival, with shows on four stages.

LINEUP: Chick Corea (Artist In Residence), Esperanza Spalding, Terri Lyne Carrington, Ravi Coltrane, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Nicholas Payton, Chris Dave & The Drumhedz, more.
detroitjazzfest.org

Blues at the Crossroads

Terre Haute, Indiana
Sept. 7-8

This family-friendly event will be held near 7th St. and Wabash Ave. It will include food vendors, beer gardens and a Silent Disco.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists include Eric Stekel, Ian Moore, Ellusion, Jo Marcinek Band.
bluesatthecrossroads.com

World Music Festival

Chicago, Illinois
Sept. 7-23

Founded in 1999, this festival has hosted hundreds of performers over the decades. It is presented by the City of Chi-

cago and produced by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included Seun Kuti and Betsayda Machado.
worldmusicfestivalchicago.org

Michigan BluesFest

Lansing, Michigan
Sept. 21-22

This festival will bring two days of blues to three stages in the Old Town section of Lansing. In addition to all the music, a wealth of beverage and food options will be available.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included the Jim Shaneberger Band, Karen Lovely and The Flying Crowbars.
michiganbluesfest.com

Ouibache Music Festival

West Lafayette, Indiana
Sept. 29

Held at Tippecanoe County Amphitheater in West Lafayette, Ouibache presents a variety of types of music. The event offers camping, two stages of entertainment, swing dancing, and food and beverage vendors.

LINEUP: Andrew Peterson, Blair Crimmins & The Hookers, Christie Lenée, Blind Boy & The CNI Dawg, Big Swing Band, Derek Brown's "BEATBoX SAX"
ouibache.com

Hyde Park Jazz Festival

Chicago, Illinois
Sept 29-30

The 12th annual edition of this festival features two full days of free non-stop jazz, with more than 150 local, national and international jazz musicians performing in 12 venues.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Miguel Zenon, Ambrose Akinmusire Nicole Mitchell, Ballake Sissoko.
hydeparkjazzfestival.org

Edgefest

Ann Arbor, Michigan
Oct. 17-20

The thematic focus of Edgefest 2018 will be the avant-garde, experimental sounds of Chicago. The roster includes artists who have spent time in the Windy City, inspired by the unique energy of its heterogeneous improvisation scene, including multi-instrumentalist Roscoe Mitchell, who will lead a special 50th Anniversary, all-star edition of the Art Ensemble of Chicago.

LINEUP: Roscoe Mitchell, Don Moye, Hugh Ragin, Fred Barry, Nicole Mitchell, Mazz Swift, Tomeka Reid, Jaribu Shahid, Jason Stein, Fred Longberg-Holm, Harrison Bankhead, Adam Snead, Myra Melford, Joelle Leandre, Dave Rempis, Guillermo Gregorio, Joshua Abrams, Avreeayl Ra, Steve Rush, Ed Wilkerson, Mike Reed.
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Kenny Garrett performs during the 2017 edition of the Healdsburg Jazz Festival in Healdsburg, California.

HEALDSBURG FESTIVAL ‘SPIRITUALLY’ IMPORTANT FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Artistically successful jazz festivals offer a point of view that reflects both geographic locale and, when possible, the aesthetic of the programmer.

As the Healdsburg Jazz Festival marks its 20th anniversary June 1–10, its setting in California’s wine country and the vision of founder Jessica Felix are worthy of celebration.

“I can’t believe we made it,” Felix said. “For the 20th anniversary, I decided that it’s going to be a bigger festival than we’ve ever had.”

For opening night, guitarists Bill Frisell and Julian Lage—a native of Santa Rosa, about 15 miles southeast of Healdsburg, who has been playing the festival since his days as a tween prodigy—will perform a pair of shows as a duo.

A double bill on June 2 with the Fred Hersch Trio and Trio da Paz features guest clarinetist Anat Cohen and vocalist Claudia Villela. The opening weekend concludes with tenor saxophonist Charles Lloyd performing a concert to mark his 80th birthday alongside tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, pianist Gerald Clayton, bassist Harish Raghavan, drummer Eric Harland and “surprise guests.”

“If you hold a mirror up to a sign saying ‘Healdsburg Jazz Festival,’ you will see the image of Jessica Felix staring back at you,” Lloyd wrote in an email. “Jessica Felix’s passion for great jazz is palpable and her hospitality is incomparable.”

Lloyd’s first concert in the California city

was in a duo with the late drummer Billy Higgins during 1997, when Felix was testing the waters by booking shows prior to launching the event in 1999.

The lineup this year reflects that kind of history. Included amid the festivities is a mid-week concert by bandleader and Santa Rosa native Adam Theis, who will be performing with his Costa Nostra Strings project. The ensemble will be complemented by guest vocalist and spoken-word artist Emcee Infinite.

A young Theis participated in and helped promote the inaugural festival, Felix said: “I had a truck, and we put Adam’s band on the back and went around town going, ‘Come to the festival.’”

Geri Allen originally was booked for a June 8 performance. The program, initially planned with saxophonist Ravi Coltrane, bassist Dave Holland and drummer Terri Lyne Carrington, has been reimagined as a tribute to the recently deceased pianist-composer. There’s a double bill the following night with the George Cables Trio and a Festival All-Stars group that includes alto saxophonist Bobby Watson, drummer Billy Hart and percussionist Babatunde Lea.

“I had a lot of festival family that I wanted to book this year, so this was one way to include as many as I could,” Felix said.

A pair of high-profile events also is scheduled. “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” a free morn-

ing concert, will showcase the Marcus Shelby Big Band with flutist James Newton, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and the 100-member Freedom Jazz Choir. And Dr. Michael White’s Original Liberty Jazz Band makes a rare West Coast appearance as well.

California’s wine country made the news recently for a rash of fires and mudslides: “It’s very important that people realize that we’re OK and that coming here will actually benefit us, because all the businesses have taken a very big hit after people stopped coming,” Felix said. “We were all hard-hit, and this festival’s going to be important spiritually and economically for the area.”

A Los Angeles native, Felix said she grew up on the late-’60s jazz of Lloyd, John Handy and Pharoah Sanders. She graduated from Sonoma State University and eventually settled in the East Bay, founding the Eddie Moore Festival, before relocating to Healdsburg. A longtime friend of drummer Higgins, she embraced his vision for jazz education and has incorporated that into the festival through local efforts.

“Little by little, she has taken the town of Healdsburg by the hand and elevated their experience and knowledge of America’s indigenous art form, jazz,” Lloyd wrote. “She has teamed up with area schools to introduce it to every age group. This has been a beautiful thing to witness.”

—Yoshi Kato

 This trumpet denotes a corresponding ad in this guide.



Terrell Stafford (left), John Clayton and Sean Jones perform at Jazz Port Townsend in Washington state.

JIM LEVITT

UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival

Greeley, Colorado

April 19-21

The largest event of its kind in the nation, this festival brings together internationally recognized artists, award-winning clinicians and more than 250 college, high school, and middle school big bands, combos, and jazz vocal groups. Each year, 8,000 participants enjoy performances and the many educational workshops.

LINEUP: Dee Dee Bridgewater, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, Aaron Diehl, Tribute to the Brecker Brothers featuring Randy Brecker & Bob Sheppard, Vertical Voices, UNC Jazz Lab Band I, UNC All Angles Orchestra.
uncjazzfest.com

Reno Jazz Festival

Reno, Nevada

April 26-28

For its 56th edition, this hybrid festival/clinic/competition falls under the guidance of Pete Epstein, jazz saxophonist and chair of the University of Nevada-Reno Department of Music. As RJF director, Epstein partners with Adam Benjamin, UNR director of jazz studies (and new RJF associate director), to maintain a blend of educational and concert elements.

LINEUP: Dafnis Prieto, Peter Apfelbaum + The Collective, more.
unr.edu/rjf

Jazz Party Weekend

McCall, Idaho

April 27-29

This 20-hour event, presented by the Shore Lodge and the Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, is an intimate journey into the living room of jazz.

LINEUP: Charlie Bertini, Brian Casserly,

Sherrilynn Colby, Danny Coots, Bobby Durham, Brian Holland, Nate Ketner, Jerry Krahn, Eddie Metz Jr., Terry Myers, Russ Phillips, Sam Rocha, Jason Wanner.
sunvalleyjazz.com/mccall

Juneau Jazz & Classics Festival

Juneau, Alaska

May 4-19

This fest presents world-class artists in ticketed and free performances, educational workshops and clinics, and community outreach events. This festival is presented in different locations throughout the community.

LINEUP: Johnnaye Kendrick, Eroica Trio, Rhonda Ross, Richard & Mika Stoltzman, Andrew "Jr. Boy" Jones Band, Luke Fleming, Kate Ransom, Doug Deming & The JewelTones, Gary Motley Trio, Bradley Howard & William Ransom.
jazzandclassics.org

Ballard Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington

May 16-19

Founded in 2003 as a provincial one-day event, this festival has blossomed to include both locally based and imported talent. The original Jazz Walk still concludes the four-day event but is now preceded by Brotherhood of the Drum, Guitar Summit and main-stage concerts the previous three nights.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included Chico Freeman, George Colligan, Greta Matassa, Marina Albergo, Brad Shepik.
ballardjazzfestival.com

SLO Jazz Festival

San Luis Obispo, California

May 18-19

Now in its fifth year, this festival presents jazz on five stages in Mission Plaza. The

festival's organizers also collaborate with Cuesta College on a Summer Jazz Workshop, which takes place June 18-22.

LINEUP: Sergio Mendes, Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca, Anton Schwartz Quintet, TrioKAIT, Pub Crawlers, more.
slojazzfest.org

Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival

Bellevue, Washington

May 30-June 3

Some 40 shows are hosted in downtown Bellevue with John Gilbreath, executive director of nearby Earshot Jazz, collaborating to book headliners. Junior, middle school and high school student musicians perform as well as adult professionals drawn from local and national talent pools.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included Catherine Russell, Corey Harris, Radio Raheem, The Rumba Kings.
bellevuedowntown.com

Newport Beach Jazz Festival

Newport Beach, California

June 1-3

This festival hosts world-class acts at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. With an international food court, vendor village and stunning views of the bay, this festival provides the opportunity to enjoy jazz in an intimate amphitheater, or while dancing on the lawn.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included David Sanborn, Kandace Springs, The O'Jays.
festivals.hyattconcerts.com

Healdsburg Jazz Festival

Healdsburg, California

June 1-10

This year, the festival will mark 20 consecutive years of presenting great jazz performances and jazz education in Sonoma County. The milestone anniversary will be celebrated with expanded programming, free community concerts and an unprecedented number of musicians returning to participate. The region continues to recover from the devastating wildfires of October 2017, and as part of the rebuilding and healing process, this festival will contribute to the social, economic and cultural vitality of the area.

LINEUP: Bill Frisell & Julian Lage Duo, Fred Hersch Trio, Trio da Paz with Anat Cohen & Claudia Villela, Charles Lloyd (with Zakir Hussain, Eric Harland, Gerald Clayton, Harish Raghavan & other guests), John Santos Sextet, Marc Cary Trio, Geri Allen Tribute (featuring Ravi Coltrane, Dave Holland & Terri Lyne Carrington), George Cables Trio, Bobby Watson, Azar Lawrence, David Weiss, Billy Hart, Chico Freeman, Marcus Shelby Big Band, Dr. Michael White's Original Liberty Jazz Band,



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Sylvia Cuenca performs at the Montavilla Jazz Festival in Portland, Oregon.

Adam Theis with The Cosa Nostra Strings.
healdsburgjazz.org

San Francisco Jazz Festival *San Francisco, California* June 5-17

The 36th edition of this festival will present more than 40 shows over 13 days, including tributes to Benny Goodman, Oscar Peterson and Patsy Cline. Venues include the Joe Henderson Lab, Miner Auditorium and Davies Symphony Hall.

LINEUP: Dave Holland, Zakir Hussain & Chris Potter, Anat Cohen, Brian Blade & The Fellowship Band, Chester Thompson Quartet, Irma Thomas, Arturo Sandoval, Marcus Miller, Sergio Mendes, Ahmad Jamal, Tuck & Patti, Julian Lage Trio, Thumb-screw, Kneebody, Kendrick Scott Oracle, Jamison Ross, Jeff Parker, Soweto Kinch, George Cole, Marius Neset, Ken Vandermark & Nate Wooley Duo, Eddie Daniels, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, Bill Charlap, Renee Rosnes, Gerald Clayton.
sfjazz.org

Greeley Blues Jam

Greeley, Colorado
 June 8-9

Island Grove Arena hosts family-friendly blues along with food and drink selections. An evening of pre-festival activities in historic downtown Greeley precedes it. Kids can learn about the great American art form at the arena's Blues 101 Stage, where they can also acquire a free harmonica (while supplies last).

LINEUP: Devon Allman Project (featuring Duane Betts), Ronnie Earl & The Broadcasters, Danielle Nicole, Otis Taylor Band, Victor Wainwright & The Train, Dany Franchi, Chris Daniels & The Kings, Mojomama, Blue Dogs.
greeleybluesjam.com

Playboy Jazz Festival *Los Angeles, California* June 9-10

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association will present the 40th annual Playboy Jazz Festival at the famed Hollywood Bowl. The festival will feature emerging jazz artists as well as renowned superstars. George Lopez will once again host the event.

A special celebration honoring the late Freddie Hubbard will feature Randy Brecker, Nicholas Payton, Jeremy Pelt and David Weiss.

LINEUP: Lee Ritenour & David Grusin, Ramsey Lewis Quintet, Snarky Puppy, Miles Electric Band, Edmar Castaneda Quartet with Grégoire Maret, Daymé Arocena, Monsieur Perine, Roy Gaines, Jazmine Sullivan, Charles Lloyd & The Marvels with Lucinda Williams, Tower of Power, Hubtones with Randy Brecker, Nicholas Payton, Jeremy Pelt & David Weiss, Anthony Hamilton, Count Basie Orchestra (under the direction of Scotty Barnhart), Kneebody, Richard Bona & Mandekan Cubano, LAUSD/Beyond the Bell All-City Jazz Big Band (under the direction of Tony White and JB Dyas).
hollywoodbowl.com

Russian River Blues Festival

Guerneville, California
 June 10

This year's festival takes place during the centennial celebration of Johnson's Beach, a popular vacation destination in Guerneville.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Tower of Power, Kenny Wayne Shepherd.
russianriverfestivals.com

Jazz Aspen Snowmass June Experience

Aspen, Colorado
 June 22-30

The JAS June Experience includes four nights of headliners at the majestic Benedict Music

Tent in Aspen, plus JAS Cafe shows at the Aspen Art Museum and The Little Nell.

LINEUP: Lizz Wright, Leslie Odom Jr., Lyle Lovett & His Large Band.
jazzaspensnowmass.org/june-experience.html

A Jazz & Dance Party

Olympia, Washington
 June 29-July 1

Swing dancers and vintage jazz lovers alike will love this new event. Four bands and seven guest artists will trade licks over the course of the weekend. With a 2,000-square-foot dance floor, dancers and listeners will delight in the music.

LINEUP: Black Swan with Marilyn Keller, High Sierra, Uptown Lowdown, Toni Blodgett, Brian Casserly, Jay Hungerford, Dick Maley, Pieter Meijers, Jimmy Armstrong, John Reynolds.
sunvalleyjazz.com/lacey

Vail Jazz Festival

Vail, Colorado
 July 1-Sept. 3

The 24th edition of this festival features more than 70 performances and 200 artists, with a diverse array of performance experiences ranging from an intimate jazz club setting, to a world-class big stage, to a breathtaking open-air venue in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

LINEUP: Django Festival All-Stars, Tony DeSare & The H2 Big Band, Andrea Motis with Joel Frahm, Nikci Parrot's Tribute to Peggy Lee.
vailjazz.org

Waterfront Blues Festival

Portland, Oregon
 July 4-7

Fans can enjoy blues legends, up-and-comers and regional favorites at the 31st annual edition of this festival, held at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. This year's fest will feature more than 100 acts on four stages. Festival proceeds help Oregon Food Bank fight hunger in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

LINEUP: George Thorogood & the Destroyers, Beth Hart, The Mavericks, Robert Randolph & The Family Band, Marc Broussard, Johnny Rawls, The Motet, Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, Commander Cody, Larkin Poe, Curtis Salgado, Ranky Tanky, Horace Trahan & The Ossun Express, Jimmy "Duck" Holmes.
waterfrontbluesfest.com

Sunset Jazz At Newport

Newport Beach, California
 July 11-Sept. 19

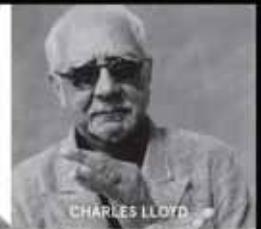
Mainstream jazz fans can dine in the intimate Rose Garden of the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa while listening to national jazz and cabaret artists during this series of 11 Wednesday-night concerts.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Ken Peplowski, The Four Freshmen, Tom Kubis Big Band, Barbara Morrison.
sunsetjazzatnewport.com



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Dave Holland (left), Chris Potter and Zakir Hussain perform at the San Francisco Jazz Festival.

New Mexico Jazz Festival

Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico

July 14-29

The 13th edition of this festival will feature concerts and events at indoor and outdoor venues throughout Albuquerque and Santa Fe by major touring artists, as well as New Mexico-based jazz, r&b and Latin music practitioners.

LINEUP: Chucho Valdés & Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Tootie Heath, Charles McPherson, Dee Dee Bridgewater.

newmexicोजazzfestival.org

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Fairbanks, Alaska

July 15-29

The stated goal of this festival is to “free your inner artist” through multidisciplinary instruction, opportunities to perform and arts appreciation. Started in 1980, this gathering has expanded to include classes and workshops in addition to concerts at venues throughout Fairbanks.

LINEUP: See website. Last year’s artists included Greta Matassa, Keith Karns, Eustace Johnson.

fsaf.org

Jazz at the Bowl

Los Angeles, California

July 18-Sept. 5

The Hollywood Bowl, home of the L.A. Philharmonic, continues its Wednesday evening summer jazz concert series.

LINEUP: Jazz at Lincoln Orchestra featuring Lil Buck & Jared Grimes, Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra (featuring Gerald Clayton Trio), Gregory Porter, Savion Glover, George Benson, Ledisi, José James, Taj Mahal & Keb’ Mo’, Melissa Etheridge, Deva Mahal, Queen Latifah, Common, Seal, Corinne Bailey Rae, *The Pink Panther* live score, more.

hollywoodbowl.com

Jazz Port Townsend

Port Townsend, Washington

July 22-29

The Centrum workshop and festival feature 36 internationally known performers

in new and unexpected pairings, hand-picked by Artistic Director John Clayton. Performances take place in the 1,200-seat McCurdy Pavilion in Fort Worden State Park, as well as in intimate venues downtown. This event includes coaching, master classes and other educational components.

LINEUP: Terell Stafford, Jeff Hamilton, Stefon Harris, Matt Wilson, Jazzmeia Horn, George Cables, Gary Smulyan, Taylor Eigsti, Tamir Hendelman, Katie Thiroux, The Baylor Project.

centrum.org/jazz

Port Townsend Acoustic Blues Festival

Port Townsend, Washington

Aug. 3-4

Fans flock to Washington for the largest country blues gathering in the nation. Concerts feature players and music from areas where pre-war country blues developed: the Piedmont region, the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi Hill Country, New Orleans, Texas and more.

LINEUP: Andrew Alli, Roy Book Binder, Clinton Davis, Del Rey, Pat Donohue, Jake Faulkner, Mary Flower, Jimmy “Duck” Holmes, Chaz Leary, Ethan Leinwand, Tim McNailey, Cary Morin, Jonathan Piper, Craig Ventresco, Reverend John Wilkins, Jontavious Willis, more.

centrum.org/port-townsend-acoustic-blues-festival-performances

Telluride Jazz Festival

Telluride, Colorado

Aug. 3-5

The 42nd annual edition of this festival presents jazz, funk, soul and gospel performances in a fantastic natural setting.

LINEUP: Jaimoe’s Jasssz Band, Irma Thomas, Bruce Hornsby, BadBadNotGood, Cory Henry, GoGoPenguin, No BS! Brass Band.

telluridejazz.org

Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines

Idyllwild, California

Aug. 10-12

More than dozen acts will help mark

Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines’ silver anniversary. Located in the San Jacinto Mountains, the setting provides idyllic surroundings in which audiences can enjoy 27 artists on four separate bandstands.

LINEUP: See website. Last year’s artists include Harry Pickens, Marshall Hawkins, Roy McCurdy, Rose Mallett Quartet.

jazzinthepines.com

San Jose Jazz Summer Fest

Aug. 10-12

This festival features jazz, Latin, blues, salsa and r&b. One of biggest music events in Silicon Valley, this event offers kids’ activities; food, wine and microbrews; and after-hours events.

LINEUP: Herb Alpert & Lani Hall, Jane Monheit, Booker T. Jones’ Stax Revue, Yissy & Bandan-cha, Nachito Herrera, Kool & The Gang, Lalah Hathaway, Vincent Herring, Mae Sun, Marcus Roberts, Theo Croker, Emmet Cohen Trio, Kat Edmonson, Makaya McCraven, more.

summerfest.sanjosejazz.org

Montavilla Jazz Festival

Portland, Oregon

Aug. 18-19

This annual event showcases the world-class talents of Portland-based artists who are pushing the boundaries of jazz.

LINEUP: Nancy King with Randy Porter, Dmitri Matheny with Darrell Grant, George Colligan’s Other Barry, Douglas Detrick’s AnyWhen Ensemble, Ryan Meagher’s Evil Twin, Christopher Brown Quartet, James Miley & The Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble.

montavillajazzfest.com

Vail Jazz Party

Vail, Colorado

Aug. 30-Sept. 3

This event features a full lineup of jazz’s finest groups and soloists, joining together in main-stage shows, jam sessions and multimedia tributes to jazz legends.

LINEUP: John Clayton, Jeff Clayton, Terell Stafford, Lewis Nash, Bill Cunliffe, Jeff Hamilton Trio, René Marie + Experiment in Truth, Benny Green Trio, Eric Alexander, Peter Bernstein, Adrian Cunningham, Niki Haris, Tyrone Jackson, Sean Jones, Lyndon Rochelle.

vailjazz.org/vail-jazz-party

Jazz Aspen Snowmass Labor Day Experience

Snowmass, Colorado

Aug. 31-Sept. 2

Held outdoors at Snowmass Town Park, this event takes place in a mountain resort town. The main stage is paired daily with two festival side stages, as well as nightly JAS After Dark musical events.

LINEUP: Gary Clark Jr., Lionel Richie, Jack Johnson, Zac Brown Band, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Fitz & The Tantrums, Bahamas.

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Angel City Jazz Festival

Los Angeles, California

September–October (Dates TBA)

This festival focuses on innovative, highly original artists. The programming includes established jazz artists, as well as emerging talent.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists include Craig Taborn, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Steve Lehman, Ben Monder.
angelcityjazz.com

Russian River Jazz Festival

Guerneville, California

Sept. 8–9

This festival features jazz, funk and r&b on the river at Johnson's Beach in Guerneville.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Stephanie Mills, Richard Elliot, Norman Brown.
russianriverfestivals.com

Telluride Blues & Brews Festival

Telluride, Colorado

Sept. 14–16

A scenic and intimate music festival, the 25th Telluride Blues & Brews takes place in a picturesque mountain town. The multi-stage celebration offers an eclectic mix of music paired with some of the best craft breweries in the country.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists include Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal & Keb' Mo'.
tellurideblues.com

Monterey Jazz Festival

Monterey, California

Sept. 21–23

Now in its 61st year, the Monterey Jazz Festival is the longest continuously running jazz festival in the world. Nearly 140 performances, panels, conversations, films and exhibits take place over two days and three nights on eight stages at the oak-studded Monterey County Fairgrounds.

LINEUP: Tia Fuller and Ingrid Jensen (Artists-in-Residence), Oscar Hernandez & the Spanish Harlem Orchestra (Commission Artist), Dianne Reeves (Showcase Artist), Wynton Marsalis & The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Jon Batiste & The Dap-Kings, Charles Lloyd & The Marvels with Lucinda Williams; A Tribute to Michael Brecker with Gil Goldstein/Randy Brecker/Donny McCaslin/Antonio Sanchez/John Patitucci/Adam Rogers, Remembering Ray Brown with Christian McBride/Benny Green/Greg Hutchinson & guests, A Tribute to Geri Allen directed by Tia Fuller & Ingrid Jensen, MJF on Tour with Cécile McLorin Salvant/Bria Skonberg/Melissa Aldana/Christian Sands/Jamison Ross/Yasushi Nakamura, José James, Christian McBride Trio, Joey DeFrancesco & The People, Dave Grusin, Thornetta Davis, Veronica Swift, Donny McCaslin Group, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Jane Ira Bloom, Fred Hersch, Thumbscrew (Mary Halvorson/Michael Formanek/Tomas Fujiwara), Julian Lage Trio, Lisa Mezzacappa's AvantNOIR,

Cameron Graves, Kristen Strom, Katie Thiroux Trio, KNOWER, Bobby Floyd Trio, more.

montereyjazzfestival.org

Oregon Coast Jazz Party

Newport, Oregon

Oct. 5–7

The 15th edition of this festival presents world-class jazz in Newport, on the central Oregon coast. Fans can expect multiple sets from renowned jazz stars, nightclub performances and educational events.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists include Houston Person, Russell Malone, Gerald Clayton, Holly Hofmann (music director).
coastarts.org

Palm Springs Women's Jazz Festival

Palm Springs, California

October (Dates TBA)

This festival presents renowned female jazz artists in the resort town of Palm Springs.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists include Claudia Acuña, Kandace Springs, Jazzmeia Horn, Miki Howard.
palm Springswomensjazzfestival.org

Earshot Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington

Oct. 14–Nov. 4

The "dean" of Pacific Northwest jazz festivals, Earshot celebrates its 30th anniversary this fall. In addition to booking touring and rising star artists, Earshot has put the spotlight on local artists of national prominence, including vocalist-pianist Robin Holcomb and saxophonist/multi-instrumentalist Briggan Krauss.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists include Hudson, Gregory Porter, Brad Mehldau, Jason Moran, Mostly Other People Do the Killing, Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra.
earshot.org

Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival

Sun Valley, Idaho

Oct. 17–21

The 29th edition of this event will celebrate the Great American Songbook, plus vintage jazz, swing, big band, zydeco, blues, stride, boogie-woogie, cabaret, folk and other genres. More than 200 musicians and thousands of fans meet in the beautiful mountains of Idaho.

LINEUP: Barnhart/Midiri Quartet, Black Market Trust, Black Swan Classic Jazz Band with Marilyn Keller, Blue Renditions, Blue Street Jazz Band, Bob Draga, Boise Straight Ahead, Bruce Innes Trio, Carolyn Martin Swing Band, Cocuzzi Trio, Cornet Chop Suey, Yve Evans, Gator Nation, Holland & Coots, Paris Washboard Superswing, Rosie O'Grady's Good Time Jazz Band with Bill Allred, Sun Valley Jazz All Stars, Terry Myers Quartet with Jaimie Roberts, Tom Hook & the Terrier Brothers, Joe Smith & The Spicy Pickles, Gary Ryan, Sherri Colby's Racket Makers & Friends, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Two-Tone Steiny & The Cadillacs, We Three, Yale Whiffenpoofs.

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Festival International de Musique Actuelle de Victoriaville (FIMAV)

Victoriaville, Quebec

May 17-20

The 34th edition of FIMAV will offer avant-garde music, visual arts, short films and sound art installations.

LINEUP: William Parker, Fire!, Mats Gustafsson, Walter Boudreau, Rova, Phew, Anna Homler, Mette Rasmussen, Lan Tung, David & The Mountain Ensemble, Audrey Chen, Balazs Pandi, Lori Freedman, Erwan Keravec.

fimav.qc.ca

World Guitar Festival (FGMAT)

Rouyn-Noranda, Northern Quebec

May 26-June 2

The 14th annual edition of FGMAT showcases a wide spectrum of musical styles on stringed instruments.

LINEUP: Joe Satriani and others. See website. fgmat.com

Suoni Per Il Popolo

Montreal, Quebec

June 1-18

Venues for this festival are Casa del Popolo, Sala Rossa, La Vitrola and La Sotterenea.

LINEUP: Milford Graves, Paal Nilssen-Love, Nicole Mitchell, Jaimie Branch, Budi. suoniperilpopolo.org

TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival

Winnipeg, Manitoba

June 14-24

Since 1990, this annual festival has been presenting dozens of top-tier touring acts at downtown concert venues.

LINEUP: Chris Botti, Jill Barber, The Flaming

Lips, Tune-Yards, Daniel Caesar, others. jazzwinnipeg.com

TD Ottawa Jazz Festival

Ottawa, Ontario

June 21-July 1

This festival attracts hundreds of thousands to hear some of the jazz world's most renowned musicians. Performances take place day and night in indoor and outdoor settings.

LINEUP: GoGo Penguin, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Herbie Hancock, Chris Botti, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Bria Skonberg, Baltic Jazz Trio, Hush Point, Samuel Blazer Trio, Maciej Obara Quartet, Gwenth Herbert, Rotem Sivam Trio, Sun of Goldfinger, Marius Neset, Béla Fleck & The Flecktones, Peter Van Huffel's Gorilla Mask, Guillaume Perret: Free, Dan Weiss Metal Jazz Quintet, Jerry Granelli Group with Robben Ford and Bob Lanzetti, Joe Sullivan Big Band, Ernesto Cervini's Turboprop, The Heavyweights Brass Band, Alison Krauss, Boz Scaggs, Francois Bourassa, Ron Artis II & The Truth, Ghost Note, Lake Street Drive, Swing Swing! with Kellylee Evans, Moon Hooch, Michael Greilsammer, Jerry Douglas Band, Banda Magda. ottawajazzfestival.com

SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

June 22-July 1

For more than three decades, this fest has offered jazz, blues, funk, soul, pop and world music.

LINEUP: Kamasi Washington, John Butler Trio, Ben Harper & Charlie Musselwhite, The Flaming Lips, Bonobo, City & Colour. saskjazz.com

TD Toronto Jazz Festival

Toronto, Ontario

June 22-July 1

This festival features more than 100 free performances, as well as new initiatives and some of the biggest names in music.

LINEUP: Herbie Hancock, Gregory Porter, Snarky Puppy, Béla Fleck & The Flecktones, Lake Street Dive, Aretha Franklin, Heavyweights Brass Band. torontojazz.com

TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival

Vancouver, British Columbia

June 22-July 1

This festival offers more than 1,800 artists, 300 performances and 35 venues. There are more than 150 free shows, including two huge outdoor presentations downtown and at David Lam Park.

LINEUP: Spanish Harlem Orchestra, GoGo Penguin, Dave King Trucking Company, Dan Weiss, Starebaby, Kamasi Washington, Robert Plant, more. coastaljazz.ca



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 July 1



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Victoria, British Columbia

June 22–July 1

The 35th edition of this fest will feature jazz, blues and world music by more than 350 musicians from around the world.

LINEUP: Julian Lage Trio, GoGo Penguin, Ghost Note, Vincent Herring Quartet, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Ranee Lee.
jazzvictoria.ca

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Montreal, Quebec

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LINEUP: Sons of Kemet, Chris Botti, Snarky Puppy, Mike Stern/Randy Brecker Band, Keyon Harrold, Moon Hooch, Brian Blade & The Fellowship Band, Ólafur Arnalds & Jean-Michel Blais, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Davina & The Vagabonds, GoGo Penguin, Béla Fleck & The Flecktones, Daniel Caesar, Jain, Ian Anderson, Ry Cooder, Ranee Lee, Tom Kenney, Bokanté, Marius Neset, Dennis Chambers, Kamasi Washington, Holly Cole, Beth Hart, more.
montrealjazzfest.com

TD Halifax Jazz Festival

Halifax, Nova Scotia

July 11–15

Now in its 32nd year, this festival makes use of the beautiful waterfront setting of downtown Halifax to present a wide range of performers.

LINEUP: Charlotte Day Wilson, Daniel Caesar, The War On Drugs, others.
halifaxjazzfestival.ca

TD Kitchener Blues Festival

Kitchener, Ontario

Aug. 9–12

This event presents more than 80 international, national and regional acts on six stages. Plus, there are late shows in clubs and restaurants.

LINEUP: Jonny Lang with Rik Emmett and Resolution 9. See website.
kitchenerbluesfestival.com

The Edmonton Blues Festival

Edmonton, Alberta

Aug. 24–26

The 20th annual edition of this award-winning festival will feature the best in blues from around the world.

LINEUP: Booker T., Samantha Fish, Monkeyjunk, Rick Estrin & The Nightcats, Sugaray Rayford, Ben Waters, more.
bluesinternationalltd.com

Pentastic Hot Jazz Festival

Penticton, British Columbia

Sept. 7–9

This event presents traditional jazz bands in five venues, all within close proximity. Audiences are enthusiastically encouraged to dance.

LINEUP: Bria Skonberg, Dave Bennett, Tom Hook, Tom Rigney, more.
pentasticjazz.com

Guelph Jazz Festival

Guelph, Ontario

Sept. 12–16

This festival, celebrating its 25th anniversary, features the best in creative improvised music, and also hosts a free outdoor concert series and an educational colloquium.

LINEUP: See website. Last year’s artists included BassDrumBone, Peter Brötzmann, Peggy Lee Octet, MendHam.
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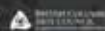
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 June 28–July 13
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 July 16–21
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Swedish vocalist Viktoria Tolstoy, who has recorded for the ACT imprint, performs at Jazzfest Bonn in Germany last year.

JAZZ IN BEETHOVEN'S SHADOW

Germany's growing love and support of jazz is continuous, and sometimes includes echoes of the nation's estimable musical past.

Such is the case with Jazzfest Bonn, a formidable and relatively young festival on the scene. It celebrates its ninth anniversary this spring, April 26–May 12, in the famed city of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth. Generally, there aren't direct links between Beethoven and Jazzfest—although that might shift in 2020, the year that would mark the composer's 250th birthday. Still, some musical resonance with the immortally beloved Beethoven should be expected.

Peter Materna, founding festival director, noted that "classical musicians look at Bonn in great reverence, since it is Beethoven's place of birth and it exhibits a major classical music scene. Since Beethoven was known to be a great improvisation artist during his lifetime, it is obvious that we have a very enthusiastic audience here. This enabled Jazzfest Bonn to grow from year to year."

And according to British pianist Django Bates, one of this year's highlighted festival artists, "It's impossible to be in Bonn without thinking of Beethoven."

The first jazz festival of its size in Germany's former capital city, Jazzfest Bonn grew from a weekend-long event in 2009 to its current three-week span. The 2018 roster includes ever-popular Swedish trombonist Nils Landgren, guitarist John Scofield and Swiss vocalist Andrea Schaefer.

Thematic agendas often are woven into the festival's programming. And this year, piano is the thing.

"We invited many extraordinary and distinctive pianists with their bands to the festival," Materna said. In addition to Bates, who will perform with his trio *Belovèd*, the list includes Julia Hülsmann, Pablo Held, Michael Wollny, Gerald Clayton, Makoto Ozone, Eyolf Dale and Aaron Goldberg.

Bates, whose expressive powers on piano are displayed on 2017's *The Study Of Touch* (ECM), said that "Jazzfest Bonn is presenting a wonderfully varied group of pianists this year and I feel a kinship with all of them. We're all building with the same 88 piano keys and all exploring the infinity that they offer."

Germany boasts many notable jazz festivals of varying sizes, stylistic leanings and vintages, including the 54-year-old Jazzfest Berlin, the adventuresome Moers Festival and the wide-ranging Jazz Baltica. Add Bonn to that list of German fests worth keeping tabs on.

"The main distinction between Jazzfest Bonn and other [German] festivals is that our concerts take place at 10 different venues throughout the [city]," said Materna. "Each venue is carefully chosen and the music is tuned to the concert location. ... The other major difference is that the concerts are always in a double-concert format. On one evening, two bands can be heard, each for one hour on the same stage. In an ideal situation, I combine a renowned artist with a completely unknown artist. At the same time, the quality of the concerts should be equivalent. Through this, we want to show the concertgoer how complex and diverse this wonderful music can be."

Materna's philosophy in booking and designing a festival program takes into account

the delicate balancing act of showcasing well-known and emerging artists, as well as of creating a space for various sub-genres.

"It is very important for me to reach as many people as possible," he said. "In my opinion, this music and the [scope of the] form is so magnificent that I want to inspire others. ... To make this possible, I have to program in a way that less-experienced listeners are able to gain access to jazz. It's an ideal mix for what I want to achieve."

The prominence of classical music in Germany, Materna points out, also relates to a strong national taste for jazz's sophistication.

"Jazz is highly regarded in Germany. It receives more and more respect, and can be experienced in traditional concert halls more frequently," he said. "We have a very sensible, culturally disposed and open audience in Germany. Due to the strong presence of classical music in our society, it belongs to our general education to be interested in cultural themes and, in particular, music. Unfortunately, in Germany, jazz music is not publicly subsidized as much as classical music is. But we do hope and campaign for a change here."

As the festival moves toward its 10th anniversary in 2019, Materna explains that the project is secure in its footing, while still being a work-in-progress.

"We are constantly developing the festival further," he said. "One of our main goals is to strengthen jazz music with its artistic fascination and connecting quality as an important instrument for integration and togetherness in our society—and to widen the number of fans for this music." —Josef Woodard

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Bohemia JazzFest in Prague

International Jazz Festival Bern

Bern, Switzerland
March 12–May 19

Jazz, blues and soul are presented during this festival, now in its 43rd year.

LINEUP: Kenny Barron, Benny Green, James Carter, Jacky Terrasson, Clayton Brothers, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Steve Gadd Band, Catherine Russell, James Morrison Quintet, Harry Allen.
jazzfestivalbern.ch

Menorca International Jazz Festival

Menorca, Spain
March–June

This festival is held in various towns around the island, including Ciutadella and Mahón.

LINEUP: James Carter, Kyle Eastwood, The Jazz Fingers, Madrid Hot Jazz Band.
jazzobert.com

Jazz Festival Basel

Basel, Switzerland
April 12–May 16

International jazz artists perform in a number of venues around the city.

LINEUP: John Scofield, Eddie Henderson Quartet, Danilo Pérez/John Patitucci/Brian Blade, Anouar Brahem Band, Elina Duni, Stefano Bollani, Lucia Cadotsch, Marius Neset, Eric Bibb.
offbeat-concert.ch

Jazzfest Bonn

Bonn, Germany
April 26–May 12

In addition to presenting world-famous artists, this festival promotes young jazz musicians, giving them the opportunity to perform in Beethoven's birth town. Founded in 2010, Jazzfest Bonn has quickly built a reputation that puts it in league with older European fests.

LINEUP: John Scofield, Michael Wollny Trio, Pablo Held Quartet, Aaron Goldberg Trio, SASKYA, Nils Landgren Quartet, Ed Motta, Incognito, Nils Wülker, Django Bates' Belovèd, Ulita Knaus, Inga Lühning & André Nendza, Julia Hülsmann & Christopher Dell, Lage Lund Trio, Philip Catherine & Martin Wind, Julia Biel, Wolfgang Haffner Quartet, Richie Beirach & Gregor Huebner, LYAMBIKO, Bundesjazzorchester, Eyolf Dale Quintet, Makoto Ozone Trio.
jazzfest-bonn.de

Ulrichsberger Kaleidophon

Ulrichsberg, Austria
April 27–29

This year marks the 33rd edition of this international festival of jazz, improvised music and contemporary composed music.

LINEUP: Matthew Shipp, Sylvie Courvoisier Trio, Va Servito Ben Fresco, North of North, Evan Parker & Matthew Shipp, others.
jazzatelier.at/kal.htm

MaiJazz

Stavanger, Norway
May 4–9

Founded in 1989, MaiJazz (aka the Stavanger International Jazz Festival) is the city's oldest festival.

LINEUP: Chick Corea & Trondheim Jazzorkester, Gregory Porter & Stavanger Symfoniorkester, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Donny McCaslin, Ralph Towner, Moon Hooch, Pixel, Hakon Kornstad.
maijazz.no

Ravenna Jazz

Ravenna, Italy
May 4–13

This festival has expanded its program for its 45th edition: 10 days of music in venues all around town.

LINEUP: Sons of Kemet, Chick Corea, Paolo Fresu, Andrea Motis & Joan Chamorroo Group, Manhattan Transfer & Trio, Raul Midón.
ravnajazz.it

Trondheim Jazz Festival

Trondheim, Norway
May 8–13

Launched in 1980 as JazzMazz, this diverse festival focuses on Norwegian and European jazz.

LINEUP: Cécile McLorin Salvant, Gregory Porter, Bill Frisell & Thomas Morgan, China Moses, Donny McCaslin, Chick Corea with the Trondheim Jazzorkester, Armel Dupas Trio, Kari Ikonen Trio, Arild Andersen & TrondheimSolistene, Atomic, Solveig Slettahjell.
jazzfest.no

EUROPAfest

Bucharest, Romania
May 10–19

Jazz, blues and classical concerts by more than 300 artists will be mixed with master classes and workshops.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include the Akakaze Quartet, Cocoon, Sun-Mi Hong.
jmevents.ro

Vicenza Jazz

Vicenza, Italy
May 10–20

The 23rd edition of this festival will present more than 150 concerts.

LINEUP: Ravi Coltrane, Joe Lovano/Dave Douglas Quintet, Sun Ra Mythic Dream Arkestra (conducted by Marshall Allen), Camille Bertault, Raul Midón, Tigran Hamasyan, Trondheim Jazz Orchestra, Enrico Pieranunzi, Seamus Blake, David Virelles, Eivind Aarset, Ralph Alessi, more.
vicenzajazz.org

Newbury Spring Festival

Newbury, England

May 12-26

The 40th annual edition will include classical, jazz and world music.

LINEUP: YolanDa Brown, Clare Teal, Joe Stilgoe, Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers, Kabantu. newburyspringfestival.org.uk

Sibiu Jazz Festival

Sibiu, Transylvania, Romania

May 17-20

This year's edition will debut the Romanian Jazz Meeting, a launch pad for Romanian musicians who are eager to make inroads worldwide.

LINEUP: Accord Vibes Band, Peter Sarosi Azara, Djazz & Happy Sins, Irina Popa, more. sibiu jazz.eu

INNtöne Jazzfestival

Diersbach, Austria

May 18-20

This fest fills three stages, and artists also perform at local clubs.

LINEUP: Sons of Kemet, Kamasi Washington, Bobby Watson, Jaimeo Brown, Soweto Kinch, David Murray Class Struggle, Hendrika Entzian Quartet, Chanda Rule. inntoene.com

Moers Festival

Moers, Germany

May 18-21

This international music festival, founded in 1972, has an associated "improviser in residence" who lives and works in the city for one year.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included Anthony Braxton, Brian Blade. moers-festival.de

Kerava Jazz Festival

Kerava, Finland

May 25-27

This festival has prospered by presenting a lineup of avant-garde, free-jazz and spiritual jazz for the past two decades.

LINEUP: Rob Mazurek Chicago/London Underground, Svenska Kaputt "Suomi" project. keravajazz.fi

NattJazz

Bergen, Norway

May 25-June 2

Founded in 1972, this festival focuses on folkloric and contemporary jazz.

LINEUP: Larry Goldings/Peter Bernstein/Bill Stewart, Fire!, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Sam Amidon, Angles 9, Erlend Apneseth Trio, Woody Black 4, Lucia Cadotsch, Cortex, Charlotte Dos Santos, Frode Haltli Avant Folk, David Helblock's Random/Control, Régis Huby, Ola Kvernberg, Lana Trio & Sofia Jernberg, Magic Spirit Quartet, Gard Nilssen's Acoustic Unity, Nils Okland Band, Rohey, Zap Mama. natjazz.no

Iford Arts Festival

Iford, England

May 25-Aug. 4

This longstanding, multi-genre festival presents a variety of jazz in Iford Manor, a garden-oriented setting near Bradford on Avon.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Leeds City Stompers, Pee Wee Ellis, Heidi Vogel. ifordarts.org.uk

Roma Summer Fest

Rome, Italy

June 10-Aug. 2

This outdoor festival is held at the Auditorium Parco della Musica.

LINEUP: Pat Metheny, Chick Corea Akoustic Band, Stefano Bollani, Sting, Ringo Starr, King Crimson, Jethro Tull, Luca Barbarossa. romeing.it/roma-summer-fest

JazzFest Passau

Passau, Germany

June 14-22

Shows take place in the Cafe Museum Passau, and the Rathausinnenhof Passau. Organizers also present shows on several days in August.

LINEUP: Passau Jazz Orchestra, Leo Big Band Passau, Freudenhain Big Band. cafe-museum.de/jazzfest-passau

JazzAscona/The New Orleans Experience

Ascona, Switzerland

June 21-30

This festival emphasizes New Orleans jazz and food. Some 200 concerts will be presented.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Topsy Chapman, Jon Cleary. jazzascona.ch

JazzBaltica

Timmendorfer Strand, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

June 22-24

JazzBaltica takes place right next to the Baltic Sea and offers concerts at the beach. A free open-air program is also offered.

LINEUP: Nils Landgren, Jan Garbarek, Paolo Fresu, Donny McCaslin, Candy Dulfer, Eva Kruse, NDR Bigband, Lars Danielsson, Ulf Wakenius. jazzbaltica.com

Jazz Fest Wien

Vienna, Austria

June 26-July 10

This festival features 12 concert stages in landmark venues like the Vienna State Opera, as well as local jazz clubs.

LINEUP: Cécile McLorin Salvant, Thomas Quasthoff, Caro Emerald, Melody Gardot, Randy Crawford, Kris Kristofferson, others. viennajazz.org

Istanbul Jazz Festival

Istanbul, Turkey

June 26-July 17

The 25th edition of this festival will present

jazz and other genres that have connections to it, including rock and world music.

LINEUP: Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, others. caz.iksv.org/en

Ljubljana Jazz Festival

Ljubljana, Slovenia

June 27-30

This event is the recipient of the Europe Jazz Network (EJN) Award for Adventurous Programming. The 59th annual edition of this fest will have indoor and outdoor shows.

LINEUP:

Dave Holland/Zakir Hussain/Chris Potter Trio, Dhafer Youssef 4tet, João Bosco & Hamilton de Holanda, Goran Kajfes, Eli-fantree, Ikui Doki, Rok Zalokar Trio.

ljubljanajazz.si

Jazz à Vienne

Vienne, France

June 28-July 13

Presenters of the 38th edition of this festival encourage fans to enjoy music on multiple stages.

LINEUP: Gregory Porter, Rokia Traoré, Morcheeba, others. jazzavienne.com

Love Supreme Jazz Festival

East Sussex, England

June 29-July 1

Jazz, funk and soul are offered at this festival, held at Glynde Place, an Elizabethan manor.

LINEUP: Tony Allen, Nubya Garcia, Curtis Harding, Keyon Harrold, Mavis Staples, Yazz Ahmed, Ezra Collective, Moses Boyd Exodus, George Clinton, Elvis Costello, Steve Winwood, more.

lovesupremefestival.com

Gent Jazz Festival

Ghent, Belgium

June 29-July 8

Founded in 2002, this festival in northwest Belgium presents jazz legends and rising stars.

LINEUP: Jason Moran & Bandwagon, Ambrose Akinmusire, Pharoah Sanders with Nicholas Payton, Vijay Iyer Sextet, Dan Weiss, Melanie De Biasio, Paolo Conte, Kandace Springs, Jef Neve, Igor Gehehot.

gentjazz.com

Montreux Jazz Festival

Montreux, Switzerland

June 29-July 14

This festival, which takes places on the shores of Lake Geneva, presents jazz, blues, rock and other genres. Three large venues (Auditorium Stravinski, Montreux Jazz Club, Montreux Jazz Lab) showcase the headliners, and free concerts provide opportunities for emerging artists to shine.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder, Kendrick Lamar, Lauryn Hill, Kraftwerk.

montreuxjazzfestival.com



GENT JAZZ FESTIVAL

Gent Jazz Festival in Ghent, Belgium

Kongsberg Jazz Festival

Kongsberg, Norway

July 4-7

This festival presents avant-garde and mainstream jazz acts, as well as poetry.

LINEUP: Gregory Porter, Carla Bley Trio, Chick Corea Akoustic Band with Marius Neset, Clashes (Skomsvoll/Hidle/Kornstad/Ensemble Allegria), Erlend Apneseth Trio, Stein Torleif Bella, Charlotte Dos Santos, Gurls, Tom Ibarra, Juno, Goran Kajfe's Subtropic Orchestra, Ola Kvernberg, Helge Lien Trio, Stenson/Christensen/Ljungfist, Hedvig Mollestad, Marius Neset & London Sinfonietta.

kongsbergjazz.no

Copenhagen Jazz Festival

Copenhagen, Denmark

July 6-15

The 40th edition of one of the world's largest jazz festivals takes place in venues all across the Danish capital.

LINEUP: Jeff Beck, Brad Mehldau, Melody Gardot, Tomatito & Michel Camilo, others.

jazz.dk

Lugano Estival Jazz

Mendrisio and Lugano, Switzerland

July 6-7, July 12-14

This open-air, free-admission festival presents 15 concerts of jazz, world music, rock and other genres.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Mike Stern, Randy Brecker, Vinicio Capossela.

estivaljazz.ch

Bohemia JazzFest

Prague, Czech Republic

July 9-17

Beginning in Prague's historic Old Town Square, this traveling, free-admission festival (founded in 2006) also presents outdoor performances in the Czech cities of Pilsen, Liberec, Domazlice, Tabor and Brno.

LINEUP: Mike Stern/Randy Brecker, Bill Frisell Quartet, House of Waters, Enrico Rava, more.

bohemiajazzfest.com

Jazzopen Stuttgart

Stuttgart, Germany

July 12-22

Pat Metheny performed at the inaugural edition of Jazzopen Stuttgart in 1994, and he will return this year.

LINEUP: Marcus Miller, Pat Metheny, Jamie Cullum, Jason Moran & Bandwagon, Christian McBride's New Jawn, Gregory Porter, Stanley Clarke, Quincy Jones, GoGo Penguin, Michael Wollny, Catherine Russell, Moon Hooch, Omer Avital, Allan Harris, Chico Freeman, Kraftwerk.

jazzopen.com

North Sea Jazz Festival

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

July 13-15

This massive festival showcases numerous styles of jazz, as well as funk, soul, salsa, blues and gospel. Programming includes clinics, an educational program and the presentation of the Paul Acket Award for an artist who deserves wider recognition.

LINEUP: Sons of Kemet, Snarky Puppy, Fred Hersch Trio, Marcus Miller, R+R=NOW (Robert Glasper, Terrace Martin, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Taylor McFerrin, Derrick Hodge & Justin Tyson), Gregory Porter with Metropole Orkest, Pat Metheny (with Antonio Sanchez/Linda Oh/Gwilym Simcock), Joshua Redman with Billy Hart Quartet, Hudson, Angélique Kidjo & Ibrahim Maalouf, Pharoah Sanders Quartet, Charles Lloyd & The Marvels, Stanley Clarke Band, Kurt Elling Quintet with Marquis Hill, The O'Jays, Gary Clark Jr., Nile Rodgers & Chic.

northseajazz.com

Umbria Jazz

Perugia, Italy

July 13-22

The Santa Giuliana Arena serves as home to the main events of this festival, now in its 45th year. Special concerts take place at the Morlacchi Theatre, and midday concerts will take place at the prestigious National Gallery of Umbria. There is also a full program of free outdoor concerts.

LINEUP: Kurt Elling, Pat Metheny, Brad Mehldau, Quincy Jones, Gregory Porter, Joshua Redman, Terence Blanchard, Vijay Iyer, Billy Hart, Stefano Bollani, Roy Hargrove, Alfredo Rodriguez, Mingus Big Band, Pedrito Martinez, Joey Alexander, Gilberto Gil, Ivan Lins, Caetano Veloso, Kyle Eastwood, Melody Gardot, Take 6, Massive Attack, David Byrne, The Chainsmokers, umbriajazz.com

Aarhus Jazz Festival

Aarhus, Denmark

July 14-21

Festival venues include the Aarhus Concert Hall, clubs, museums and conservatories.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Pierre Doerge, Stan Getz, Herbie Hancock.

jazzfest.dk

Jazz à Juan

Juan-les-Pins, France

July 14-22

The 58th edition of this festival will once again have a spectacular setting. The main open-air arena has tiered seating with the stage backing on to the beautiful bay of Juan-Les-Pins.

LINEUP: Chick Corea, Marcus Miller Youn Sun Nah, others.

jazzajuan.com

Pori Jazz

Pori, Finland

July 14-22

The 53rd edition of the festival will offer a wide array of international stars and the best of Finnish talent. The main shows take place on several stages in the beautiful Kirjurinluoto Concert Park.

LINEUP: Vijay Iyer Sextet, R+R=NOW (Robert Glasper, Terrace Martin, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Taylor McFerrin, Derrick Hodge & Justin Tyson), GoGo Penguin, Carla Bley, Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, Mavis Staples, Yazz Ahmed, James Blunt, Jessie Ware.

porijazz.fi

Molde International Jazz Festival

Molde, Norway

July 16-21

This festival, which was founded in 1961, is located by a fjord with a beautiful view of hundreds of mountaintops. The festival presents more than 100 free and ticketed concerts in eight indoor and outdoor venues.

LINEUP: Maria Schneider, Stanley Clarke Band, R+R=NOW (Robert Glasper, Terrace Martin, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Taylor McFerrin, Derrick Hodge & Justin Tyson), Hudson, Donny McCaslin, Allison Miller's Boom Tic Boom, Matana Roberts, Van Morrison, Cezinando, Iiro Rantala/Ulf Wakenius, The Big Yes, Four Brothers, Knut Reiersrud Band, Gurls, Trondheim Jazzorkester & The MaxX, Paal Nilssen-Love XL Unit, Ola Kvernberg, Trondheim Voices, Amanda Delara, Fieh, Ingebjørg



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Perugia, July 13-22

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Marius Neset at Jazzfest Bonn in Germany

Bratland, Torhild Ostad/Carsten Dahl.
moldejazz.no

Festival de Jazz de Vitoria-Gasteiz *Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain* July 17-21

For more than four decades, this festival has presented world-class jazz. Organizers of this event seek to present unique collaborations.

LINEUP: Cory Henry, Hudson, Mingus Big Band, Joel Frahm, Avishai Cohen (trumpet), Camila Meza, Seamus Blake, Carla Bruni, Leanne Faine & Favor, Kool & The Gang.
jazzvitoria.com

Nice Jazz Festival *Nice, France* July 17-21

A mainstay of the French Riviera jazz scene for 70 years, this center-city fest showcases performers on two stages at once. There is a total of six stages.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include George Benson, Stéphane Grappelli.
nicejazzfestival.fr

Hull Jazz Festival *Hull, Yorkshire and Humber, England* July 19-21

The 26th edition of this festival will feature some of the U.K.'s most exciting jazz talent.

LINEUP: Vimala Rowe & John Etheridge, Denys Baptiste Quartet, Camilla George.
jnight.org

Langnau Jazz Nights *Langnau, Bern, Switzerland* July 24-28

Over the last 27 years this festival has impressed with an international lineup. With its incorporated jazz workshop, it is a popular meeting point for musicians from all over Europe and the United States.

LINEUP: Christian McBride's New Jawn, Brad Mehldau Trio, Billy Hart Quartet featuring Joshua Redman, Bokanté.
jazz-nights.ch

Heineken Jazzaldia *San Sebastian, Spain* July 25-29

The Heineken Jazzaldia (aka the San Sebastian Jazz Festival) is the longest-running jazz festival in Spain and one of the oldest in Europe. This year's edition will be the 53rd. The festival offers a mix of ticketed concerts and free, open-air shows, with more than 100 acts.

LINEUP: Gregory Porter, Brad Mehldau, Chick Corea, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Carla Bley, Dave Holland with Chris Potter & Zakir Hussain, Kenny Barron, R+R=NOW (Robert Glasper, Terrace Martin, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Taylor McFerrin, Derrick Hodge & Justin Tyson), Benny Green, Jacob Collier, Caetano Veloso.
heinekenjazzaldia.eus

Llandudno Jazz Festival *Conwy, Wales* July 27-29

This festival in a seaside resort town highlights key jazz figures on the U.K. scene.

LINEUP: Gilad Atzmon & Orient House, Iain Balmory & Huw Warren Duo, Roger Beaujolais' Full House Trio feat. Jim Mullen, Claire Martin, Sara Oschlag featuring Alan Barnes, Dean Masser.
llandudnojazzfestival.com

Jazz em Agosto *Lisbon, Portugal* July 27-Aug. 5

To celebrate the 35th edition of Jazz em Agosto, the Gulbenkian Foundation will present a "Special Edition" program fully dedicated to composer John Zorn's musical universe, with 22 concerts and five films.

LINEUP: John Zorn, Masada, Mary Halvorson Quartet, Julian Lage & Gyan Riley, Kris Davis Quartet, John Medeski Trio, Thurston Moore, Craig Taborn, Milford Graves, Ikue Mori, Brian Marsella Trio, Marc Ribot, Dave Douglas, Barbara Hannigan, Mathieu Amalric, Stephen Gosling, Simulacrum, Highsmith Trio, Insurrection, Trigger, Secret Chiefs 3, Asmodeus, The Hermetic Organ, others.
jazzemagosto.pt

Ystad Sweden Jazz Festival

Ystad, Sweden
 Aug. 1-5

This fest includes 40 concerts in 12 venues, all within walking distance in the medieval town center of Ystad. There will be a special concert on Aug. 5 at Ale's Stones.

LINEUP: Paolo Fresu, Manhattan Transfer, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Youn Sun Nah, Lizz Wright, Nils Landgren, Avishai Cohen (trumpet), Wolfgang Haffner Band, Claire Martin, Jim Mullen, Almaz Yebio, Ellen Andrea Wang.
ystadjazz.se

Gouvy Jazz & Blues Festival

Gouvy, Belgium
 Aug. 3-5

This fest, celebrating its 39th anniversary, offers jazz and blues.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Chico Freeman, Benny Golson, Rhoda Scott.
madelonne.be/festival

Jazz Middelheim

Antwerp, Belgium
 Aug. 9-12

Jazz, pop and rock are all part of this festival, now in its 37th year. There also will be workshops and an artist-in-residence.

LINEUP: Kamasi Washington, Melanie De Biasio, Philip Catherine, FONS feat.. Logan Richardson, Brussels Jazz Orchestra, more.
jazzmiddelheim.be

Nisville Jazz Festival

Nis, Serbia
 Aug. 9-12

Jazz, blues and soul will dominate six main stages and a clutch of smaller venues.

LINEUP: Omar Hakim & Rachel Z, Inner Circle, Matt Bianco, Darko Rundek & Apocalypse, more.
nisville.com

Oslo Jazz Festival

Oslo, Norway
 Aug. 11-18

International jazz stars, a festival poet, pop-up concerts, film screenings and local performers are on the menu for this jazz festival.

LINEUP: Tom Harrell, Jacob Collier, Sidsel Endresen & Jan Bang, John Surman, Bugge Wesseltoft, Rebekka Bakken, James Morrison & The Brazz Brothers, British United Vibrations, Torun Eriksen, Four Freshmen, Hovedeen Social Club.
oslojazz.com

Rocella Jazz Festival

Rocella Ionica, Italy
 Aug. 12-22

Jazz clinics, main-stage concerts and fringe events will take place in a 3,000-seat open-air amphitheater, a 16th-century convent, a 17th-century chapel and a modern marina in Rocella.

LINEUP: Marc Johnson & Eliane Elias Duo, Matthew Shipp Trio, Baba Sissoko, Dweezil

Zappa, Genti Rushi Quartet, Enzo Pietropaoli, Santi Scarcella, Debora J. Carter, Rosalia De Souza Quintet, Dean Bowman/Hamid Drake/Daniele Sepe, Ray Gelato & The Giants.
roccellajazz.org

Saalfelden International Jazz Festival

Saalfelden, Austria

Aug. 23-26

Last year this festival featured 187 artists from 28 nations performing 37 concerts.

LINEUP: Shabaka Hutchings with Shake Stew, Ulrich Drechsler, Marc Ribot.

jazzsaalfelden.com

Koktebel Jazz Party

Koktebel, Russia

Aug. 24-26

For 15 years, this event on the Black Sea that has brought together jazz enthusiasts from many countries.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Jimmy Cobb, Tom Harrell, Igor Butman.

en.koktebel-jazz.ru

Jazz Festival Willisau

Willisau, Switzerland

Aug. 29-Sept. 2

Contemporary European jazz, pop and folk are the key ingredients in this festival, founded in 1966.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Anthony Braxton, Abdullah Ibrahim.

jazzfestivalwillisau.ch

Scarborough Jazz Festival

Scarborough, England

Sept. 28-30

Programming for the 16th annual edition of this fest includes big bands and tributes to Billie Holiday, Peggy Lee and Wayne Shorter.

LINEUP: Gareth Lockrane Big Band, Atlantic Crossover, Alan Barnes Octet, Woody Black 4, Leila Martial, Dave Newton & Alan Barnes, Stan Sulzmann's Neon Orchestra, more.

jazz.scarboroughspa.co.uk

International Festival of Contemporary Music

Venice, Italy

Sept. 28-Oct. 7

Pianist Keith Jarrett will perform and receive the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement.

LINEUP: Keith Jarrett, Victor Wooten Trio, Sebastian Rivas, Mivos Quartet, Charlotte Testu.

labiennale.org/en/music/2018

Akbank Jazz Festival

Istanbul, Turkey

Oct. 17-28

Launched in 1991, this festival includes concerts, panels, workshops, film screenings and social-responsibility projects (akbankcaz.com).

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Chucho Valdés & Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Daniel Herskedal & Marius Neset Duo, Benedikt Jahnke Trio, Mark Guilliana.

akbankjazzfestival.com

Baloise Session

Basel, Switzerland

Oct. 19-Nov. 6

For the past 33 years, major stars have been coming to this festival, which features jazz, soul, blues, world music and other genres.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Alicia Keys, Kool & the Gang, Imelda May.

baloisession.ch

Jazzfest Berlin

Berlin, Germany

Nov. 1-4

This festival, which was founded more than 50 years ago, has featured numerous interesting venues, including a church and an arts academy.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Shabaka & The Ancestors, Tyshawn Sorey, Nels Cline, Ambrose Akinmusire, Michael Wolny.

berlinerfestspiele.de

EFG London Jazz Festival

London, England

Nov. 16-25

One of the U.K.'s landmark musical celebrations, the EFG London Jazz Festival brings the best and freshest music to the streets, clubs and concert halls of London. It features world-renowned musicians and emerging stars from across the globe.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Dee Dee Bridgewater, Kneebody, Robert Glasper, Becca Stevens, Dayna Stevens.

efglondonjazzfestival.org.uk

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Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival

Saint Lucia, Caribbean
May 6–13

This festival will offer ticketed concerts, educational events and free shows.

LINEUP: AZIZA (Chris Potter, Dave Holland, Lionel Loueke & Eric Horland), R+R=Now (Robert Glasper, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Derrick Hodge, Justin Tyson, Taylor McFerrin & Terrace Martin), Jazzmeia Horn, Alfredo Rodriguez, Etienne Mbappe, others.
stlucijazz.org

Rio das Ostras Jazz & Blues Festival

Rio das Ostras, Brazil
May 31–June 3

The 15th edition of this fest will present concerts on three stages around the beautiful landscape of Rio das Ostras. (Also, on Sept 7–9, the festival will have a special edition at Rio de Janeiro for the first time.)

LINEUP: Stanley Jordan, Vanessa Collier, Leon Beal, Azymuth, others.
riodasostrajazzblues.com

Melbourne International Jazz Festival

Melbourne, Australia
June 1–10

Founded in 1998, this festival features more than 100 shows at over 30 venues. In addition to ticketed concerts, programming includes free events and educational workshops.

LINEUP: Branford Marsalis, Madeline Peyroux, Gretchen Parlato, Sun Ra Arkestra, others.
melbournejazz.com

Jamaica Ocho Rios International Jazz Festival

Ocho Rios, Port Antonio & Kingston, Jamaica
June 3–10

This event includes concerts, workshops, a school band competition and more.

LINEUP: The Jamaica Big Band conducted by

Marjorie Whyllie, Freddy Loco, June Thompson, others.
ochoriosjazzja.com

Devonport Jazz

Devonport, Tasmania, Australia
July 26–29

Celebrating 17 years, this fest showcases jazz and blues in a series of special events, dances, dinners and concerts.

LINEUP: SKETY and others; see website.
devonportjazz.com

Savassi Festival

Belo Horizonte, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Aug. 3–11

Held at various venues throughout beautiful Belo Horizonte, this festival has a strong focus on educational events and workshops as well as musical performances.

LINEUP: Frederico Heliodoro, Felipe Villas-Boas, Juarez Moreira, Louise Woollet, Duo Desvio, others.
savassifestival.com.br

Red Sea Jazz Festival

Eilat, Israel
Aug. 26–28

The 32nd edition of this festival will once again feature multiple concerts every evening, as well as clinics and nightly jam sessions.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Catherine Russell, Dr. Lonnie Smith.
en.redseajazz.co.il

Curaçao North Sea Jazz Festival

Willemstad, Curaçao
Aug. 30–Sept. 1

Over the course of eight years, this has grown to be the biggest music event in the Caribbean.

LINEUP: Spyro Gyra, Michel Camilo Trio, Jason Derulo, Carlos Vives, Silvestre Dangond, Sean Paul, others.
curaconorthseajazz.com

KL International Jazz & Arts Festival

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
September (Dates TBD)

The biggest jazz festival in Kuala Lumpur presents concerts in clubs, a theater at the University Malaya and other venues.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include David Sanborn, Lee Ritenour, Tinho Pereira.
klinternationaljazz.com

Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival

Aruba
Sept. 21–22

This event will feature more than 20 performances in a beautiful setting.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Marcus Miller, Roy Hargrove, Maceo Parker.
caribbeanseajazz.com

Jarasm International Jazz Festival

Gapyeong, South Korea
Oct. 12–14

This festival, now in its 15th year, typically includes about 15 venues.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Joshua Redman, Mike Stern, Chucho Valdés.
jarasmjazz.com

Dominican Republic Jazz Festival

Punta Canta, Santo Domingo, Santiago, Puerto Plata and Cabarete, Dominican Republic
Oct. 28, Nov. 1–4

Now in its 22nd year, this festival presents free concerts at several locations. FEDUJAZZ, the non-profit educational organization of the fest, presents a host of workshops.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Anat Cohen, Esperanza Spalding, Sean Jones.
drjazzfestival.com

Jazzmandu

Kathmandu, Nepal
Nov. 1–6

For more than 15 years, Jazzmandu (The Kathmandu Jazz Festival) has booked outstanding musicians for this fest, highlighting Nepali and other musical traditions.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include the Claudia Quintet, Trilok Gurtu, Ari Hoenig.
jazzmandu.com

Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues

Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia
Nov. 2–4

This festival presents a diverse, eclectic mix of jazz greats and rising stars.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Ian Moss, Jon Cleary, Spiderbait, Katie Noonan.
wangerattajazz.com

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