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Regina Carter performs at the 2004 Monterey Jazz Festival.

Monterey *Nurtured by Music*

By Dan Ouellette

In the jazz world, Monterey, California, has a powerful aura. Just saying the phrase “Monterey Jazz Festival” conjures up images of delighted fans and historically significant performances. Tim Jackson, the festival’s artistic director, said this year’s edition will once again welcome “the gathering of the tribe.” It’s his way of describing a loyal group of artists, tried-and-true show runners and longtime patrons who travel to the “jazz nirvana” to experience sets by respected masters as well as rising stars. Few festivals are more revered than Monterey, which will present its 60th annual edition on Sept. 15–17.

It’s not only the world’s longest consecutively running jazz festival, but it’s also one that has existed in its own home since it was started in 1958 by co-founders Jimmy Lyons and Ralph Gleason. Located 120 miles south of San Francisco, the Monterey County Fairgrounds (now officially called the Monterey County Fair and Event Center) is a 21-acre, state-owned property that began its rustic life as a 1939 WPA project, which resulted in the construction of the arena and exhibit halls for the annual county fair. Today, the area’s natural landscape provides an ideal setting for jazz aficionados.

“The fun thing about our style of festival is that, like Newport, you have to go somewhere some distance away,” said Jackson, who has been the solo artistic director for 25 years. (He started in 1992 and served that year as a co-programmer of the fest with the retiring Lyons.) “It becomes a destination. You go to a defined place for a defined period of time. Getting here is part of the trip, enjoying the journey there and back. You walk through the gate and there’s a certain wonderment and legacy. You come in and there’s green lawns and oak trees, you’re smelling the sea air, hearing the music. It’s priceless.”

Plus, there are food booths offering international cuisine, an outdoor bar, star sightings (such as MJF board member Clint Eastwood) and jazz executives, including Blue Note Records President Don Was, who attends every year with his two sons.

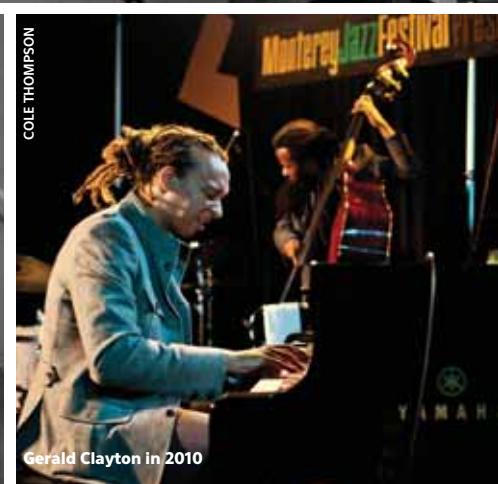
A 501 (c)(3) educational nonprofit from its beginning, MJF uses its \$3.5 million budget to invite 500 artists to command the fest’s eight stages—

all but one free with the Grounds Ticket entry. The Jimmy Lyons Arena, which requires an additional ticket, presents the marquee acts, which this year include singer Dee Dee Bridgewater; pianist Kenny Barron’s trio with special guests Roy Hargrove, Sean Jones and Pedrito Martinez; violinist Regina Carter, this year’s showcase artist; and a commissioned work by bassist/bandleader John Clayton. That piece will feature the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra (which includes John’s brother, saxophonist Jeff Clayton) as well as a trio led by pianist Gerald Clayton (John’s son). All three Clays have been chosen as this year’s Artists-in-Residence.

Grounds performances at stages like Dizzy’s Den, the Night Club, the Garden Stage and the Coffee House Gallery will feature such rising stars as GoGo Penguin, Kandace Springs and Derrick Hodge. Other artists on this year’s vast program include pianists Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, Joanne Brackeen and Chano Dominguez; singer Leslie Odom Jr.; the rapper Common; a tribute to Sonny Rollins with saxophonists Jimmy Heath, Joe Lovano, Branford Marsalis and Joshua Redman; John Beasley’s Monk’estra; the Brad Mehldau/Chris Thile duo; the Scott Amendola/Wil Blades duo; and dozens of other acts.

“It’s a jigsaw puzzle putting this huge festival together,” said Jackson, who also runs the Kuumbwa Jazz Center, some 27 miles away in Santa Cruz, which he co-founded in 1975. “I take advantage of hearing live music [at Kuumbwa], which helps me to decide who to bring to Monterey. The club keeps me fresh, and I keep my ear to the ground.” He also travels to New York to attend shows a couple of times a year, including the Winter Jazzfest, where he saw Jonathan Finlayson perform and then subsequently booked the trumpeter for this year’s Monterey fest. In addition, Jackson touches base with such organizations as the Western Jazz Presenters Network and the International Jazz Festivals Organization to scout for perspective Monterey artists.

“Forefront in my mind is to keep what we present both artistically challenging and relevant,” said Jackson, who last year was honored with Berklee College of Music’s George Wein Impresario Award. “That’s why we draw audiences that enjoy and feel nurtured by the music.”



Over the decades, Monterey has presented a stunning array of jazz legends, including Louis Armstrong, Dave Brubeck, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Billie Holiday and Charles Mingus, as well as stars of today like Charles Lloyd, Dianne Reeves, Trombone Shorty, Snarky Puppy and The Roots.

As its reputation has grown, Monterey has become a prime destination for tourists and devoted jazz fans. Eighty percent of the audience comes from outside the Monterey area, which requires a commitment to driving or flying there and paying for meals and hotels. "We're aware of that," Jackson said, referring to the

travel commitment. "So we make options available. I think the coolest experience is to take in the festival as a whole, but since we're in an à la carte society, we're finding ways to let people selectively experience the festival—whether it's one show, or two days instead of all three."

While many jazz festivals increase ticket sales by booking high-profile pop acts, Monterey has avoided that, largely presenting all stripes of jazz with a sprinkling of blues. "We are dealing with different audiences, too," Jackson said. "Some of the hard-core, serious jazz fans who know everything about the music just want to immerse themselves in it for three

days. Then there is a group of people who like the arts and music, so we have to consider how to book music that crosses over to the general music lover. Then you get the curious who are not big jazz fans, but may hear something they don't know about and buy a CD or check out an artist online. We're looking for that audience—the casual music lover who's looking for a fresh event in a new environment."

While crowd figures in recent years have fallen short of the record-setting 40,000 attendance figures of the past, these days the grounds tend to attract 30,000–35,000 people. "It's good and steady, but we're not in a growth mode as far as audiences go," Jackson said. "We do have a healthy education program at Monterey, which has helped to generate a new audience."

Jackson notes that many musicians want to play Monterey because of its history and the respectful way they are treated. Carter—who first played the fest in 2001, returned as the Artist-in-Residence in 2004 and in 2010 was a member of the MJF all-star touring band—is pleased to be returning. "It's so important that we have a place like this so that people can hear live jazz," she said.

Carter also enjoys the social atmosphere. "It's like jazz camp," she said. "At most festivals, the musicians are in and then out. But at Monterey, you get to see a lot of the other music and can be around the cats for a couple of days. It's so positive to listen to music all day long and then be there together. It's like family."

John Clayton, another frequent performer at the fest, said, "All the top names in jazz have played here, and the atmosphere is so community-oriented. It makes it easy for jazz musicians to let their hair down. You hang with musicians and you hang with people in the audience. The festival feeds me on every level: the artistic, the camaraderie, the support. It's perfect all around."

This year, Clayton is collaborating with Jackson on what the shape of the commission will be. While the piece will honor bandleader Gerald Wilson (1918–2014), who was a regular performer and annual festival attendee, Jackson suggested bringing Gerald Clayton and his trio into the mix, thus giving the work a unique, multi-generational cast.

"Gerald Wilson was my hero," John Clayton said. "I was so honored that Tim asked me to write a piece just like he had [Wilson] do in the past. Then Tim suggested including my son and his trio, to make it a *concerto grosso*—a large ensemble featuring a small ensemble."

Clayton said that piece's thematic undergirding would be informed by the strife of the current socio-political climate—without overtly addressing specific matters. "It's going to be about the need to bring our light to the darkness versus getting sucked into the darkness," he said. "We want to make it shine."

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New York Guitar Festival

New York City
May (Dates TBD)

Since 1999, the New York Guitar Festival has presented many of the world's most influential guitarists at Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other venues. Festival performers have included masters of the classical, jazz, blues, pop, indie rock, folk and world music. 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: See website. Last year's performers included Vernon Reid, Nels Cline, Elliott Sharp, Ben Monder and Camila Meza. newyorkguitarfestival.org

Mary Lou Williams Jazz Festival

Washington, D.C.
May 4

This event, which takes place at the Kennedy Center, highlights the legacy of jazz pianist,

Exit Zero Jazz Festival

Cape May, New Jersey

April 21-23

This bi-annual festival takes place in Cape May, the nation's oldest seaside resort. Stellar lineups perform on two main stages and clubs along the Cape May beachfront.

LINEUP: Maceo Parker with the Ray Charles Orchestra, Robert Glasper Experiment, Network Trio, Kenny Barron, Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah, Michael Pedicin Quintet and many more. exit0jazzfest.com

Center City Jazz Festival

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 29

The sixth edition of this festival offers a lineup of blockbuster performers as part of Jazz Appreciation Month. Attendees can expect a jam-packed schedule of 20 bands performing at five venues over six hours, all within walking distance of each other in the heart of Center City.

LINEUP: Eric Wortham II, Monette Sudler, Odean Pope, George "Spanky" McCurdy, Landham Brothers, Josh Lawrence & Color Theory,

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LINEUP: Dee Dee Bridgewater, Dianne Reeves, Esperanza Spalding, Terri Lyne Carrington, James Genus, Marc Cary, Edmar Colón, Mino Cinelu and Marvin Sewell.
kennedy-center.org/events

Plymouth Rock Assurance Jazz Fest *Plymouth, Massachusetts*

May 26-28

Plymouth's Spire Center for Performing Arts proudly presents the fourth annual edition of this event over Memorial Day weekend. The festival is produced by Johnny Souza, through the generous sponsorship of Plymouth Rock Assurance and Eastern Bank. Jazz radio host Eric Jackson serves as master of ceremonies.

LINEUP: Donna Byrne and the Marshall Wood Trio, Thomas Snow Quartet featuring Ken Peplowski, A.G.N.Z. with Jay Azzolina, Dino Govoni, Adam Naussbaum and Dave Zinno, Jeff Lorber, The New Black Eagle Jazz Band.
spirecenter.org/events

Delaney Chevrolet Westsylvania Jazz & Blues Festival

Indiana, Pennsylvania

May 27

This free, outdoor festival brings international, national and regional jazz and

blues acts to a small-town setting. The day starts early with big band music from top western Pennsylvania schools, builds to headline acts, then extends into the wee hours at venues around town.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include the Poogie Bell Band with special guest Sean Jones, Warren Wolf, Sonny Landreth, The New Mastersounds, Richie Cole, Jevon Rushton and Trudy Lynn.
westsylvaniajazzandblues.org

Vision Festival 22 *New York City* **May 28-June 3**

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LINEUP: Cooper-Moore Trio, Tomas Fujiwara Double Trio, Miya Masaoka, Andrew Cyrille, David Murray, Joelle Leandre, Trio Three, Hamid Drake, William Parker, Joe McPhee, Charles Gayle, Odean Pope Saxophone Choir, Dave Burrell, Tomeka Reid, Matthew Shipp, Gerald Cleaver's Black Host, Mat Maneri, Nicole Mitchell, Tony Malaby, BassDrumBone, Oluyemi & Ijeoma Thomas, Jason Kao Hwang's Burning Bridge, In Order To Survive, Kidd Jordan.
artsforart.org

Blue Note Jazz Festival

New York City

June 1-30

This festival features more than 150 shows at multiple venues around New York City for a monthlong celebration of jazz from some of the biggest names on the scene today. The event is presented by the owners of the Blue Note jazz club.

LINEUP: McCoy Tyner with Ron Carter featuring Wallace Roney and Roy Haynes, Kamasi Washington, Rebirth Brass Band, Robert Glasper Experiment, Joshua Redman Quartet, Avishai Cohen Trio, Dick Gregory.
bluenotejazzfestival.com

Michael Arnone's Crawfish Fest

Augusta, New Jersey

June 2-4

What started as a small crawfish boil for 70 people homesick for boiled crawfish in 1989 has turned into the annual Crawfish Fest, featuring Cajun music, zydeco, Delta blues, New Orleans r&b, brass band, gospel and jazz on four stages. Workshops will be conducted by Terrance Simien, John Gros and John Ginty.

LINEUP: The Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson, Anders Osborne, Tab Benoit, Rebirth Brass Band, Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience, Charles "Horn Man" Neville, Henry Butler's Jambalaya Band, Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie, Little Freddie King, John "Papa" Gros Band, Chubby

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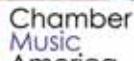
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LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Bria Skonberg, Justin Kauflin, The Lucky 5. berkshiregatemwayjazz.org

Pittsburgh JazzLive International Festival

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 16-18

Celebrating its seventh year, this festival features three days of world-class jazz concerts plus a pub crawl, artist booths, food trucks, craft beer, a vinyl LP boutique and jam sessions.

LINEUP: Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), David Sanborn, The Bad Plus, Odean Pope Sax Orchestra, Angélique Kidjo, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Chico Freeman, Sean Jones, Tia Fuller, Linda May Han Oh and others. pittsburghjazzlive.com

The DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival

Wilmington, Delaware

June 21-24

This event is known as the largest free jazz festival on the East Coast. The legacy of Clifford Brown, as well as his influence, has drawn artists such as Benny Golson, Lou Rawls, Tito Puente, Jr. and Roy Harrold. For the last 29 years, the nationally renowned festival has drawn local fans and visitors from across the country.

LINEUP: See website. The 2016 lineup included: Dr. Lonnie Smith, Andra Day, Kim Waters, Robert Glasper, Marcus Johnson, Nadjah Nicole (from NBC's *The Voice*). cliffordbrownjazzfest.com

Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival

Rochester, New York

June 23-July 1

The Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival (XRIJF) is one of the world's premier jazz festivals, presenting more than 1,500 artists, 325-plus ticketed and free shows at 19 indoor and outdoor venues—all within walking distance. Now in its 16th year, XRIJF draws more than 200,000 people annually.

LINEUP: Billy Childs Quartet, Miguel Zenón, Steve Kuhn Trio, Monty Alexander Trio, 4 Monk by 4 (Kenny Barron, Benny Green, Cyrus

Chestnut, George Cables), Donny McCaslin Quartet, Joss Stone, Maceo Parker & The Ray Charles Orchestra, Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox, Tierney Sutton, Marquis Hill Blacktet, Allan Harris Band, Shabaka & The Ancestors, Ryan Keberle & Catharsis, The Wee Trio, Matthew Stevens, Mavis Staples, Sheryl Crow, St. Paul & The Broken Bones, King Crimson, Marcia Ball, Roberta Piket, Bill Dobbins, Harold Danko, Manuel Valera. rochesterjazz.com

Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival

Saratoga Springs, New York

June 24-25

One of the longest-running jazz festivals in North America, Saratoga Performing Arts Center's iconic festival presents its 40th edition with an extraordinary lineup of legends and emerging trailblazers. Beloved by audiences for its spectacular programming and woodland setting, the festival features two stages, a crafts fair, barbecue and much more.

LINEUP: Cécile McLorin Salvant, Chaka Kahn, Maceo Parker with the Ray Charles Orchestra, Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), Dee Dee Bridgewater, Jacob Collier, Gipsy Kings, Jean-Luc Ponty, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Dave Stryker, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Barbara Fasano, Jack Broadbent, Shabaka & The Ancestors, Aruán Ortiz, Adam O'Farrill, Blind Boy Paxton, Noah Preminger & Jason Palmer. spac.org

Belleayre Music Festival

Highmount, New York

Dates TBD

For more than 20 years, this sprawling festival has presented multiple concerts between the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

LINEUP: See website. Past headliners include Pat Metheny, The Cookers, Jason Marsalis, Pedrito Martinez Group. belleayremusic.org

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Nescopeck, Pennsylvania

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Norfolk, Virginia

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LINEUP: Dr. Lonnie Smith, Najee, Spyro Gyra, The Rippingtons, Tom Browne, Roy Ayers, Ronnie Laws, Pieces of a Dream, Euge Groove. festevents.org/events/2017-season-events/norfolkwaterfrontjazzfestival/

Caramoor Jazz Festival

Katonah, New York

July 15

Curated by organizers at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Caramoor's 24th annual Jazz Festival is for jazz enthusiasts of all ages. The day-long festival throughout the grounds will feature a wide range of music—including interactive sessions for the kids and a centennial celebration of innovative jazz great Thelonious Monk.

LINEUP: McCoy Tyner Trio with Geri Allen & Craig Taborn, Pedrito Martinez Group, Zaccai Curtis Quartet featuring Little Johnny Rivero, Christian Sands Trio, Camille Thurman with the Darrell Green Trio, Monk Centennial Celebration (with Sullivan Fortner, Christian Sands, and Helen Sung) Riley Mulherkar: In the Land of Oo-Bla-Dee, Vibes in the Garden with Joseph Doubleday and Simon Moullier, The Westerlies, Mary Halvorson and Stephan Crump, Citizens of the Blues, Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra Ensembles, Michael Mwenso & The Shakes. caramoor.org/events/jazz-festival-day-2017

North Atlantic Blues Festival

Rockland, Maine

July 15-16

One of Maine's premier festivals features top-notch blues in a placid, maritime setting. Located 80 miles north of Portland, this event has been booking regional and national talent for more than 15 years.

LINEUP: Shemekia Copeland, L.C. Williams & The Driver, Walter Trout, Kenny Neal, Biscuit Miller & The Mix, Anthony Gomes, Sugar Blue, Billy Branch, Jason Ricci, Sari Schorr and more. northatlanticbluesfestival.com

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New York, New York

July 18-27

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Newport Jazz Festival Newport, Rhode Island Aug. 4-6

Since 1954, the legendary Newport Jazz Festival, presented by Natixis Global Asset Management, has laid the template for music festivals the world over. Set on Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay, the festival features more than 50 sets at Fort Adams State Park and the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

LINEUP: Christian McBride Big Band, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Branford Marsalis, Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), The Roots, Béla Fleck & The Flecktones, Snarky Puppy, Andra Day, Maceo Parker, Rhiannon Giddens, Maria Schneider Orchestra, Leslie Odom Jr., Naturally 7, Philadelphia Experiment, Geri Allen, Terri Lyne Carrington & Esperanza Spalding, Henry Threadgill Zooid, Vijay Iyer Sextet, Jason Moran, Joey DeFrancesco, Antonio Sanchez & Migration, Cyrille Aimée, Dominick Farinacci, Vijay Iyer & Wadada Leo Smith, One for All, Uri Caine Trio, Christian Sands Quartet, Evan Christopher, Rodriguez Brothers, Sean Jones Quintet, David Torkanowsky. newportjazzfest.org

Scranton Jazz Festival

Scranton, Pennsylvania
Dates TBD

When this festival began in 2005, the organizers held the event at the historic Radis-

son Lackawana Station Hotel in downtown Scranton, where it has become a permanent fixture on the Pennsylvania arts and culture scene. The festival has presented some of the finest international, national and regional jazz, blues and world music artists.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Jimmy Heath, Jim Buckley, Jason Miles, Nate Birkey, Blood Sweat & Tears featuring Bo Bice. scrantonjazzfestival.org

Litchfield Jazz Festival Goshen, Connecticut Aug. 5-6

Established in 1996, the Litchfield Jazz Festival, nestled in the scenic Litchfield Hills, features two full days of all-star mainstage jazz, student concerts and artist talks. There are art and craft exhibits, high-quality food and beverages, activities for families and a special Sunday Jazz Brunch.

LINEUP: John Pizzarelli, Rudresh Mahanthappa, Joe Alterman, Jen Allen, Ada Rovatti, Michael Mayo, Julian Shore, Gabriel Alegria, Ken Peplowski, Litchfield Jazz Orchestra featuring Brandon Goldberg, Avery Sharpe, Matt Wilson, Bucky Pizzarelli, Nicki Parrott, Rez Abbasi, Dan Weiss, Ehud Aherie, Dayna Stephens, Jorge Roeder, Jimmy McBride, Gilad Hekselman, Miro Sprague, Josh Johnson, Alex Boneham, Robin Baytas, Jill McCaron, Steve Johns, Daryl Johns and more. litchfieldjazzfest.org

Central PA Jazz Festival Harrisburg, Mt. Gretna & Hummelstown, Pennsylvania Aug. 10-13

The 37th annual edition of this festival features a riverboat cruise on the *Pride of the Susquehanna*, a jazz party at the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center, a concert at Mt. Gretna Playhouse, a jazz picnic with five bands at Indian Echo Caverns and much more.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's fest included Houston Person, Russell Malone, Bruce Barth, Tim Warfield, Jonathan Ragone, Jim McFalls, Nancy Reed, Jim Ridl and Diane Monroe. friendsofjazz.org



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Provincetown Jazz Festival

Cape Cod, Massachusetts

August 10 & 14

Since 2005, the Provincetown Jazz Festival has been held in the oldest continuous art colony in the United States. The festival is a non-profit organization donating a portion of the proceeds to worthy causes. Musicians from the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand have appeared at concerts on Cape Cod.

LINEUP: Ken Peplowski, Molly Ringwald, Atla DeChamplain, Matt DeChamplain, Takumi Kakimoto, Ron Ormsby, Bart Weisman. provincetownjazzfestival.org

Montclair Jazz Festival

Montclair, New Jersey

August 12

Hosted by Grammy-winning bassist Christian McBride, with award-winning actor S. Epatha Merkerson and WBGO's Gary Walker, the "No Tickets Required" Montclair Jazz Festival is presented by the Bravitas Group/Silver Family Foundation and produced by Jazz House Kids. The all-day event includes a beer tent, an expanded family jazz discovery zone, shuttle service, bike valet and concessions.

LINEUP: See website. Past artists have included Dee Dee Bridgewater, Christian McBride, George Coleman, Lou Prima Jr., José James, Paquito D'Rivera, John Scofield, Chuchito Valdés, Kenny Barron, Anat Cohen. montclairjazzfestival.org

Hudson Valley Jazz Festival

Hudson Valley, New York

Aug. 17-20

This festival is a multi-location, four-day series that highlights the region's deep resource of jazz talent. While past shows have included The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Wallace Roney, Buster Williams, Lenny White, Arturo O'Farrill, saxophonist Bill Evans, Mark Egan, Richie Morales and John Abercrombie, the focus is local. This fest will feature local artists who have performed with marquee names during their careers.

LINEUP: Joe Vincent Tranchina, Richard Kimball, Bill Pernice, Eric Person, Chris Persad, Chris Pasin, Rick Savage, Gabriele Tranchina, Kitt Potter, Teri Roiger, Robert Kopec, Chris Sullivan, John Arbo, Lew Scott, Adam Nussbaum and Jeff Siegel. hudsonvalleyjazzfest.org

Charlie Parker Jazz Festival

Harlem and Lower East Side, New York City

Aug. 24-27

City Parks Foundation presents this free festival, New York City's annual salute to the legendary saxophonist Charlie Parker. The lineup includes jazz veterans as well as young musicians who continue

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LINEUP: See website. The 2016 lineup included Randy Weston, Donny McCaslin, Jack DeJohnette, Jason Lindner, Grace Kelly. cityparksfoundation.org/summerstage/about/charlie-parker-jazz-festival

Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts

Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania

Sept. 8-10

Nearly 40 years ago, jazz fans in the Poconos decided to throw a jazz party. Nowadays that event is a three-day extravaganza. Many of the best names in jazz come to Pennsylvania to perform.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers have included Greg Osby, Dick Oatts, Dave Liebman, Nellie McKay. cotajazz.org

Pennsylvania Blues Festival

Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania

September (Dates TBD)

This festival takes place at Split Rock Resort, which offers lodging. There are other lodging options in the area, too.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's headliners included Kenny Neal, Ronnie Earl, Campbell Brothers, Mikey Junior's Blues Revue, Guy Davis, Blackburn, Toronzo Cannon, Delmark Chicago Revue. pennsylvaniabluesfestival.com

Baltimore Jazz Fest

Baltimore City, Maryland

Sept. 16

The Baltimore Jazz Alliance and Baltimore City Recreation & Parks presented the first

ever-free Baltimore Jazz Fest in 2016. The city's rich and enduring jazz scene produced iconic figures Billie Holiday, Ethel Ennis, Cab Calloway, Chick Webb and Eubie Blake. The 2017 festival includes events at multiple locations.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included Art Sherrod Jr., Clarence Ward III All Stars, Hot Club of Baltimore. baltimorejazzfest.com

Berklee Beantown Jazz Festival

Boston, Massachusetts

Sept. 23

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, along with KidsJam, an instrument petting zoo, and an array of food vendors. This festival is the place to be in Boston on the last Saturday of September as the community comes together to enjoy great live music.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers have included Snarky Puppy, Danilo Pérez, Robert Glasper, Meshell Ndegeocello. berklee.edu/beantownjazz

Pittsfield City Jazz Festival

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Oct. 6-15

A signature cultural event of the fall foliage season in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, this festival presents a broad spectrum of local, national and international talent. A "Jazz Crawl" on Columbus Day weekend is a series of free events in restaurants and lounges throughout the city's Upstreet Arts District. A Sunday Jazz Brunch caps the weekend. Programming will include a centennial celebration for Dizzy Gillespie.

LINEUP: Dizzy Gillespie Afro-Cuban Experience, Veronica Swift, others. berkshiresjazz.org



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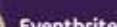
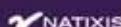
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Atlanta Jazz Fest Mixes Global Icons, Local Talent

In 2008, the Atlanta Jazz Festival, which had been the most visible jazz event in Georgia for decades, nearly went belly-up. One year removed from its 30th anniversary, which had featured such high-profile artists as Herbie Hancock and Vijay Iyer, the free festival had to go on without its primary lifeline—\$1 million in funding from the city—after the financial support earmarked for the event dried up. Mother Nature also played a factor: A withering drought forced the event from its longtime home in Atlanta's main green space, Piedmont Park.

Camille Russell Love, the director of the Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs, had been running the festival since 1999, and suddenly she found herself putting together an event with very little in the budget and no place to call home. By necessity, promoters scaled down the event for the next few years.

"It was panic—not only was the Atlanta Jazz Festival in jeopardy, but also the Office of Cultural Affairs was in jeopardy," Love recalled. "There were years when I thought there wasn't going to be a festival."

In the ensuing decade, Love worked to help the event evolve into an event that outshines what it once was. A smaller amount of city support returned, and corporate sponsorships started accounting for more of the budget. The festival returned to the city's main park in 2010.

Pianist/keyboardist Robert Glasper, tenor saxophonist Charles Lloyd and singer Freddy

Cole are among the headliners for the 40th anniversary of the Atlanta Jazz Festival, which takes place May 26–28 in Piedmont Park.

On April 30, International Jazz Day, festival promoters will present a ticketed concert featuring two icons whose work has long been revered by jazz fans as well as world-music enthusiasts: pianist Abdullah Ibrahim and trumpeter Hugh Masekela. Ibrahim—who, like Masekela, was born in South Africa—has won a new generation of fans over the past few years, thanks to his releases on Sunnyside, such as *The Song Is My Story* and *Mukashi: Once Upon A Time*.

Atlanta-based trumpeter Melvin Jones said he has been encouraged by the support for local acts leading up to the festival. For a number of years, May in Atlanta has been devoted to jazz, with the city sponsoring a series of events throughout town for the entire month. (Promoters will sponsor 40 days of jazz events this year.)

"I feel like the festival itself has given more weight to national talent than the local talent," Jones said. "The entire city is artistically revived during the month of May. You can't travel a city block without encountering live music provided by local musicians."

This year, the spotlight on local artists will extend into the festival programming, with a day full of Atlanta-based artists, a handful of whom performed at the inaugural Atlanta Jazz Festival. Anchored by a set from Atlanta resident Cole, the closing day of the festival will

feature performances by local artists Kathleen Bertrand, Joe Jennings and Ojeda Penn. Trumpeter Joe Gransden will lead his big band, which consists of some of the best musicians in the city.

"It's really important to show the community the jazz artists who have [created] this jazz scene in Atlanta and have thrived as a result of it," Love said.

Atlanta-based guitarist Jacob Deaton will participate in the festivities in a duo setting with singer Julie Dexter and in a band with singer Brenda Nicole Moorer. Deaton said the scene in Atlanta is "as bright as ever" and is filled with top-tier jazz artists writing and performing new music.

As a whole, the Atlanta Jazz Festival has left the 2008 crisis far behind. Last year's fest, which included performances by saxophonist Benny Golson and vocalist Gregory Porter, drew large numbers of local fans and out-of-state tourists. While the event now seems to be growing once again, Love admitted that turning Atlanta into a nationally known jazz destination is still a long way off. She prefers, instead, to focus on the variety of music that can be heard in the city every night of the week.

"Atlanta is a musical city. I wouldn't say it's a jazz city or an r&b city or a hip-hop city," she said. "Having free music for 40 years in a consistent space has contributed to Atlanta's love affair with music."

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Jazzanooga Music Festival

Chattanooga, Tennessee

April (Dates TBD)

Internationally renowned headline acts and local musicians come together during this monthlong festival of jazz and related music. The Jazzanooga Music Festival is a nonprofit jazz and culture festival that preserves and promotes Chattanooga's musical heritage.

LINEUP: Norman Brown, Kirk Whalum and Rick Braun, Judy Carmichael.

jazzanooga.org

French Quarter Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana

April 6-9

Fans can kick off the festival season in New Orleans with the French Quarter Festival, presented by Chevron. Featuring more than 1,700 musicians on 23 stages, 60 food vendors from New Orleans' favorite restaurants and special events scattered throughout the Quarter, this festival is considered the largest showcase of Louisiana food, music and culture in the world.

LINEUP: Aaron Neville, Ellis Marsalis, Irma Thomas, Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole, Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, Dr. Michael White, Charmaine Neville, Dixie Cups, Erica Falls, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Tim Laughlin, James Andrews, Jeremy Davenport, Little Freddie King.

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Festival International de Louisiane

Lafayette, Louisiana

April 26-30

This joyous event, which is more than 30 years old, is a community-based, five-day music and arts festival held annually in downtown Lafayette.

LINEUP: Balkan Beat Box, Ginkgoa, Mokomba, GuGu Drum Group, Ceux Qui Marchent Debout, Marc Broussard, Red Baraat, Las Cafeteras, Lakou Mizik, Buckwheat Zydeco Tribute: Ils Sont Partis Band featuring Sir Reg, Falu, Dengue Fever, Delhi 2 Dublin, Debajo del Aqua, Bonerama, Greg Martinez & The Delta Kings featuring G.G. Shinn/Johnnie Allen/TK Hulin, Les Respectables, Corey Harris Band, Les Deuxluxes, Belzébuth, Sirius Plan, Flow Tribe, Ray Boudreaux, The Revelers, International Fiddle Summit featuring David Greely & Guests, The Viatones, Karnival Kreyol featuring Cedric Watson, Sequoia Crosswhite, Brother Dege, Conga Los Hoyos, Jourdan Thibodeaux et Les Rôdailleurs, Michel Joseph Band, Dwight J. Roy, Mike Dean Band, Shrugs, Durwood, Harris Family Band, Soul Express Brass Band. festivalinternational.org

Jacksonville Jazz Festival

Jacksonville, Florida

May 25-28

What began three decades ago as the humble Mayport and All That Jazz Festival is now one of the largest free jazz festivals

in the country. Legends who have played at this festival include Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Buddy Guy and Mavis Staples.

LINEUP: See website. Some of last year's artists included Christian Scott, Snarky Puppy, Lizz Wright, Ken Ford, Somi, Yellowjackets, Nathan East, Jon Batiste & Stay Human, Kem.

jacksonvillejazzfest.com

Atlanta Jazz Festival

Atlanta, Georgia
May 26-28

The Atlanta Jazz Festival, which takes place at Piedmont Park in the heart of midtown Atlanta, is celebrating its 40th anniversary as one of the largest free jazz festivals in the country. As part of the celebration, the festival is expanding its "31 Days of Jazz" events to 40 days leading up to the Memorial Day weekend.

LINEUP: Robert Glasper Experiment, Macy Gray, Pedrito Martinez Group, Randy Weston, René Marie, Moonchild, Nik West, Nicholas Payton and Afro-Caribbean Mixtape, Allan Harris, Marquis Hill, Joe Jennings & Howard Nicholson's Life Force, The Ojeda Penn Experience, Charles Lloyd, Freddy Cole, Regina Carter, Senri Oe, Sofia Rei. atlantafestivals.com

Spoletto Festival USA

Charleston, South Carolina
May 26-June 11

This festival fills Charleston's historic theaters, churches and outdoor spaces with performances by renowned artists as well as emerging performers in opera; theater; dance; and chamber, symphonic, choral and jazz music. Now approaching its 41st season, Spoleto Festival USA is internationally recognized as America's premier performing arts festival.

LINEUP: Charles Lloyd Quartet, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Pedrito Martinez Group, Sofia Rei, Terence Blanchard featuring The E-Collective, Butler, Bernstein & The Hot 9, Evan Christopher's Clarinet Road. spoletousa.org

Jazz In June

Norman, Oklahoma
June 15-17

Now in its 34th year, Jazz in June is an outdoor jazz and blues festival. Free to the public, it brings national jazz and blues artists together to perform for more than 30,000 visitors annually.

LINEUP: Dr. Lonnie Smith Trio, Blues in the Night, Caleb McGee & The Underdogs, Mike Hosty and Jamie Oldaker, Jazz Under the Stars, Claire Piersol, Groovin' On the Green, Ardent Spirits, Victor & Penny and their Loose Change Orchestra, Harold Lopez-Nussa Trio with Ruy Lopez-Nussa and Alune Wade. jazzinjune.org

Eureka Springs Blues Weekend

Eureka Springs, Arkansas
June 16-18

Organizers will present concerts all around

the historic community of Eureka Springs. Performances range from Grammy-winning headliner shows at Turpentine Creek to dance bands in dive bars in the heart of one of the coolest cities in America.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Alvin Youngblood Hart's Muscle Theory, Bourbon Highway, Bramhall Brothers, Brick Fields, Buddy Shute, The Cate Brothers, CeDell Davis & The Brethren, Chris Duarte, Damon Fowler, The Delgado Brothers, Divas On Fire, George Hunt's Blues For Kids, Ghost Town Blues Band. eurekaspringsblues.com

W.C. Handy Music Festival

Florence, Alabama

July 21-30

This festival celebrates the legacy of W.C. Handy and the musical heritage of northwest Alabama. Over 200 events occur during the festival, including concerts, art exhibits and plays. Music will be presented in local parks, stores, restaurants, churches and on the banks of the Tennessee River. Fans can enjoy blues, jazz, gospel and soul. Events take place in the quad cities of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield and Tuscumbia, known as The Shoals. **LINEUP:** See website. Past performers in-

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Aug. 4-6

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LINEUP: See website. Last year's lineup included Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Big Sam's Funky Nation, The Soul Rebels, Brass-A-Holics, Yoshio Toyama & The Dixie Saints, Jeremy Davenport, Trumpet Tribute to Louis Armstrong featuring James Andrews, Wendell Brunious. fqfi.org/satchmo

Mighty Mississippi Music Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana

Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Set in the heart of the Mississippi River Delta, this festival is a three-day, multi-genre event celebrating a historic region and the blues, bluegrass and country music it inspired. The festival populates its two stages from a pool of nationally known acts and regional musicians. Fans can camp out for the weekend and participate in late-night jam sessions.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included Chris LeBlanc, Dead Soldiers, The Revivalists. mightymississippimusicfestival.com

Amelia Island Jazz Festival

Fernandina Beach, Florida

Oct. 8-15

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

LINEUP: Néstor Torres, Roseanna Vitro, the Dynamic Les DeMerle Band featuring Bonnie Eisele, more. ameliaislandjazzfestival.com

Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater, Florida

Oct. 19-22

This year's 38th annual celebration is a collaboration between the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation, City of Clearwater and Ruth Eckerd Hall. Fans will enjoy a colorful musical line-up, from jazz to jam, funk, fusion and more.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Herbie Hancock, Trombone Shorty, Marcus Roberts, Christian McBride. clearwaterjazz.com

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June 29 - July 8
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But Elkhart has another musical claim to fame: the Elkhart Jazz Festival. Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year on June 23–25, the event will showcase more than 100 jazz bands performing on seven stages located throughout downtown Elkhart. The festival typically draws more than 15,000 jazz fans to performances on seven indoor and outdoor stages.

In a recent phone interview, Van David Young, the founder of the festival, recalled its origin and early years.

“Back in 1987, I got a bunch of jazz fans together to talk about starting a festival here in Elkhart,” Young said. “We got a committee together and talked to a lot of the businesses downtown to get their support. They liked the concept, and by 1988 we had a festival.”

That first year, Young was in charge of booking talent, a job he kept for an additional 24 years.

“I’m a big fan of traditional jazz and swing, so that first year I brought in musicians like Wild Bill Davidson, Jim Allred, Milt Hinton, Butch Miles, Dave McKenna and a bunch of Chicago musicians like Bobby Lewis,” Young recalled. “And we had the Navy Commodores on our free stage. We had a total attendance of

about 3,000 that first year. It was a good start, but we lost money that year and the next two. But our sponsors stayed with us, and from the fourth year on, every festival has made money.”

In addition to solid support from sponsors like Conn-Selmer and other Elkhart businesses and non-profit groups, a key element in the festival’s success is its strong volunteer support.

“Basically, it’s an all-volunteer event,” said Dave Willis, who has co-chaired the festival’s production team with his wife, Sandra, for many years. “All in all, we’ve got more than 200 volunteers who set up stages, handle tickets, work as ushers and announce the acts.”

“We’ve been working as volunteers for 24 years,” Sandra added. “We actually have production people still working from the first and second [editions] of the festival. It really creates a bond between everyone. The musicians who play here feel that, too. Most want to know if they can come back next year.”

As the festival grew, it began to invite internationally known musicians. One of the first big names to appear was pianist Ramsey Lewis, who played the fest in 2000 and is returning this year with his quintet. “I’ve played so many festivals around the world over the years, it’s hard to remember the details of all of them,” Lewis said from his home in Chicago. “But I can tell you that everyone at the Elkhart festival was very welcoming.”

“There’s a great tradition of wonderful musicians who have headlined here over the years,” said Ben Decker, co-chair and talent planner for the festival. “Over the past few

years we’ve featured Joshua Redman, Wynton Marsalis, David Sanborn, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Trombone Shorty and many others. All of them were first-time performers here. Bringing Ramsey back also helps us reconnect with our earlier history. It’s a nice balance.”

One artist whom the festival has championed for years is the gifted singer and multi-instrumentalist Dave Bennett, who plays clarinet, electric guitar, piano and drums.

“I played Elkhart for the first time in 2003, and I’ve been lucky enough to be invited back every year,” recalled Bennett during a phone conversation from his Michigan home. “Elkhart is an amazing place. There’s a really unique relationship between the musicians, the staff and volunteers and the audience.”

Young, who continues to be involved with the festival as a consultant at age 81, is working to ensure there will be another generation of performers and jazz fans for the Elkhart fest.

Three years ago, Young started Hoagy’s Workshop, named after songwriter and DownBeat Hall of Fame inductee Hoagy Carmichael (1899–1981), a native of Indiana. The workshop recruits professional musicians to serve as mentors for high school and middle school music students during the three days leading up to the festival.

“We meet with the kids Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the festival starts,” Young explained. “Then they get to play onstage on Friday. The goal is to involve more young people in jazz and help keep it going.”

—Terry Perkins

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Bria Skonberg is among the past performers at the Summer Solstice Jazz Fest.



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Wichita Jazz Festival

Wichita, Kansas

April 4-16

For 40 years, this festival has been dedicated to fostering great jazz in Wichita and raising the next generation of Kansas jazz musicians. The festival brings in some of the greatest names in jazz, and its educational programs allow young players to study with professional musicians.

LINEUP: Pat Metheny, The Kandinsky Effect, Deborah Brown, Alaturka.

wichitajazzfestival.com

Eau Claire Jazz Festival

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

April 21-22

This festival features middle school, high school and college ensembles from around the country paired with immersive community events, such as 52nd Street—a downtown indoor/outdoor multi-venue music festival with bands spilling into the streets.

LINEUP: Doc Severinsen, Carl Allen.

eauclairejazz.com

Ravinia Festival

Highland Park, Illinois

June 3-Sept. 17

Located north of Chicago, Ravinia has a beautiful outdoor pavilion with reserved, covered seats, as well as a general-admission lawn area. Tony Bennett, who has performed at Ravinia dozens of times, returns Aug. 4. Linda May Han Oh presents an acoustic bass master class in Bennett Gordon Hall on June 14. Leslie Odom

Jr., who was a cast member of *Hamilton*, performs in the Martin Theatre on Aug. 13.

LINEUP: Diana Krall, Pat Metheny, Tony Bennett, *La La Land in Concert*, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Santana, Julian Lage, Andrew Bird, Booker T. Jones, Smokey Robinson, Boz Scaggs, Common, Willie Nelson, Gipsy Kings, Punch Brothers, OneRepublic, Pentatonix, Los Tigres del Norte, others.

ravinia.org

Glenn Miller Festival

Clarinda, Iowa

June 8-11

Visitors and entertainers from around the world will converge in Clarinda, Iowa, the birthplace of Glenn Miller, to celebrate the music and memory of the great American bandleader, trombonist, composer and arranger. Fans can enjoy the Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum and the Birthplace Home, stage shows, picnics, dances and historical displays. The majority of concerts and programs take place at the Clarinda High School.

LINEUP: Glenn Miller Orchestra, John Morgan & His Big Band Orchestra, Shades of Blue USAF Jazz Band, Lady Luck Trio, GMBS Big Band, Dr. Pete Madsen and the UNO Jazz Ensemble, Blue Beginners.

glennmiller.org

Chicago Blues Festival

Chicago, Illinois

June 9-11

The Chicago Blues Festival is the largest free blues festival in the world, and this year it will be held in Millennium Park.

During three days on five stages, more than 500,000 blues fans will prove that Chicago is the "Blues Capital of the World."

LINEUP: Gary Clark Jr., Billy Branch & The Sons of Blues with James Cotton, Rhymefest, William Bell, Rhiannon Giddens, Ronnie Baker Brooks.

chicagobluesfestival.us

Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio

June 22-24

The 38th edition of the Tri-C Jazzfest features ticketed indoor events and free outdoor concerts. Other festival activities food trucks, street boutiques, cooking demos, a Jazz Talk tent, US Bank Kid Bop and dancing until midnight under the GE Chandelier.

LINEUP: Chris Botti with Dianne Reeves, Terence Blanchard's Blue Note Sessions (with Kenny Barron, Ravi Coltrane, Carl Allen, David Pulphus), Kamasi Washington, Anat Cohen, Boney James with Norman Brown, Alicia Olatuja, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Diego Figueiredo, Boz Scaggs, Catherine Russell, Terence Blanchard's E-Collective.

tri-cjazzfest.com

Twin Cities Jazz Festival

Saint Paul, Minnesota

June 22-24

This festival features headline acts on multiple outdoor public stages in downtown Saint Paul, plus performances at more than 20 area clubs, bars and studio venues. The event brings top jazz artists to Saint Paul to share the joy of jazz with thousands of people.

LINEUP: Terence Blanchard, Anat Cohen with Choro Adventuroso, Bobby Lyle, more.
twincitiesjazzfestival.com

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

East Lansing, Michigan
June 23-24

This free festival in downtown East Lansing features the best in local, regional and national talent, as well as children's activities, a traditional New Orleans-style Second Line Parade, and an Avant-Garde Jazz Picnic. The fest is presented by the City of East Lansing, Wharton Center and the MSU College of Music, with artistic direction by Rodney Whitaker.

LINEUP: Lou Donaldson and Dr. Lonnie Smith, Miles Mosley, Dafnis Prieto, Maureen Choi Quartet, Planet D Nonet, Western Jazz Quartet, North Star Jazz, Gabriel Brass Band, Phil Denny, 496 West, Laura Rain & The Caesers, Twyla Birdsong, Zach Adleman Quartet, Markus Howell Trio, Quintet Ruby. eljazzfest.com

Elkhart Jazz Festival

Elkhart, Indiana
June 23-25

The Elkhart Jazz Festival is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an unforgettable jazz party. Programming will include festival favorites as well as emerging talent. Music takes place on seven stages, including the free Main Street stage under the stars.

LINEUP: Ramsey Lewis, Terence Blanchard & The E-Collective, Joan Collaso, Dave Bennett, Bria Skonberg, Davina & The Vagabonds, Ed Laub with Bucky Pizzarelli. elkhartjazzfestival.com

Iowa City Jazz Festival

Iowa City, Iowa
June 30-July 2

This free, outdoor festival features music on multiple stages across the scenic University of Iowa campus. Food, fireworks and jazz in local clubs round out the fest, which draws more than 50,000 fans annually.

LINEUP: Donny McCaslin Group, Stacy Kent, United Jazz Ensemble, Rhythm Future Quartet, In Orbit (featuring Jeff Coffin, Michael Ochipinti, Felix Pastorius), North Corridor Jazz All Stars, Jacob Garchik's Ye Olde, Christopher's Very Happy Band., Kris Davis Quintet, The Cookers: Billy Hart/George Cables/Cecil McBee/David Weiss/Eddie Henderson/Billy Harper/Donald Harrison, Laura Cavanini Trio, John Raymond & Real Feels. summerofhearts.org

Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues Festival

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

July 13-15

This annual festival has become a summer favorite for the city and the region. The outdoor musical event features two stages and is free to the public. Visitors can enjoy

delicious food, beer and wine gardens, arts and crafts, fireworks and more.

LINEUP: Kenny Wayne Shepherd, The Fray, The Steepwater Band, Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band. siouxfallsjazzfest.com

Lowertown Blues & Funk Fest

Saint Paul, Minnesota
July 21-22

This festival returns to Mears Park with a night of soul and funk on July 21, followed by a day of blues on July 22. It's the Twin Cities' largest free blues festival—with an extra dose of funk.

LINEUP: Thomas Castro & The Painkillers, Average White Band, Shannon Curfman, Chase & Ovation, The Jimmys, Mick Sterling and The Stud Brothers, Renée Austin, more. lowertownbluesfestival.com

Jazz & Rib Fest

Columbus, Ohio
July 21-23

During this festival, three stages will host the finest local, regional and international jazz artists, while barbecue pit masters serve up sizzling ribs, chicken and more. Fans can savor the best ribs from around the country as 23 award-winning barbecue teams compete for "Best Ribs" bragging rights. Admission is free.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included BWB: Norman Brown/Kirk Whalum/Rick Braun, Tower of Power, Dirty Dozen



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hotrbscooljazz.org

Prairie Dog Blues Festival

Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

July 28-29

This annual festival is held on historic St. Feriole Island, located on the Mississippi River and nestled between jagged cliffs and green hills. Fans can enjoy a variety of blues and roots music: Chicago blues, West Coast jump, hard-driving Mississippi Hill Country blues, New Orleans horns, Texas boogie, zydeco, rock and gospel.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Moreland & Arbuckle, Danielle Nicole, Davina & The Vagabonds, Davy Knowles, Devon Allman, Girls with Guitars, Larry McCray, Owen Campbell, Reneé Austin, Sugaray Rayford Band, The Katz Sass.
prairiedogblues.com

nized artists. There will be a Fun Zone for kids.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include The BluPrint Band.

summerofhearts.org

Lansing JazzFest

Lansing, Michigan

Aug. 4-5

The 23rd annual JazzFest will take place in the streets of Old Town, surrounded by the best of the Capital City's art galleries, as well as unique retail stores and grand architecture. Its stages will offer outstanding talent, from local favorites to regional and national acts, including many appearing for the first time in Lansing.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Tony Monaco/Fareed Haque Trio featuring Randy Gelispie, Rodney Whitaker Quartet with Terell Stafford, Etienne Charles, Nicole Mitchell Quartet, Stanley Jordan.
jazzlansing.com

Chicago Jazz Festival

Chicago, Illinois

Aug. 31-Sept. 3

This free outdoor festival is held in Millennium Park and features multiple stages, including the world-famous Jay Pritzker Pavilion. Local musicians and international icons are part of the mix.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's performers included Benny Golson, Anat Cohen, The Bad Plus, the John Scofield/Joe Lovano Quartet, Candido, Carla Bley, Harold Mabern, Christian Scott, Tarbaby and others.
chicagojazzfestival.us

Detroit Jazz Festival

Detroit, Michigan

Sept. 1-4

The 38th Annual Detroit Jazz Festival, the world's largest free jazz event, offers four action-packed days of eclectic artist performances on four stages during Labor Day weekend. This year, fans can get the festival's streaming app, Detroit Jazz Fest Live! (<https://live.detroitjazzfest.com>), to catch every performance as it happens.

LINEUP: Wayne Shorter (Artist-in-Residence), Herbie Hancock, Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), Dee Dee Bridgewater, Kamasi Washington, Stanley Clarke, more.
detroitjazzfest.com

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Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival

Davenport, Iowa

Aug. 3-5

The 2017 edition of this festival—which celebrates the musical accomplishments of jazz cornetist, pianist and composer Bix Beiderbecke (1903–'31)—has a new location. The Rhythm City Casino Resort in north Davenport has a great room ("Event Center") for concerts, three restaurants and free parking (including valet). It also serves as the host hotel and major sponsor.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's festival included Randy Sandke & Dick Hyman, Dan Levinson's Six Shades of Bix, Dave Bennett Quartet, Graystone Monarchs, Rock Island Roustabouts, Miss Jubilee & Her Humdinger.
bixsociety.org

Iowa Soul Festival

Iowa City, Iowa

Aug. 4-5

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



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Hyde Park Jazz Festival

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Blues at the Crossroads

Terre Haute, Indiana

Sept. 8-9

This festival has become a beloved Midwest tradition. The 2016 edition featured two stages and about 20 performances. Stages will be set up at 7th Street and Wabash Avenue in downtown Terre Haute. Food and beverage vendors help make this event fun for the whole family.

LINEUP: See website. Performers in 2016 included Fresh Hops, Midnight Motive, Crowe Committee, Edward David Anderson & Friends, Jazz Metamorphosis, White Light Revival. bluesatthecrossroads.com

World Music Festival

Chicago, Illinois

Sept. 8-24

Presented by the City of Chicago and produced by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, this multi-venue festival has attracted more than 650,000 concertgoers and has presented more than 650 artists and ensembles from over 80 countries since it began in 1999.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Mulatu Astatke, Alsarah & The Nubatones, Nano Stern, Antibalas. worldmusicfestivalchicago.org

Michigan BluesFest

Lansing, Michigan

Sept. 15-16

Michigan BluesFest started in 1994 under the name OctoberFest, and it featured such renowned artists as Kid Rock and Duncan Sheik, as well as local musicians. For 2002, the festival committee decided to transform the fall music festival into Old Town BluesFest. Nowadays, the festival draws more than 7,000 fans who enjoy great blues, as well as delicious food and shopping in the nearby historic area.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include The 89th Key, The Boa Constrictors, Chris Canas, Donald Kinsey with The DeWaynes, Good Cookies. michiganbluesfest.com

Hyde Park Jazz Festival

Chicago, Illinois

Sept. 23-24

This free festival will present 35 performances by the finest in local, national and international jazz talent in 14 venues across Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood on the city's South Side. The festival works closely with a diverse community of fans, aficionados, artists and organizational partners to celebrate the rich tradition of jazz and to support the development of new work and ideas.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's line-up included Miguel Zenón, Randy Weston, Matana Roberts, Amir ElSaffar Two Rivers Ensemble, Tom Harrell. hydeparkjazzfestival.org

Edgefest

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Oct. 18-21

Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will present the 21st annual Edgefest. This festival will feature ensembles led by and featuring many distinguished drummers/composers who work in today's world of creative music.

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

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UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival

Greeley, Colorado

April 20-22

This festival brings together internationally recognized artists, jazz lovers, award-winning clinicians and more than 250 college, high school and middle school big bands, combos, and jazz vocal groups from across the country. Each year, more than 8,000 participants enjoy the main-stage concerts, after-hours sessions, daytime performances and the many educational workshop sessions.

LINEUP: Sheila Jordan: A Tribute to Charlie Parker, Aubrey Logan, Jimmy Heath with the Dizzy Gillespie All-Star Big Band, Romeo and Juliet Project featuring David Liebman with Greg Gisbert and UNC's Jazz Lab Band I.

uncjazzfest.com

Reno Jazz Festival

Reno, Nevada

April 27-29

This festival promises to once again unite some of the finest jazz students, educators and professional musicians in the United States. Since its first year in 1962 (featuring five school groups), the festival has grown considerably in size and stature.

LINEUP: The Bad Plus Joshua Redman, a special guest artist with The Collective (University of Nevada–Reno's faculty combo), more.

unr.edu/rjf

Juneau Jazz & Classics Festival

Juneau, Alaska

May 5-20

This festival has a mission to bring world-class jazz, blues and classical musicians to Juneau. It offers rich musical experiences and educational opportunities at a variety of venues throughout Juneau and remote communities in southeast Alaska.

LINEUP: Richard Thompson, The Congress, Vega Quartet, Zuill Bailey & Evan Drachman, Axiom Brass Quintet, David Coucheron & Mae Lin, The Defibulators, Jessica Chang, Gary Motley Jazz Trio, Janet Clippard. jazzandclassics.org

Ballard Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington

May 17-20

Started in 2003 to highlight the thriving neighborhood of old town Ballard and Seattle's world-class jazz musicians, this festival quickly grew into an internationally recognized event. This year's program furthers the fest's relationship with many of Ballard's iconic institutions.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Lee Konitz, Joe Locke, Claudio Roditi, Mitchel Forman. ballardjazzfestival.com

Sacramento Music Festival

Sacramento, California

May 26-29

This one-of-a-kind music experience is a safe, four-day, party featuring live music, 100 unique performances, street dancing, animated parades, instruments booming and great food and drink in an energetic atmosphere.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Banu Gibson, Beth Duncan Quintet, Caravanserai, Clint Baker's Hot Five, Crescent Katz, Dave Bennett & Memphis Speed Kings. sacmusicfest.com

Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival

Bellevue, Washington

May 31-June 4

The 10th annual jazz and blues festival in downtown Bellevue features two headlining shows at the Meydenbauer Center Theatre along with more than 40 free shows at participating venues.

LINEUP: Catherine Russell, Corey Harris Band, Radio Raheem, The Rumba Kings. bellevuedowntown.com

Newport Beach Jazz Festival

Newport Beach, California

June 2-4

Newport Beach Jazz Festival is a stylish weekend complete with world-class jazz acts, tasty food and drinks, shopping

and dancing on the lawn at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach.
LINEUP: The O'Jays, David Sanborn, West Coast Jam: Richard Elliot/Rick Braun/Norman Brown featuring The West Coast Horns, Euge Groove, Foreign Affair: Michael Lington, The Official Marc Antoine Fan Page & Alex Bugnon, Lindsey Webster, more.
festivals.hyattconcerts.com

Healdsburg Jazz Festival

Healdsburg, California
June 2-11

This festival brings a wide array of jazz styles to Sonoma County's beautiful wine country, 60 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. This intimate festival presents concerts in wineries, theaters, outdoor parks and restaurants.

LINEUP: The Heath Brothers, Bobby Hutcherson Tribute Band (with Renee Rosnes, Ray Drummond, Victor Lewis and Steve Nelson), Joe Lovano Quartet, John Abercrombie Organ Trio, Henry Butler, Django All-Stars, Dave Striker Quartet with Bob Mintzer, Pacific Mambo Orchestra, more.
healdsburgjazz.org

San Francisco Jazz Festival

San Francisco, California
June 6-18

The 35th San Francisco Jazz Festival will present 43 concerts over 13 days with an eclectic lineup of legendary performers and up-and-coming artists from around the Bay Area and the world at the SFJAZZ Center, Joe Henderson Lab and Davies Symphony Hall.

LINEUP: Chris Potter, Stanley Clarke, Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), Ambrose Akinmusire, Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, Fred Hersch, Herb Alpert & Lani Hall, Jacob Collier, Donny McCaslin, Fred Hersch, Shahin Novrasil, Monty Alexander, Con Brio, Hot Club of San Francisco, Bokante with Michael League, Martin Luther McCoy, more.
sfjazz.org

Greeley Blues Jam

Greeley, Colorado
June 9-10

This festival offers a family-oriented atmosphere, with ample free parking, plus camping and RV sites. Fans can visit the "Blues 101 Stage," sponsored by the Colorado Blues Society, where kids of all ages have the opportunity to learn about the music. The fest has two stages, allowing for continuous music for over 11 hours.

LINEUP: Walter Trout, Samantha Fish, Honey Island Swamp Band, Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, Southern Avenue, Guy Forsyth Band, My Blue Sky, The Burroughs, Kerry Pastine & The Crime Scene, Rev. Billy C. Wirtz.
greeleybluesjam.com

Vail Jazz Festival

Vail, Colorado
June 9-Sept. 4

This festival offers more than 70 performances and 200 artists spanning the whole summer calendar. Fans can experience jazz in intimate venues and breathtaking views.

LINEUP: René Marie, Eliane Elias, Butler, Bernstein & The Hot 9, Carmen Bradford and Byron Stripling's tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, Frank Vignola, iCubanismo!, John Boutté, more.
vailjazz.org

Playboy Jazz Festival

Los Angeles, California
June 10-11

For the fourth year in a row, The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association will present the annual Playboy Jazz Festival at the world-famous Hollywood Bowl.

LINEUP: Gregory Porter, Kenny Garrett, Common, Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), Taj



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hollywoodbowl.com

Jazz Aspen Snowmass

June Experience

Aspen, Colorado

June 23-25, July 1

This event includes four nights of headline performances at the spectacular Benedict Music Tent in Aspen plus JAS Cafe performances at the Aspen Art Museum and The Little Nell. Fans can enjoy a free Lawn Party on the Music Tent Grounds before the main shows and an out-of-this-world VIP Experience.

LINEUP: Jon Batiste & Stay Human, Lisa Fisher & Grand Baton, Tower of Power, Michael McDonald, Earth, Wind & Fire.

jazzaspensnowmass.org/june-experience.html

Waterfront Blues Fest

Portland, Oregon

June 30-July 4

The 30th anniversary of the Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, presented by First Tech Federal Credit Union, will take place at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. The five-day festival benefits Oregon Food Bank's work to eliminate hunger and its root causes in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

LINEUP: Big Head Todd Blues Club featuring Billy Branch/Cedric Burnside/Ronnie Baker Brooks, Chris Isaak, Joss Stone, Galactic, Elvin Bishop, Fantastic Negrito, Canned Heat, JD McPherson, Bokanté, Pine Leaf Boys, MarchFourth, Chubby Carrier, Southern Avenue, Greyhounds, The Revelers, more. waterfrontbluesfest.com

New Mexico Jazz Festival

Albuquerque & Santa Fe, New Mexico

July 13-Aug. 5

A bi-city, collaborative effort between Outpost Performance Space and The Lensic Performing Arts Center, this festival features concerts and events at indoor and outdoor venues throughout Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

LINEUP: Pharoah Sanders, Ravi Coltrane, Pat Martino, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, Ambrose Akinmusire, Los Lobos, Davina & the Vagabonds, Dexter Gordon Tribute Project with George Cables & Doug Lawrence, more. newmexicojazzfestival.org

Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

Fairbanks, Alaska

July 16-30

Held in Fairbanks and outreach locations in Alaska, this two-week study and performance festival offers workshops and concerts with inspiring guest artists. Classes are offered in multiple music genres, dance, theater arts, healing arts, culinary arts, visual arts and creative writing.

LINEUP: Clipper Anderson, Darin Clendenin, Zach Compston, Keith Karns and Greta Matassa.

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Jazz at the Bowl

Los Angeles, California

July 19-Sept. 13

The ever-evolving influence of jazz is reflected in a diverse range of celebrated and emerging artists at this festival, guided by Herbie Hancock, the L.A. Philharmonic's creative chair for jazz.

LINEUP: Vince Mendoza, Andra Day, Leslie Odom Jr., Lizz Wright, Regina Carter, The Brian Setzer Orchestra, Gente de Zone, Angélique Kidjo, Pedrito Martinez Group, Jill Scott, Robert Glasper Experiment, Herbie Hancock, Kamasi Washington, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, St. Paul & The Broken Bones, Christian McBride, John Clayton, Dave Grusin, Sean Jones, Hubert Laws, Grégoire Maret, Lewis Nash, Lee Ritenour, Alfredo Rodriguez, Valerie Simpson, Richard Bona & Mandekan Cubano, Lee England Jr. & The Soul Orchestra, Steve Winwood, Mavis Staples. hollywoodbowl.com

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LINEUP: Wycliffe Gordon, Terell Stafford, Jeff Hamilton, Hubert Laws, Kendrick Scott, Matt Wilson, Niki Haris, Tia Fuller, Sean Jones, George Cables, Sullivan Fortner, Cedric Dent, Gary Smulyan. centrum.org/jazz

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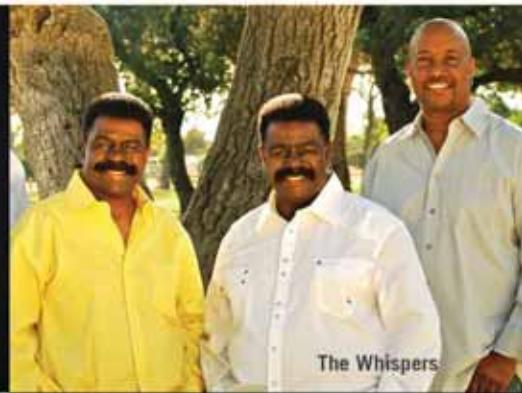
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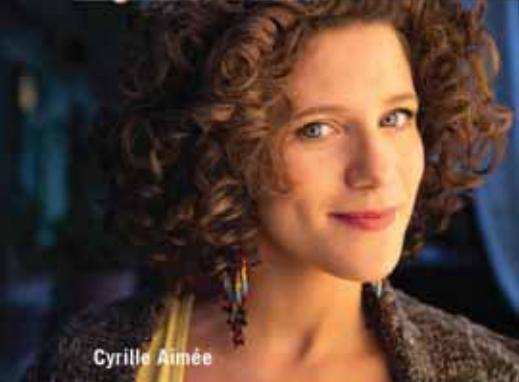
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Telluride Jazz Festival Telluride, Colorado Aug. 4-6

Located in a breathtaking mountain town, this festival showcases world-class jazz, funk, soul, folk, and gospel. Sitting 8,750 feet high in the Rocky Mountains, the festival features wine and spirits tastings, late-night shows, on-site camping and more.

LINEUP: Mavis Staples, Macy Gray, Lee Fields, The Suffers, Vaud & The Villains, FatsO, Ranky Tanky, Davina & The Vagabonds, Cha Wa Mardi Gras Indian Band, Hazel Miller Gospel Band.

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Idyllwild Jazz In The Pines

Idyllwild, California

Aug. 11-13

This festival features more than two dozen bands. Performers and fans of jazz, blues and r&b have a breathtaking mountain campus to themselves after the departure of the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program's thousands of arts-lovers and before the first semester of the foundation's residential high school, Idyllwild Arts Academy.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's artists included Charles McPherson, Graham Dechter Quartet, Casey Abrams, Euphoria Brass Band, Marshall Hawkins.

idyllwildjazz.com

San Jose Jazz Summer Fest

San Jose, California

Aug. 11-13

Featuring more than 100 performances on a dozen stages, Summer Fest is one of the Bay Area's premiere music festivals. Featuring jazz, blues, r&b, funk, New Orleans, zydeco and more, this festival transforms downtown San Jose into a three-day, all-out celebration of live music.

LINEUP: George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, Chris Botti, Angélique Kidjo, Cyrille Aimée, Pedrito Martinez, Mads Tolling, more. summerfest.sanjosejazz.org

Montavilla Jazz Festival

Portland, Oregon

Aug. 19-20

This festival is an annual summer event showcasing Portland's thriving jazz scene, highlighting the world-class talents of Portland-based artists actively creating new music and pushing the boundaries of jazz.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Darrell Grant's All 4 Naught, George Colligan Trio with Boris Kozlov and Rudy Royston, John Gross Trio, The InBetweens, The Blue Cranes, John Stowell, David Friesen.

montavillajazzfest.com

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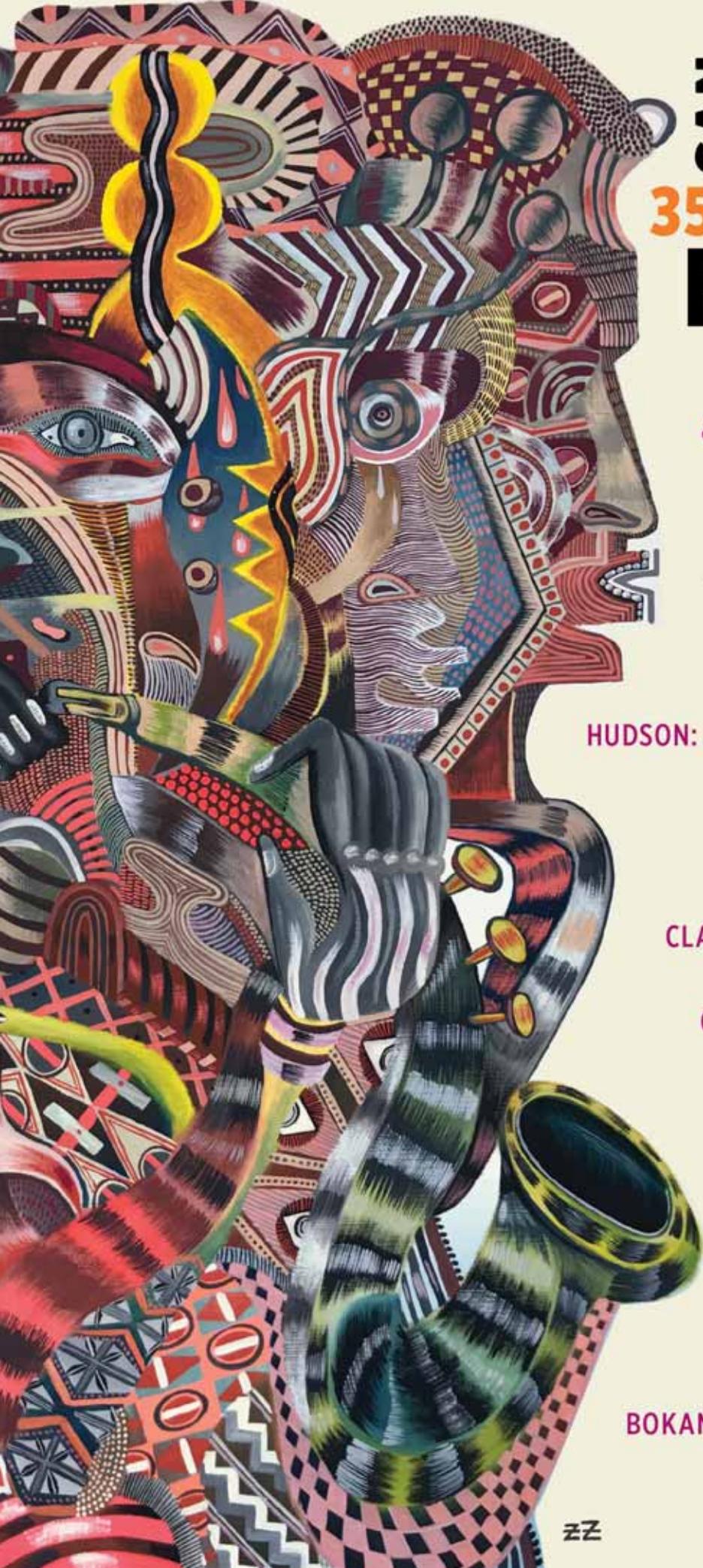
Vail, Colorado

Aug. 31-Sept. 4

Vail Jazz Party is a gathering of jazz heavyweights jamming in a variety of styles and formats for five days in a picturesque setting. Fans can enjoy more than 35 hours of intriguing combos and choruses, multimedia tributes to jazz legends and invigorating sets performed by iconic jazz stars.

LINEUP: Terell Stafford, Jeff Clayton, John Clayton, Bill Cunliffe, Adrian Cunningham, Sinne Eeg, Jeff Hamilton, Tommy Igoe, Butch Miles, James Morrison, Lewis Nash, Dick Oatts, Ken Peplowski, Byron Stripling, more.

vailjazz.org



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Jazz Aspen Snowmass Labor Day Experience *Snowmass, Colorado* **Sept. 1-3**

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LINEUP: The Roots, Maroon 5, Daryl Hall & John Oates, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, St. Paul & The Broken Bones, Lake Street Dive, Keith Urban, more.

jazzaspensnowmass.org/labor-day-experience.html

Russian River Jazz & Blues Festival *Guerneville, California*

Sept. 9-10

Johnson's Beach in Guerneville offers a picturesque venue that rests along the beach of the Russian River, only a few miles from more than 100 wineries.

LINEUP: See website. Past artists include Chaka Khan, Keb' Mo', Buddy Guy, Dave Koz, Gary Clark Jr., Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Jon Batiste & Stay Human.

russianriverfestivals.com

Monterey Jazz Festival *Monterey, California* **Sept. 15-17**

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montereyjazzfestival.org

Telluride Blues & Brews Festival

Telluride, Colorado

Sept. 15-17

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LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Gary Clark Jr., North Mississippi Allstars, Con Brio, Shakey Graves.

tellurideblues.com

Angel City Jazz Festival

Los Angeles, California

September-October (Dates TBD)

Now in its 10th year, this festival is presented by the non-profit organization Angel City Arts. The programming focuses on innovative, highly original artists, including established jazz acts as well as emerging talent.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Pharoah Sanders, Archie Shepp, Craig Taborn, Rudresh Mahanthappa, Mary Halvorson.

angeliccityjazz.com

Oregon Coast Jazz Party

Newport, Oregon

Oct. 6-8

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts celebrates 14 years of the Jazz Party with events at the Newport Performing Arts Center and the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel. Fans can enjoy multiple sets from renowned jazz stars, nightcap performances, and educational events. Music Director Holly Hofmann will perform this year, and she has assembled a roster of longtime favorites, as well as exciting performers who haven't appeared before at the Jazz Party.

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

oregoncoastjazzparty.org

Palm Springs Women's Jazz Festival

Palm Springs, California

October (Dates TBD)

This festival presents a world-class lineup of female jazz musicians, with events held in the popular resort town of Palm Springs.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Dee Dee Bridgewater, Ann Hampton Callaway, Terri Lyne Carrington.

palmspringswomensjazzfestival.org

Earshot Jazz Festival

Seattle, Washington

October-November (Dates TBD)

This festival swings into its 29th edition in October and includes more than 50 distinctive concerts and events in venues all around the city through November. The festival brings jazz greats from around the world into creative collaboration with area artists.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Bill Frisell, Craig Taborn, Kris Davis.

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AUG 9

GENTE DE ZONA

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TO CELIA CRUZ
Pedrito Martinez, special guest

THE PEDRITO MARTINEZ GROUP

AUG 11-12

DIANA KRALL

Hollywood Bowl Orchestra
Thomas Wilkins, conductor
Alan Broadbent, conductor

AUG 13

CHRIS BOTTI • JEWEL

Hollywood Bowl Orchestra
Thomas Wilkins, conductor

AUG 16

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Bramwell Tovey, conductor
Aaron Diehl, piano

AUG 20

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George Benson performs at Nathan Phillips Square during the 2012 Toronto Jazz Festival.



Fans gather for a free show by Aretha Franklin at the 2011 Toronto Jazz Festival. In the background is Roy Thomson Hall.

Toronto Highlights Diversity

Despite being around for more than three decades, the Toronto Jazz Festival—held this year from June 23 to July 2—may not have the international cachet of the massive jazz fest in Montreal or the Euro-jazz cred of Vancouver's annual summer event, but it is an ideal fit for a city that prides itself on having arts and culture that are on par with those of Chicago and Los Angeles.

With a metropolitan population of 6.5 million and a full complement of professional sports teams and branch operations of global businesses, Toronto stands apart from other Canadian cities. Events like the annual Toronto International Film Festival and the 2016 NBA All-Star Game, as well as pop stars like Drake and The Weeknd, have made the city a destination for tourists from around the globe.

So why isn't its jazz festival as well known as those in smaller Canadian cities like Vancouver and Montreal, let alone places like New Orleans, San Francisco or Detroit?

"It's harder to stand out when you're in a city with so much going on," said Josh Grossman, who has been booking the Toronto Jazz Festival for the past seven years. "Toronto has exploded culturally and it's a primary stop for every touring band and musician. One of the things we look at when we're determining our lineup is to find those important artists who aren't going to be in town the rest of the year."

That philosophy has led to showcasing artists like piano phenomenon Joey Alexander, disco kings KC & the Sunshine Band and soul

giants Earth, Wind & Fire, as well as jazz icons like Keith Jarrett, Chick Corea and Charles Lloyd.

"We try to satisfy the dyed-in-the-wool jazz fan as well as reflecting the ethnic and cultural mix Toronto has," said Grossman. "We aim to bring in artists who reflect the new sense of energy and vitality that's in jazz today, as well as the top older musicians. We want to reflect Toronto's incredible diversity, and that means booking a certain amount of hip-hop and r&b, and the new jazz artists who are incorporating those elements in their own music. We want to put music on a pedestal and show it off."

One of the key ways the festival does that is by concentrating its indoor and outdoor venues in the heart of the city's downtown district, on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

"We think a lot of the excitement our festival generates is by allowing people to walk from venue to venue, flowing in and out of the concerts they want to catch," said Grossman.

"I have fond memories of playing in the city's main square—outdoors—facing a sea of people," said guitarist John Scofield, who has played at the festival numerous times over the past 25 years. "The audience in Toronto is super into the music, really responsive, sophisticated and knowledgeable. The music scene there has been great for years, and I can't think of a better city to play my music in."

While the complete festival lineup wasn't available at press time, Scofield will be there again this year, as part of the supergroup Hudson, which also includes drummer Jack

DeJohnette, bassist Larry Grenadier and pianist John Medeski.

"Coming off our successful 30th anniversary year [in 2016], we're looking to create even more concentration in the downtown area," said Grossman. "We've determined that we don't need to keep trying to be bigger and better; rather, we're aiming to refine the things we do well."

Grossman and the festival's other executives have spent time examining other popular jazz events, including the highly successful Rochester International Jazz Festival in northern New York and Detroit's massive event that takes place over Labor Day weekend.

"We're constantly on the lookout for ways to refresh what we do," said Grossman. "The way we do that is by picking the brains of our colleagues at other festivals. Events like Rochester, Detroit and the Newport Jazz Festival have very different models than ours, but there's always something you can learn and adapt to fit what we do here."

Like jazz festivals in other Canadian cities such as Vancouver, Ottawa and Halifax, the Toronto event has benefitted from the long-term sponsorship of TD Canada Trust, which has about 25 million banking customers worldwide. The joint sponsorship delivers a number of advantages to the festivals, including the ability to realize some savings through block bookings.

"TD has been an excellent partner," said Grossman. "They have really helped to sustain our growth. They get what they need from the relationship, and they give us the freedom to manage the programming." —James Hale

CANADA

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Festival International de Musique Actuelle de Victoriaville

Victoriaville, Québec

May 18-21

This year's edition of FIMAV will feature a variety of jazz acts from all over the globe, including well-known names as well as unsung jazz heroes.

LINEUP: Anthony Braxton, Linda Sharrock, René Lussier, Colin Stetson, The Nels Cline Four, Terry Riley, Nate Wooley, Bill Coleman, Novi Sad, Jean-Luc Guionnet, Maja Osojnik.

fimav.qc.ca

World Guitar Festival (FGMAT)

Rouyn-Noranda, Northern Québec

May 27-June 3

Local and international artists covering a wide range of styles travel to this festival, which celebrates the global reach of guitar music. The 13th edition will feature more than 40 indoor concerts and free outdoor concerts.

LINEUP: Jake Shimabukuro, Eric Johnson, Doyle Dykes, Ana Popovic, Pavlo, others.

fgmat.com

TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival

Winnipeg, Manitoba

June 15-25

This fest transforms Winnipeg transforms into the jazz hub of North America, as dozens of top-tier acts perform in a number of downtown concert spaces.

LINEUP: Gregory Porter, Mavis Staples, others.

jazzwinnipeg.com

TD Ottawa Jazz Festival

Ottawa, Ontario

June 22-July 2

Each winter and summer, the TD festival takes over Ottawa, filling the city with jazz and pop

music. In the summer, dozens of world-class jazz performers play at various venues in the heart of downtown Ottawa. Highlights often include unique artist collaborations.

LINEUP: Carla Bley & The Charlie Haden Liberation Music Orchestra, Robert Glasper Experiment, Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), Bill Frisell & Thomas Morgan, Kenny Barron, The Bad Plus, Donny McCaslin Group, Serena Ryder, Maceo Parker, Davina & The Vagabonds, Moscow Jazz Orchestra, In Orbit (featuring Jeff Coffin, Michael Occhipinti, Felix Pastorius), Hiromi with Edmar Castaneda, Mavis Staples, BassDrumBone, Rory Block, Kandace Springs, Ryan Keberle & Catharsis, Ronnie Earl & The Broadcasters.

ottawajazzfestival.com

TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival

Vancouver, British Columbia

June 22-July 2

This fest features more than 1,800 artists, 300 shows and 35 venues (both indoor and outdoor). Now in its 32nd year, the event will include more than 100 free concerts. The fest is presented by the Coastal Jazz and Blues Society.

LINEUP: Kenny Barron, Donny McCaslin Group, Jimmy Greene Quartet, Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox, Ziggy Marley, Tommy Emmanuel, Satoko Fujii's Kaze, Phronesis, Land of Talk, Seu Jorge presents *The Life Aquatic: A Tribute to David Bowie*.

coastaljazz.ca

SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

June 23-July 2

For more than three decades, this festival has entertained fans with jazz, blues, funk, soul, pop and world music.

LINEUP: Donny McCaslin Group, Lisa

Fischer, Ziggy Marley, The Blind Boys of Alabama, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Fiest, Tommy Emmanuel, others.

saskjazz.com

TD Toronto Jazz Festival

Toronto, Ontario

June 23-July 2

The 31st edition of this culturally diverse festival will present more than 1,500 musicians performing in over 350 concerts across the city, including free shows. For fans who are in Toronto before the festival begins, singer-songwriter Gregory Porter will perform on June 21 in Koerner Hall.

LINEUP: Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), Mavis Staples, Hiromi with Edmar Castaneda, Joss Stone, others.

torontojazz.com

TD Victoria International JazzFest

Victoria, British Columbia

June 23-July 2

The 34th edition of this fest will feature jazz, blues and world music by Canadian and internationally acclaimed musicians in both free and ticketed performances at various venues.

LINEUP: Mavis Staples, Cyrus Chestnut, Jacob Collier, Donny McCaslin, Tierney Sutton, Ziggy Marley, Buster Williams, Tommy Emmanuel, Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox.

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and activities—two-thirds of them free. This event presents music from noon to midnight, including shows in 10 concert halls.

LINEUP: Robert Glasper Experiment, Ambrose Akinmusire, Stanley Clarke Band, Joshua Redman, The Bad Plus, Buddy Guy, Charlie Musselwhite, Lucky Peterson, Hiromi and Edmar Castenada, Hudson (Jack DeJohnette, Larry Grenadier, John Medeski, John Scofield), Charles Lloyd Quartet, UZEB, Tony Allen, Roberto Fonseca, *La La Land in Concert*, King Crimson, Caravan Palace, Shabaka & The Ancestors, Charlotte Cardin, Cory Henry & The Funk Apostles, Donny McCaslin, Gipsy Kings, Mark Guiliana Jazz Quartet, Andrea Lindsay, Django Festival All-Stars, Somi, Jean-Willy Kunz, Lizz Wright, Rodrigo Amarante, The Strumbellas, Whitehorse, The Barr Brothers, Bassekou Kouyaté & Amy Sacko, Tanya Tagaq, Pink Martini, Matt Holubowski, Jesse Cook, Battle of the Bands IX: Cab Calloway Orchestra vs. Xavier Cugat Orchestra.

montrealjazzfest.com

TD Halifax Jazz Festival

Halifax, Nova Scotia

July 12-16

The 31st edition of this event will feature jazz and other genres, with concerts in a beautiful waterfront setting as well as other venues. In addition, there are master classes and the Creative Music Workshop.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Thundercat, Preservation Hall Jazz Band,

Oliver Jones, Colin Stetson & Sarah Neufeld. halifaxjazzfestival.ca

TD Kitchener Blues Festival

Kitchener, Ontario

Aug. 10-13

This mostly free admission event includes multiple stages throughout Kitchener's downtown area.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's line-up included Eric Burdon, Chilliwack, Big Sugar, Cowboy Junkies.

kitchenerbluesfestival.com

Edmonton Blues Festival

Edmonton, Alberta

Aug. 25-27

This blues fest often includes Grammy, Blues Music Award, Juno and Maple Blues Award winners, who perform in a city park setting. The event includes fixed theater seats for 1,200 fans, lawn seating for 2,000, a dance floor and flush toilets.

LINEUP: Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson, Albert Cummings, Colin Linden, Henry Gray and Billy Boy Arnold, EG Kight, Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne. bluesinternationaltd.com

Pentastic Hot Jazz Festival

Penticton, British Columbia

Sept. 8-10

For this hot-jazz festival, bands will perform in

five venues, all within walking distance of each other. And yes, there will be plenty of dancing.

LINEUP: Cornet Chop Suey, Dave Bennett & The Memphis Speed Kings, Bob Draga & Friends, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Cocuzzi, Coots Courtet, Black Swan Classic Jazz Band, Gator Nation, Benny & The Good Men, Lennart Axelsson & His European All Stars, Lance Buller. pentasticjazz.com

Guelph Jazz Festival

Guelph, Ontario

Sept. 13-17

Heralded as one of the most visionary musical events in Canada, this intimate, community-powered festival celebrates the best in cutting-edge jazz and creative improvised music. It also plays host to a free outdoor concert series and an educational colloquium.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's lineup included Myra Melford, Amina Claudine Myers, Jane Bunnett, Marianne Trudel, Ingrid Jensen, Chicago Underground Duo.

guelphjazzfestival.com

Pender Harbour Jazz Festival

Madeira Park, British Columbia

Sept. 15-17

The Pender Harbour Music Society is dedicating its first show in the Concert Series to a jazz performance in mid-September.

LINEUP: See website.

phjazz.ca



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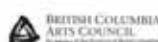
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Singer Melanie Scholtz performs at Jazz-à-Juan in 2015.

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Jazz on the French Riviera

This summer, two of France's oldest jazz festivals will be held concurrently and less than 20 miles apart. The Nice Jazz Festival will take place July 17–21, while Jazz à Juan in Juan-les-Pins occurs July 14–23. Situated in the French Riviera, both festivals boast lovely locations near the sea.

A special mood will likely prevail this year. The Nice event was cancelled last year in the wake of the terrorist incident of July 14, 2016. "On the day of the attack, we opened the festival doors to 3,000 terrified people who were escorted by the police and the army," Artistic Director Sébastien Vidal said. "The [attacker's] truck stopped just a couple of blocks from our office." This year's Nice Jazz Festival will be the first major public event held in the city since that tragic day. Jazz à Juan was also affected, and it had to cancel three nights during a period of national mourning.

While both festivals share common traits, they also have their differences. Nice is funded 100 percent by the municipality. After recurring changes in ownership, the city decided seven years ago to gain full control of the event, outsourcing only the artistic direction. TSF Jazz—Paris' all-jazz radio station, where Vidal also works as program director—won the bid in 2013.

Conversely, Jazz à Juan does not rely on public subsidies. "For the most part, we depend on ticket sales," said Jean-René Palacio, who has been the artistic director since 2000. "For me, the challenge was to keep alive the spirit of the festival's founding fathers and to bring in some modernity while making it a financial success."

Both festivals reject the elitism of which the jazz industry is sometimes accused. "We want people to enjoy themselves," Vidal said. "We do not aim to be educational and do not try to teach jazz history. We leave Keith Jarrett, Sonny Rollins or Wayne Shorter to Jazz à Juan."

Additionally, the programming at Nice ventures outside the borders of jazz. "I am looking for complementarity," Vidal continued. "I will never book rock, French chanson or world music. On the other hand, I am all for modern r&b or soul artists such as Common, John Legend or Solange, who hire jazz musicians in their respective bands. And on the same evening, I can have [electronica act] Bonobo and Kamasi Washington."

Jazz bassist Marcus Miller has been a Juan regular over the years. He was a guest of trumpeter Ibrahim Maalouf and also performed alongside the Monaco Philharmonic Orchestra. Plus, he worked with Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter to assemble "A Tribute to Miles," a project initially commissioned by the festival in 2011.

One successful tactic for both festivals is to pair major headliners with lesser-known groups in order to expose different audiences to a wide spectrum of music. "The best compliment someone can pay me is to ask, 'Where did you find this band?'" Vidal said.

The sentiment was echoed by Palacio: "We want people to hear music that they would otherwise not be inclined to hear." A good example is Belgian soul/funk singer Selah Sue, who appeared at Jazz à Juan on the same night as

Miller. "Selah Sue fans stayed for Miller because they knew that she would join him at the end of his set," Palacio explained.

In Nice, for 35 euros, concertgoers can hear six sets on two stages among 10,000 people. Jazz à Juan offers a different type of experience due to its unique location, which is near the beach. Because of Jazz à Juan's business model, tickets can go for up to 160–180 euros, but the cheapest seats are a bargain at 15 euros.

At press time, neither festival had announced its full lineup. Jazz à Juan only released a few names as a teaser. Pianist Hiromi, who was a huge success at the 2013 edition, will be coming back with a duo project featuring Colombian harpist Edmar Castaneda. Singer Gregory Porter will also be back after opening for Stevie Wonder a few years ago, and crossover guitarist Johnny Gallagher will be another headliner.

In Nice, one might expect to see musicians in the vein of saxophonist Donny McCaslin or Israeli pianist Shai Maestro, who are two of Vidal's favorites.

Jazz aficionados who want to hear the big stars will probably head to Juan-les-Pins, while those who feel a bit more adventurous will go to Nice. But because of their closeness—in terms of both geography and the calendar—fans attend some of each festival. They can travel from one fest to the other by bus, train or cab. And both places can serve as a base camp with a wide range of hotels for all types of budgets. As a French fan might exclaim, "C'est fantastique!"

—Alain Drouot

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International Jazz Festival Bern

Bern, Switzerland

March 11-May 20

Dedicated to propagating jazz among a younger generation, this fest gives students from Switzerland and the United States a chance to perform. Listeners can hear the best international jazz musicians in 200 individual concerts during the months-long festival.

LINEUP: Chris Potter, Chuco Valdés, Joey Alexander Trio, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Robi Botos Trio, Sypro Gyra, Marcus Roberts Trio, Jeff Hamilton and John Clayton with the Swiss Jazz Orchestra, Steve Gadd Band, Davell Crawford, Catherine Russell. jazzfestivalbern.ch

Trondheim Jazz Festival

Trondheim, Norway

March 19, May 10-14

Offering about 70 concerts, organizers have booked a variety of internationally known jazz artists and regional musicians.

LINEUP: Al Di Meola, Lee Ritenour, Dave Grusin, Chris Potter Quartet, Ingrid Jensen, Jacob Collier, Sarah McKenzie, Verner Pohjola Quartet, Lill Linfords, Karin Krog Meantime. jazzfest.no

Jazz Festival Basel

Basel, Switzerland

April 24-May 18

At this festival, regional and international jazz artists, combined in unique combo configurations, perform in a number of venues around the city.

LINEUP: Chick Corea, Brian Blade, Eddie Gomez, Jeff Lorber, Kenny Barron, John Patitucci, Jean-Paul Brodbeck, Marc Perrenoud, Michel Godard, Rudi Berger, Steve Gadd, Luciano Biondini, Rosario Giuliani, Jan Lundgren. offbeat-concert.ch

Ulrichsberger Kaleidophon

Ulrichsberg, Austria

April 28-30

This festival focuses on improvised music, programming lesser-known jazz acts alongside avant-garde musicians from multiple genres.

LINEUP: Gahl, Winter & Lang, Rova + Kurzmann & Stangl, Joshua Abrams & Natural Information Society, Denoise, Nakama, Jakob Bro Trio. jazzatelier.at/kal.htm

Newbury Spring Festival

Newbury, England

May 6-20

This two-week celebration of music takes place in historic venues like Douai Abbey and Highclere Castle.

LINEUP: Brodsky Quartet, Alison Balsom, Kinsky Trio Prague, Black Dyke Band, Traveling by Tuba. newburyspringfestival.org.uk

EUROPAfest

Bucharest, Romania

May 11-20

Musicians from throughout Romania, Europe and the rest of the world come together for a mix of classical, pop, blues and jazz music.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Ekaterina Valiulina, Dan Papirany Band, Edmond Bilal Band, Anatoli Tsampa. jmevents.ro

Jazzfest Bonn

Bonn, Germany

May 12-27

This festival presents a variety of world-class jazz, with concerts taking place in different venues throughout the city..

LINEUP: Brad Mehldau Trio, Neil Cowley Trio, nattjazz.no

John Patitucci Electric Guitar Quartet, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Jasmin Tabatabai & David Klein Quartet, Jazzkantine, WDR Big Band, Bob Mintzer & Mike Mainieri, Ellen Andrea Wang Trio, Marius Neset Quartet, Niels Klein Tubes & Wires, more. jazzfest-bonn.de

Sibiu Jazz Festival

Sibiu, Transylvania, Romania

May 18-21

This event promises a fully immersive jazz experience. Run by the Sibiu Jazz Festival since 1997, promoters pack the festival with some of the best local and regional acts.

LINEUP: Borbely Mihaly Quartet, Gregorz Karnas, Jeff Herr Corporation, more. sibuijazz.eu

Kerava Jazz Festival

Kerava, Finland

May 26-28

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

LINEUP: Rent Romus, Anna Höglberg, Kirk Knuffke Lamplighter, Tomeka Reid Quartet. personal.net.fi/yhdistsy/keravajazz/index2.htm

NattJazz

Bergen, Norway

May 26-June 4

This festival, which began in the early '70s, has always taken great pride in offering jazz for the musically curious.

LINEUP: Joshua Redman Trio, Shobaleader One, Elephant9, Tati, Frida Ånnevik, Noura Mint Seymali, Paal Nilssen-Love Large Unit, Helge Lien Trio, Monk's Casino, Hanne Hukkelberg, Coronado. nattjazz.no

Iford Arts Festival

Iford, England

May 27-Aug. 5

This multi-genre festival has been offering a range of classical, pop and jazz music since 1995.

LINEUP: Leeds City Stompers, Hailey Tuck, Tipitina, Pee Wee Ellis and his Funka Nova Quartet, Clare Teal and her trio, Bartoune. ifordarts.org.uk

INNtoene Festival

Diersbach, Austria

June 2-4

Held on a rural farm, this festival presents three stages of jazz.

LINEUP: Kenny Werner, Azar Lawrence, Peter Bernstein Quartet, Rosenberg Trio, Jon Cleary, Gadi Lehavi Trio, Márcio Faraco, Al Foster Quartet. cafe-museum.de

Moers Festival

Moers, Germany

June 2-5

Contemporary jazz dominates the landscape at the Moers Festival, which began as a small music gathering in 1972. Since then, it has evolved into a multi-faceted event in the courtyard of Moers Castle.

LINEUP: The Bad Plus, Julien Baker, Dub Trio, Battle Trance.

moers-festival.de

Jazz Fest Wien

Vienna, Austria

June 9-July 10

This festival presents some of the biggest names in jazz in treasured venues throughout the city. The Vienna State Opera is just one of the majestic locations where listeners can experience



internationally acclaimed musicians.

LINEUP: Herbie Hancock, George Benson, Jan Garbarek, Miles Mosley, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Madeleine Peyroux, Ben Wendel. viennajazz.org

JazzAscona/The New Orleans Experience

Ascona, Switzerland

June 22-July 1

This series of 200 concerts, located on the shores of Lake Maggiore in Switzerland, is officially sponsored by the City of New Orleans, with a lineup that leans toward traditional jazz.

LINEUP: Ope Smith, The New Orleans Swamp Donkeys, The New Orleans Jazz Vipers, Glen David Andrews & Twogether, Jazz Five, Louis Prima Forever, Nina Attai, Emma Pask, more. jazzascona.ch

JazzBaltica

Timmendorfer Strand, Niendorf, Germany

June 23-25

JazzBaltica brings in artists from multiple countries, configures the musicians in unique combos and presents listeners with completely unique projects.

LINEUP: Nils Landgren, JazzBaltica All Star Band, Peter Weniger Quintet, Mezzoforte, Joo Kraus, Jan Lundgren, NDR Big Band, Martin Tingvall, Sebastian Studnitzky. jazzbaltica.de

Ljubljana Jazz Festival

Ljubljana, Slovenia

June 28-July 1

Promoters bring in an array of top international jazz musicians each year to perform in both indoor and outdoor settings.

LINEUP: Archie Shepp, Kris Davis and Craig Taborn, Ambrose Akinmusire, Nate Wooley Quartet, Amok Amor, Alexander Hawkins. ljubljana-jazz.si

Jazz à Vienne

Vienne, France

June 29-July 13

Jazz dominates this lovely French village for more than two weeks each summer. Myriad jazz and world music artists perform at four venues in the city center. In addition to the ticketed events, the Gallo-Roman Museum puts on free concerts during the festival. The 2017 edition marks the 37th anniversary of this acclaimed festival.

LINEUP: See website. Headliners in 2016 included Gregory Porter, Chick Corea, Cécile McLorin Salvant. jazzavienne.com

Love Supreme Jazz Festival

East Sussex, England

June 30-July 2

This festival is a relative newcomer on the European scene, but it has built up significant goodwill among jazz listeners. Icons from the worlds of jazz, soul and r&b will perform.

LINEUP: George Benson, Gregory Porter, Herbie Hancock, Robert Glasper Experiment, Laura Mvula, BADBADNOTGOOD, Nao. lovesupremefestival.com

Montreux Jazz Festival

Montreux, Switzerland

June 30-July 15

The Montreux Jazz Festival, one of the most celebrated jazz fests of all time, will present its 51st edition this year. Located near the Alps on Lake Geneva, the convention center hosts two main stages as well as the smaller Montreux Jazz Café and several smaller open-air stages. In



Umbria Jazz 17

Perugia, July 7-16

umbriajazz.com





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around 100,000 fans.

LINEUP: John Scofield with Uberjam, The Bad Plus, Miroslav Vitous with the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra, Soul Rebels. bohemianjazzfest.cz

Festival de Jazz de Vitoria-Gasteiz Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain July 11-15

Now in its 41st year, this festival offers a lineup with the best names in jazz, aiming to present a complete picture of the current state of the music. This year, promoters will also present unique collaborations, such as the Woman to Woman project, which features pianist Renee Rosnes and a host of female jazz artists.

LINEUP: Kenny Barron, Fred Hersch, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Anat Cohen, Allison Miller, Melissa Aldana, Eric Reed, Ingrid Jensen, Cyrus Chestnut, Larry Carlton, Benny Green, TS Monk Sextet; Renee Rosnes, Noriko Ueda, Linda May Han Oh, Theo Croker. jazzvitoria.com

Hull Jazz Festival Hull, Yorkshire & Humber, England July 11-15

For the Hull Jazz Festival's 25th birthday in 2017, organizers have put together a lineup of stellar local, national and international talent.

LINEUP: Donny McCaslin, Courtney Pine Band featuring Omar, Sébastien Geniaux Trio, Grimaldi Quartet, Snake Davis, more. jnight.org/festival/hulljazzfestival

Istanbul Jazz Festival Istanbul, Turkey July (Dates TBD)

Viewing jazz as one of the most innovative of all genres, promoters chose to build a festival around the music in 1994 as a way of inspiring listeners. The 2017 edition will feature an array of artists from the jazz, rock and pop worlds.

LINEUP: See website. Last year's headliners included Roy Hargrove, Roberta Gambarini, TRT Big Band, Allan Harris. caz.iksv.org/en

Jazz à Juan Juan-les-Pins, France July 14-23

Created as a tribute to Sidney Bechet, who was said to love Antibes, the Jazz à Juan festival brings the biggest names in jazz to the French Riviera each summer. Organizers present New Orleans jazz, gospel, blues, swing and modern jazz. They also have a goal of educating listeners by presenting concerts that celebrate as many genres as possible.

LINEUP: Hiromi with Edmar Castaneda, Gregory Porter, Johnny Gallagher. jazzajuan.com

Aarhus Jazz Festival Aarhus, Denmark July 15-22

International jazz musicians mix with

addition to paid concerts, the festival hosts a variety of free shows and pop-up events.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Charles Lloyd, Randy Weston, Cécile McLorin Salvant, Chick Corea, George Benson, Joshua Redman, Avishai Cohen, Jason Moran, Ruthie Foster. montreuxjazzfestival.com

Kongsberg Jazz Festival

Kongsberg, Norway

July 5-8

Mixing mainstream and avant-garde acts with a few big names in popular music, organizers commit to an all-inclusive approach.

LINEUP: Art Ensemble of Chicago, Megalodon Collective, Jaga Jazzist, Toto, Gammalgrass, Morten Abel. kongsbergjazz.no

Gent Jazz Festival

Ghent, East-Flanders, Belgium

July 6-15

With a lineup celebrating living jazz masters and unsung regional talent, the latest iteration of this long-running festival hews closely to the precedent for excellence it has established over the years.

LINEUP: Herbie Hancock, Christian Scott Atunde Adjuah, Fire!, French Quarter, Kleptomantics, Omer Avital, Norah Jones, LABtrio. gentjazz.com

North Sea Jazz Festival

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

July 7-9

At this world-famous festival, listeners can see acts large and small in a variety of venues—ranging from a 200-seat club to an arena stage that can accommodate 15,000 people. Promoters aim to bring in a variety of jazz alongside the biggest names in contemporary music, presenting lineups meant to appeal to a multitude of festivalgoers for more than four decades.

LINEUP: Norah Jones, Lee Ritenour Group with Dave Grusin, Herbie Hancock, Richard Bona, Ambrose Akinmusire, George Benson, Avishai Cohen Quartet, Jamiroquai. northseajazz.com

Copenhagen Jazz Festival

Copenhagen, Denmark

July 7-16

This festival programs jazz with world and popular music to create a well-rounded lineup.

LINEUP: Anoushka Shankar, Herbie Hancock, David Sanborn, Randy Brecker, Mike Stern, Jamie Cullum. jazz.dk

Umbria Jazz

Perugia, Italy

July 7-16

Umbria Jazz has gone through different permutations since its founding in the early 1970s, but it has hit on a formula that combines legendary jazz stars on the same bill with artists working in a variety of genres.

LINEUP: Jamie Cullum, Wayne Shorter, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Christian McBride, Hiromi with Edmar Castaneda, Enrico Rava and Tomasz Stanko, Angélique Kidjo, Fabrizio Bosso, Kraftwerk, Brian Wilson. umbriajazz.com

Pori Jazz

Pori, Finland

July 8-16

For more than 50 years, promoters have been bringing the best jazz, rock and contemporary musicians to Finland to perform alongside regional talent on a number of stages. For more than a week in July, the Kirjurinluoto Concert Park is transformed into a world-class jazz festival.

LINEUP: Herbie Hancock, Ambrose Akinmusire, The Bad Plus, Bill Frisell Trio, Julian Lage Trio, Wilco, Michael Kiwanuka, Fantastic Negrito, The Sun Ra Arkestra, Jethro Tull, Yussef Kamaal, Shabaka & The Ancestors. porijazz.fi

Bohemia JazzFest

Prague, Czech Republic

July 10-18

Beginning in a historic town square in Prague, this movable festival takes jazz to a series of town squares in the surrounding area. Founded in 2006, this event now attracts

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LINEUP: Jamie Cullum, Aarhus Jazz Orchestra.
jazzfest.dk

Nice Jazz Festival

Nice, France

July 17-21

After last year's cancellation due to the Nice terrorist attack on July 14, 2016, this year's festival promises to be a celebratory event.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Charles Lloyd, Kenny Barron, Jamie Cullum, Cassandra Wilson.
nicejazzfestival.fr

Molde International

 Jazz Festival
Molde, Norway

July 17-22

Founded in 1961, Modlejazz fills the city with 55 concerts in eight venues dotted throughout the town center. A slate of Norwegian and international artists fill this event, where listeners hear music on both indoor and outdoor stages.

LINEUP: Vijay Iyer, Herbie Hancock, Pat Metheny, Arild Andersen, Gard Nilssen, Craig Taborn, Aurora, Sigvart Dagsland, Tord Gustavsen, Wadada Leo Smith, Jaga Jazzist, Woman to Woman, Enrico Rava, Monk's Casino, Trondheim Jazz Orchestra, Moon Hooch, Harald Lassen New Quartet, Sondre Justad, Knut Anders Sørum, Daniel Herskedal Kvintett, Karin Krog.
moldejazz.no

Heineken Jazzaldia

San Sebastian, Spain

July 20-25

For the 52nd edition, around 100 bands and solo musicians will perform in free and ticketed concerts for nearly 125,000 listeners.

LINEUP: Wayne Shorter Quartet, Kamasi Washington, Bryan Ferry, Hugh Masekela, Abdullah Ibrahim, Hiromi, Gregory Porter, Chano Dominguez.
heinekenjazzaldia.com

JazzFest Passau

Bavaria, Germany

July-Sept (Dates TBD)

In the beautiful venue of Cafe Museum Passau, the club will open its doors to a terrace in a traffic-free, riverside area near the Danube for 50 days of free jazz performances.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Christian Muthspiel with Steve Swallow, Les Lapins Superstars, Allan Praskin Quartet, Flat Earth Society.
cafe-museum.de

Langnau Jazz Nights

Langnau, Bern, Switzerland

July 25-29

With its jazz workshop, this event has become

a popular meeting point for musicians from all over Europe and the United States.

LINEUP: Joe Lovano, Greg Osby, Dave Liebman, Phil Markowitz, Cecil McBee, Billy Hart, Ambrose Akimusire, Donny McCaslin Group.
jazz-nights.ch

Llandudno Jazz Festival

Conwy, Wales

July 28-30

This event highlights jazz and other genres in a seaside resort setting. Promoters book musicians from North Wales and the U.K. as well as international stars.

LINEUP: Greg Abate, Nigel Hitchcock, Mark Nightengale, David Newton, more.
llandudnojazzfestival.com

Jazz em Agosto

Lisbon, Portugal

July 28-Aug. 6

The 34th edition of this festival will present 14 concerts at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon.

LINEUP: Dave Douglas, Steve Lehman, David Torn, Coax Orchestra, Peter Brötzmann, Larry Ochs, Human Feel, more.
gulbenkian.pt/musica/en

Ystad Sweden

 Jazz Festival

Ystad, Sweden

Aug. 1-6

Organizers of this large festival present 45 concerts in a five-day span in 10 historical venues that provide an intimate concert experience. All the venues are in walkable distance in the town center, which was established in medieval times.

LINEUP: Al Di Meola, Joshua Redman, Ron Miles, Scott Colley, Brian Blade, Hiromi with Edmar Castaneda, Al Foster, Ingrid Jensen, Marius Neset, Louis Van Dijk, Jerry Bergonzi, Tim Hagan, Deborah Brown, Bobby Medina, Carsten Dahl, Bugge Wesseltoft, Nils Landgren, Tonbruket, Iiro Rantala, Lennart Åberg, Bobo Stenson, Viktoria Tolstoy, Ann-Sofi Söderqvist Jazz Orchestra, Peo Alfonsi, Klaus Paier, Asja Valcic, Nicole Johänntgen, Freddie Hendrix, Yosuke Sato, Magnanimus Trio, The Rad Trads, Scottish National Jazz Orchestra featuring Eddi Reader, Jukka Perko, Dan Berglund, Lars Danielsson, Morten Lund, Jacob Fischer, Lisa Wulff Quartet, Filip Jers, Tommy Körberg.
ystadjazz.se

Gouvy Jazz & Blues Festival

Gouvy, Belgium

Aug. 4-6

Fans who like camping and nature will enjoy this jazz and blues festival, where they will be surrounded by woods, pastures and streams.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Nicholas Payton, Freddy Cole.
madelonne.gouvy.eu/gouvy-festival

Nisville Jazz Festival

Nis, Serbia

Aug. 10-13

Six bands perform during each main evening concert in the ancient fortress of Nis. Promoters pride themselves on programming traditional jazz as well as blues and soul music.

LINEUP: See website. The 2016 lineup included Al Di Meola, Joss Stone, Soweto Kinch, Shakatak, Golden Budha Jazz Band.

nisville.com

Jazz Middelheim

Antwerp, Belgium

August (Dates TBA)

A top jazz star sets up shop for the entire length of this festival. Additional concerts highlight contemporary jazz, pop and rock.

LINEUP: See website. The 2016 lineup included Avishai Cohen, ICP Orchestra, Billy Hart, Patti Smith.

jazzmiddelheim.be

Oslo Jazz Festival

Oslo, Norway

Aug. 12-19

This festival fills Oslo's hallowed venues, like the National Opera & Ballet, with jazz. Shows are also presented in smaller venues.

LINEUP: Jamie Cullum, Gregory Porter, Tore Brunborg, Ellen Andrea Wang, Mathias Eick, Jacob Collier Trio, more.

oslojazz.no

Roccella Jazz Festival

Roccella Jonica, Calabria, Italy

Aug. 18-24

This festival presents jazz in a 16th-century convent. Along with headlining concerts, clinics and other special events are included.

LINEUP: See website. The 2016 lineup included Irit Dekel, Eldad Zitrin, Luca Aquino.

roccellajazz.net

Saalfelden International Jazz Festival

Saalfelden, Austria

Aug. 24-27

Programmers will present more than 30 concerts with a heavy emphasis on experimental artists.

LINEUP: See website. Previous performers include Matthew Shipp, Steve Coleman, Rob Mazurek.

jazzsaalfelden.com

Jazz Festival Willisau

Willisau, Switzerland

Aug. 30-Sept. 3

Every summer, this medieval Swiss town becomes a jazz destination. Organizers also program avant-garde music alongside rock and pop artists.

LINEUP: See website. The 2016 lineup included Peter Scharli Trio, Eve Risser, Roscoe Mitchell, LSD-3, Ursina, Trio Heinz Herbert.

jazzfestivalwillisau.ch

Scarborough Jazz Festival

Scarborough, North Yorkshire, England

Sept. 22-24

For this fest's 15th anniversary, promoters aimed for a diverse lineup: "big bands to songsters, rising stars to something different."

LINEUP: Mike Gibbs with the Hans Koller Big Band, Stan Tracey Legacy Big Band, Polly Gibbons, Mads Mathias, Jason Rebello, Janette Mason Trio, more.

scarboroughjazzfestival.co.uk

Baloise Session

Basel, Switzerland

Oct. 20-Nov. 9

Big names in pop, rock and soul mix with some of the biggest jazz stars at the annual Baloise Saison.

LINEUP: See website. The 2016 lineup included Jeff Beck, Marcus Miller, Norah Jones, Brian Wilson, Stacey Kent.

baloisesession.ch

Jazzfest Berlin

Berlin, Germany

Nov. 2-5

Simulcasts and live recordings have been added to this festival, which has been running strong for more than 50 years.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Charlie Rouse, Christian Muthspiel, Flat Earth Society, Jack DeJohnette, Helios Quartet.

berlinerfestspiele.de

Akbank Jazz Festival

Istanbul, Turkey

Nov. 3-19

Launched in 1991, this festival has grown into an immersive jazz experience, with promoters offering film screenings, panels, workshops and other projects alongside jazz concerts. In addition to classic and modern jazz, the event has expanded to include electronic and world music presentations in a range of venues.

LINEUP: Pharoah Sanders, Ron Carter, Paolo Fresu with Omar Sosa, Amir ElSaffar, Erik Truffaz, Theo Croker, Nouvelle Vague, Tony Allen, Ferit Odman, Jason Marsalis, Saul Williams, Imany, Charenée Wade, Okay Temiz, Tulug Tirpan & Juan Garcia-Herreros.

akbankjazzfestival.com

EFG London Jazz Festival

London, England

Nov. 10-19

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, this festival will pack the streets, clubs and concert halls of London with modern jazz.

LINEUP: See website. Performers in 2016 included Jason Moran, Tord Gustavsen, Wayne Shorter, Bugge Wesseltoft, Bill Laurance, Christian Scott, The Cookers, Robert Glasper, Petra Haden & Jesse Harris, Miguel Atwood Ferguson, Francesco Tristano, Aziza (Dave Holland, Chris Potter, Lionel Loueke, Eric Harland).

efglondonjazzfestival.org.uk

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Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival

Saint Lucia, Caribbean

May 12-14

This event is a celebration of Saint Lucian, the Caribbean and international jazz music.

LINEUP: Danilo Pérez with Terri Lyne Carrington, Kenny Garrett, Rupert Lay Quartet, Victor Provost, Malika Tirolien, Malavoi.

stluciajazz.org

KL International Jazz & Arts Festival

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

(Dates TBD)

This festival offers mainstream, smooth and classic jazz.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Ahmad Jamal, David Sanborn, Lee Ritenour.

klinternationaljazz.com

Jamaica Ocho Ríos International Jazz Festival

Ocho Ríos, Port Antonio, Kingston, Jamaica

May 28-June 4

Jam sessions, free concerts, a school band competition, workshops and ticketed events are spread across multiple cities during this festival.

LINEUP: Le Birrette, The Grand Beat, The Jamaica Big Band, Tony Gregory.

facebook.com/jamaicaochoriosinternationaljazzfestival

Melbourne International Jazz Festival

Melbourne, Australia

June 2-11

For its 20th edition, this festival will present a variety of concerts from top-name international acts in numerous venues around the city. The diverse programming includes modern masters of jazz, late-night art parties and free events.

LINEUP: Carla Bley Trio, Dianne Reeves, Kenny Barron Trio, Bill Frisell, Tigran Hamasyan.

melbournejazz.com

Devonport Jazz

Devonport, Tasmania, Australia

July 27-30

A host of Australian artists will perform in venues in and around the city of Devonport.

LINEUP: See website.

devonportjazz.com

Savassi Festival

Belo Horizonte, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Aug. 19-27

Festival concerts focus on the introduction of new works and musical collaborations.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include



Dave Liebman, João Bosco, Sergio Krakowski with Edmar Castaneda, Chico Pinheiro Quartet.
savassifestival.com.br

Red Sea Jazz Festival

Eilat, Israel

Aug. 27-30

This festival, which was launched in 1987, offers dozens of concerts in multiple venues.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Al Foster, Branford Marsalis, Antonio Sanchez.
en.redseajazz.co.il

Curaçao North Sea Jazz Festival

Willemstad, Curaçao

Aug. 31-Sept. 2

Curaçao welcomes world-class talent to its open-air festival stages.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Alicia Keys, Stevie Wonder, Sting.
curacaonorthseajazz.com

Rio das Ostras Jazz & Blues Festival

Rio das Ostras, Brazil

Sept. 7-10

Celebrating its 15th anniversary, this festival will assemble a bevy of jazz and blues performers on four outdoor stages surrounded by lovely beaches and a picturesque town.

LINEUP: Deanna Boggart, Bob Stroger, Robben Ford, Incognito, Omar Hakim, Matt Schofield.
riodasostrasjazzblues.com

Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival

Oranjestad, Aruba

Sept. 15-16

The 11th edition of this festival will include a variety of international and local jazz talent. Other fest activities include an art gallery.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Kool & the Gang, Unity.
caribbeanseajazz.com

Jazzmandu

Kathmandu, Nepal

Oct. 12-18

Organizers fly in some of the world's most celebrated artists for a jam-packed schedule of concerts and educational programs.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Janyett McPherson, Rocket Men.
jazzmandu.org

Jarasum International Jazz Festival

Gapyeong, South Korea

Oct. 20-22

This event is held on a beautiful island on the Bukhan River. Fifteen venues present concerts, and the festival operates an annual program that brings in musicians from a designated partner country.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Caetano Veloso, Oregon, Lucky Peterson, Manu Katché.

jarasumjazz.com

Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues

Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia

Nov. 3-5

This festival offers open-air concerts at the King George Gardens.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Melissa Aldana, James Morrison.
wangarattajazz.com

Dominican Republic Jazz Festival

Puerto Plata, Sosua & Cabarete, Dominican Republic
November (Dates TBD)

This fest offers engaging concerts and workshops.

LINEUP: See website. Past performers include Esperanza Spalding, Tia Fuller, Terri Lyne Carrington, Patricia Zarate.
drjazzfestival.com



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