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23rd ISTANBUL JAZZ FESTIVAL 27 June – 25 July 2016

The 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival, organised by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSÜ) and sponsored by Garanti Bank for the past 19 years, will take place between 27 June and 25 July 2016. This year's festival will once again host leading names from the world of jazz and stars of contemporary music in different venues around Istanbul.

This summer, **over 200 Turkish and international musicians** will participate in the 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival, giving music lovers in Istanbul the chance to see jazz legends more than **50 concerts** performed in **26 venues**. The 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival programme includes a range of jazz, funk, world music, blues and rock performances, with highlights including the legendary **Nile Rodgers** and his group **CHIC**, as well as **Damon Albarn, Joss Stone, Branford Marsalis, Kurt Elling, Kamasi Washington, Ernest Ranglin, Laura Mvula** and **Roy Hargrove**. The "Jazz in the Parks" and "Night Out" events will be held on the Asian side of Istanbul as part of the festival programme. The festival features a children's event for the first time this year. "A Childlike Day" will feature performances and workshops for children.

A FESTIVAL THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Two new venues, **Beykoz Kundura** (former shoe factory) and **Bomontiada**, will be used to host concerts in the 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival, joining other festival venues including the **Cemil Topuzlu Open-Air Theatre, Embassy of Germany Tarabya Summer Residence, Fenerbahçe Park and Fenerbahçe Khalkedon, Austrian Cultural Office Garden, KüçükÇiftlik Park, Sabancı University Sakıp Sabancı Museum, Salon İKSÜ, Uniç Open-Air Theatre, Zorlu PSM Main Theatre and Zorlu PSM Drama Theatre**.

Free of charge "Jazz in the Parks" concerts sponsored by **Vodafone FreeZone** in Fenerbahçe Park, and the "Night Out" performances in various venues in Kadıköy, Moda will again bring the festival joy to different parts of the city. Details about all events can be found on the festival's website (caz.iksv.org/en).

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award goes to virtuoso musicians **Özdemir Erdoğan** and **Ergüven Başaran**.

Özdemir Erdoğan began his encounters with jazz music in 1960 thanks to the encouragement and advice of Eray Turgay, bass guitarist and member of the TRT Jazz Orchestra, and he became acquainted with prominent figures of jazz scene such as Arif Mardin, İsmet Sıral, Emin Fındıkoğlu, Süheyl Denizci, Nejat Cendeli and Erol Pekcan. From 1962-1964 he received training in classical guitar from world-renowned guitar instructors, and later joined the İsmet Sıral Orchestra, developing his career in Nordic countries and particularly Sweden, where he gained the opportunity to meet and work with jazz musicians from around the world. After the İsmet Sıral Orchestra disbanded in 1968, Erdoğan founded his first professional orchestra, formed mainly of former colleagues from this orchestra, including Günnur Perin, Ayhan Yünkuş, Atakan Ünüvar, Fatih Erkoç, Uğur Dikmen and Onno Tunç. In 1974 he became involved in Turkish music, Turkish folk music and other styles of ethnic music, and in 1975 he began composing his own works. As well as receiving many awards for his work, Erdoğan has performed in various festivals around the world, given conferences and participated in numerous panels. Erdoğan has been composing music and singing for 46 years, and in 1998 was awarded the title 'National Artist of the Republic of Turkey'. Erdoğan entertained generations of music lovers with songs such as 'Sevdim Seni Bir Kere', 'İkinci Bahar', 'Baharda Kuşlar Gibi', 'Küçük Bir Aşk Masalı', 'Paranın Ne Önemi Var' and 'Keman Öğretmeni'. In 2014 he released *Türkiye Caz Tarihinde Işıksız Kalanlar* (Pieces from Turkish Jazz History That Remained in the Dark), an album that deserves a place in any music archive.

Ergüven Başaran began his adventures in music with training in the clarinet from Tefrik Çelen and Salih Durutaş; he then received alto saxophone training from Celal Bozsay, followed by harmony lessons from Şerif Yüzbaşıoğlu. In 1963 he began playing in the Kadri Ünalın orchestra, after which he joined the orchestras of Çetin İnönütepe, Selim Özer, Aydemir Mete, Mete Duruman, Ritim73 and Süheyl Denizci. In 1974 he had planned to go to Europe with Emin Fındıkoğlu but had a last minute change of heart and instead took the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality exam to join the City Orchestra. Participants in the exam were competing for only one position in the orchestra, and Başaran received full points from the jury to receive first place. Having played for many years in the Eurovision Orchestra founded by TRT, in 1975 Başaran began playing with the TRT Radio and Jazz Orchestra under Ümit Aksu. In 1976 he was a member of the 69-piece orchestra that performed at the First International Music Festival. In 1982 he began to play with the TRT Istanbul Jazz Orchestra, founded by Süheyl Denizci, where he remained until 2002. In 1993 he played in the Turkey-Poland mixed jazz orchestra together with prominent musicians such as İmer Demirer and Neşet Ruacan. Başaran played in the Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra as a guest musician from 1980-1999, and was also the founder of Istanbul Saxophone Quartet, the first group of its kind in Turkey. He has performed in various Istanbul Jazz Festival events with the Istanbul Saxophone Quartet and with his latest project Swing UNLTD. During his musical career he has played at the concerts of many Turkish pop divas, including Ajda Pekkan, Nilüfer, Nil Burak and Nazan Şoray.

23rd ISTANBUL JAZZ FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Africa Express presents... The Orchestra of Syrian Musicians + Damon Albarn + guests

Monday 27 June, 21:30, Cemil Topuzlu Open-Air Theatre

***Performance Sponsor: Akasya**

The creative member of Blur and Gorillaz, and one of the most productive names of the rock music, Damon Albarn, the conductor Issam Rafea, and The Orchestra of Syrian Musicians will inaugurate the 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival. Within the Africa Express project, which also involved producers such as Lil' Silva, Brian Eno and Ghostpoet, **Damon Albarn** has carried out a unique collaboration with The Orchestra of Syrian Musicians, formed of conductor Issam Rafea and other musicians who were forced to flee their country. Through this concert, Damon Albarn and other guests musicians offer a mark of respect to the culture and music of Syria.

Artists from Britain and Syria will be joined by performers from Algeria, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Tunisia and the United States. Among those performing are the Algerian singer and one of the most renowned rai music performers **Rachid Taha**; one of the most shining poet singers of our days, **Julia Holter**; Senegal's outstanding musician, singer and songwriter, **Baaba Maal**; a musician from Mali who was nominated for the Grammy Best Traditional World Music Album in 2011, **Bassekou Kouyaté**; one of the most prominent rap singers and producers of Syria, **Bu Kolthoum**; rapper of Lebanese-Syrian origin, **Eslam Jawaad**; the "Queen of Arab Hip-Hop" **Malikah**; jazz and Sufi music singer from Tunisia, **Mounir Troudi**; known as the master of a 9-string harp ardine **Noura Mint Seymali** and young producer **TALA** who blends R&B, electro and Middle Eastern influences, will join **Damon Albarn** as guests when **The Orchestra of Syrian Musicians** comprised of 50 musicians, featuring current and former members of the Syrian National Orchestra for Arabic Music, take the stage for a rare concert to showcase Syrian and Arabic music. **Surprise guests from Turkey** will also be performing at the concert that will gather together diverse cultures, sounds and music. **Mike Smith** who has toured, arranged and orchestrated for Damon Albarn for more than 20 years, will be the music director of this special project.

Performing a limited number of concerts and coming to Istanbul after appearing at the Holland Festival, the Royal Festival Hall and Glastonbury, this special project is presented by Africa Express as a joint commission of 14-18 NOW and the Holland Festival.

Nile Rodgers, king of disco and funk, will offer a night of hit music with his group CHIC

Tuesday 28 June, 20:00, KüçükÇiftlik Park

***Performance sponsor: ARKAS**

The king of disco and funk, the face of the Fender Stratocaster, and the composer of almost a third of our best loved hits, from the songs of Madonna to Bowie, **Nile Rodgers** is preparing to give his first concert in Turkey together with his group **CHIC**. Rodgers has played a huge role in the careers of many stars, including David Bowie, Duran Duran, Madonna, INXS, Diana Ross, Daft Punk, Lady Gaga and Kylie Minogue, having produced their albums and created unforgettable disco and funk riffs.

Unknown Mortal Orchestra will warm up the night with their psychedelic pop and indie rock beats. One of the standout groups of the 2010s, Unknown Mortal Orchestra composed of singer, guitarist and songwriter Ruban Nielson, bassist Jake Portrait, keyboardist Quincy McCrary, and drummer Riley Geare, will perform their melodic songs that range from lo-fi to psychedelic pop.

Festival Awards Ceremony: Swing UNLTD // The Hot Sardines

Monday 11 July, 21:00, Austrian Cultural Office Garden

During the awards ceremony, the 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival's **Lifetime Achievement Award** will be presented to **Özdemir Erdoğan** and **Ergüven Başaran**. Following the ceremony, Ergüven Başaran will take to the stage with his swing group **Swing UNLTD**. The event will be topped off with a performance by sought-after group of the New York swing scene **The Hot Sardines**.

A musical journey from past to future: An Evening of Jazz with Özdemir Erdoğan

Tuesday 12 July, 21:00, Uniq Open-Air Theatre

One of the most industrious figures in Turkish popular music and Jazz, and recipient of this year's Lifelong Achievement Award, **Özdemir Erdoğan** will, perform classics such as "İkinci Bahar" and "Sevdim Seni Bir Kere", as well as a retrospective of his jazz works, including his latest album *Türkiye Jazz Tarihinde Işıksız Kalanlar* (Pieces from Turkish Jazz History That Remained in the Dark).

Nicholas Payton Trio With Special Guest Jane Monheit

Wednesday, 13 July, 21.00, Sabancı University, Sakıp Sabancı Museum

In this special concert, trumpet virtuoso and musician of many talents **Nicholas Payton** will take to the stage with his trio, joined by multiple Grammy-nominated American vocalist **Jane Monheit**, to perform the songs of Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald.

Ground-breaking marvel of contemporary jazz Kamasi Washington and downtempo duo Ibeyi share the same stage

Thursday 14 July, 20:45, Beykoz Kundura

This year's festival hosts **Kamasi Washington**, the new master of the saxophone and modern jazz. Kamasi Washington featured as guest saxophonist on the 2015 albums of Thundercat and Kendrick Lamar, artists in the top 11 of Flying Lotus record label Brainfeeder. One of the foremost representatives of contemporary jazz, **Kamasi Washington** will perform at the Beykoz Kundura (the former shoe factory), which is being used as a festival venue for the first time this year. The concert's support act will be XL Recording's new star of the music world, the soul, downtempo project of French-Cuban twins, **Ibeyi**.

A concert of French jazz vibes and the unforgettable world of Nat King Cole: French Quarter and Hugh Coltman

Friday 15 July, 20:30, UniQ Open-Air Theatre

***Performance Sponsor: Schindler Türkelî**

This evening at the UniQ Open-Air Theatre will witness a special project brought together for the Istanbul Jazz Festival, **French Quarter**, featuring the most exciting stars of the French jazz scene: **Airelle Besson** on trumpet, **Emile Parisien** on saxophone, **Vincent Peirani** on accordion, **Thomas Encho** on piano, **Thomas Brammeris** on double bass and **Anne Pacey** on drums, revealing the best bits of contemporary French jazz to festival-goers. In the second part of the evening, **Hugh Coltman** will deliver a homage to the inner world of Nat King Cole with songs from his *Shadows* album.

"A Childlike Day" at the festival

Saturday 16 July, 15:00, Bomontiada

This year the festival programme features a children's event for the first time. "**A Childlike Day**" will feature performances by **Oran Etkin Timbalooloo**, **Hakan Başar Trio** and the **Music for Peace Brass Band**, while also giving children the chance to experience the festival spirit, discover their musical talents and take part in fun workshops.

"Jazz in the Parks"

Sunday 17 July, 17:00-23:30, Fenerbahçe Park and Fenerbahçe Khalkedon

***Performance Sponsor: Vodafone FreeZone**

The 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival invites the audience to chill out with 6 hours of non-stop music with 8 acts on 2 stages in Fenerbahçe Park and Fenerbahçe Khalkedon on Istanbul's Asian sidewith almost 10.000 music lovers. The event will feature concerts by groups including **The KutiMangoes**, **The Hot Sardines**, **Brassist** and **finalists of the "Young Jazz" competition**, **Geeva Flava**, **Hacettepe Jazz Band**, **95th Jazz Ensemble**, **Ersin Özer Quartet**, **Naimian Trio**.

Cyrus Chestnut / Buster Williams / Lenny White

Monday 18 July, 19:30, Zorlu PSM Drama Theatre

Cyrus Chestnut who touches the soul of the piano, acoustic bassist **Buster Williams** who has created his own musical technique and worked with legends such as Miles Davis and Herbie Mann, and legendary drummer **Lenny White** who featured on Miles Davis' *Bitches Brew* album, will share the stage to show off their talents.

Branford Marsalis Quartet and guest Kurt Elling

Monday 18 July, 21:30, Zorlu PSM Main Theatre

Saxophone virtuoso and classical music composer whose compositions outside the field of jazz were awarded by Broadway, **Branford Marsalis** and his quartet will take to the stage together with US jazz vocalist and composer **Kurt Elling** from the Blue Note Family, who has received a Grammy nomination for almost all of his albums.

Antonio Sanchez and Migration

Tuesday 19 July, 19:30, Zorlu PSM Drama Theatre

Mexican jazz drummer and creator of the soundtrack to the film *Birdman*, **Antonio Sanchez** will be on stage performing his critically acclaimed album *Migration*. The all-star band features Seamus Blake, John Escreet, Matt Brewer and Thana Alexa.

Scotfield Mehdau Guiliana

Tuesday 19 July, 21:30, Zorlu PSM Main Theatre

Jazz pianist **Brad Mehdau** will take to the stage together with drummer **Mark Guiliana**, who has worked with musicians such as Phronesis, Dhafer Youssef and Gretchen Parlato, and who most recently played percussion on David Bowie's *Blackstar* album, and **John Scotfield**, one of the greatest sources of inspiration for jazz guitarists, in a concert that promises to be one of the most exciting live performances of jazz improvisation.

Jamaican legend Ernest Ranglin & Friends will vitalize the audience with the support of The Budos Band's afrobeat melodies

Wednesday 20 July, 20:00, KüçükÇiftlik Park

Living Jamaican legend, founding father of reggae, and creator of energetic ska melodies, **Ernest Ranglin** will present an upbeat concert with his legendary group formed of **Tony Allen**, **Courtney Pine**, **Cheikh Lo**, **Alex Wilson** and **Ira Coleman**. Support comes from **The Budos Band**, who will take to the stage to perform their afrobeat and funk melodies.

“Night Out” concerts

Thursday 21 July, 18:00-03:00, Kadıköy, Moda

***Performance Sponsor: Vodafone FreeZone**

The “Night Out” event, which took place last year in various venues in Kadıköy, offers an even fuller programme in its second year with the coolest names of Turkey’s music scene from jazz to rock, reggae to dance music. The event will feature concerts by 31 musicians and groups including **Elif Çağlar, DANDadaDAN, Yasemin Mori, She Past Away, Plaistow, Hey Douglas, Önder Focan & Şalliel Bros, Oceanvs Orientalis** and many others in 13 popular venues.

A soulful evening with Laura Mvula and Jacob Collier

Friday 22 July, 20:30, Embassy of Germany Tarabya Summer Residence

***Performance Sponsor: Skyland Istanbul**

British singer-songwriter **Laura Mvula**, a musician who has already achieved great success in her short musical career and whose songs get regular airplay, will perform following **Jacob Collier**, heralded by The Guardian as “jazz music’s new messiah”, in the historical garden of the Embassy of Germany Tarabya Summer Residence.

Joss Stone, the incredible voice of British music, returns to Turkey

Saturday 23 July, 19:00, KüçükÇiftlik Park

One of the strongest voices to come out of the British music scene, **Joss Stone** returns to Istanbul for the 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival. Hailed as the Aretha Franklin of the 2000s, the singer-songwriter started out on her musical career at just 17, since when she has received numerous Mercury, BRIT and Grammy awards and nominations and recorded seven albums. One of the most successful women under 30 in Britain, Joss Stone set out on an adventure in reggae with her 2015 album *Water for Your Soul*. Taking to the stage to give a lively performance as the support act will be **Vintage Trouble**, an eccentric blues group formed in 2010 who gained wider recognition thanks to their incredible performance on *Later... With Jools Holland*. **Grup Ses Beats** will be the opening act of the night with a special set called “World tour with vinyls”.

Allan Harris, Roy Hargrove, Roberta Gambarini With TRT Radio Big Band

Monday 25 July, 21:00, Cemil Topuzlu Open-Air Theatre

***Performance Sponsor: Matraş**

Awarded jazz vocalist, one of the most prestigious names of Brooklyn jazz scene **Allan Harris**, two Grammy awards winner jazz trumpeter **Roy Hargrove** and biggest name of Italian jazz vocal, **Roberta Gambarini** will take to the stage alongside the **TRT Radio Big Band and Jazz Orchestra** conducted by **Kamil Özler**, in a very special performance for festival-goers.

European Jazz Club sessions at Salon

European Jazz Club, the event that brings top names from the Turkish jazz scene together with European virtuosos, will take place once again this year at **Salon İKSİV**.

Volkan Topakoğlu feat. Matthias Konrad, Wednesday 13 July, 21:30

Jazz bassist and composer **Volkan Topakoğlu** began his adventures in music playing the guitar and then went on to study piano and cello. Dutch trombonist **Matthias Konrad** has gained worldwide renown and has performed with ensembles such as the Glenn Miller Orchestra and the Holland Big Band. These two successful musicians will take to stage together as part of the festival programme.

Ercüment Orkut “Low Profile” feat. Marius Neset, Thursday 14 July, 21:30

Ercüment Orkut began his jazz training with Aydın Esen and has received many awards for his compositions and performances. Performing together with Orkut will be **Marius Neset**, one of the top saxophonists and composers of Nordic jazz. Neset worked for many years with renowned British pianist Django Bates, and is often compared to legendary Norwegian jazz saxophonist Jan Garbarek.

Big Beats Big Times feat. Gunnar Halle, Erland Dahlen, Friday 15 July, 22:00

Big Beats Big Times is known for its series of improvisational concerts in which Berke Can Özcan brought together drummers from around the world. After releasing a studio album entitled *Full Moon Theory*, the group – formed of **Erland Dahlen** on drums and percussion, **Gunnar Halle** on trumpet, **Berke Can Özcan** on drums, **Burak Irmak** on synth and Rhodes, **Feryin Kaya** on bass, and **Can Güngör** on guitar, synth and percussion – will come together to give their first live performance of songs from the album.

Çağıl Kaya Band feat. Airelle Besson, Saturday 16 July, 21:30

Çağıl Kaya, a musician who further developed her natural talent through studies in musicology, includes theatrical elements and surprising vocal improvisations during her concerts. Kaya’s repertoire features the songs of groups and musicians such as Duman, Mor ve Ötesi and Sevinç Tevs as well as her own compositions, and her Istanbul Jazz Festival concert will bring her together on stage with French musician **Airelle Besson**. Beginning her musical career with the violin before learning to play the trumpet, Besson has worked with musicians such as Hugh Coltman, Riccardo Del Fra and Metronomy, and in 2015 she received the Django Reinhardt award for best French jazz musician.

Bulut Gülen Quintet feat. Yuri Honing, Wednesday 20 July, 21:30

Trombonist Bulut Gülen delivers a rare and fresh sound to Turkey’s jazz scene with his meticulous playing and his excellent command to his instrument. Dutch saxophonist **Yuri Honing**, one of the leading musicians of the European jazz, will join him for a not-to-miss kind of collaboration.

Eylem Pelit Band, Friday 22 July, 21:30

Eylem Pelit has performed at many events, including the Istanbul Jazz Festival, the Akbank Jazz Festival and the Şimdi Stuttgart Jazz Festival. A talented bass guitarist and music arranger, Pelit has contributed to the albums of musicians such as Sarp Maden, Ayhan Sicimođlu and Şenay Lambaođlu. After having released an album entitled *Yedi Uyuyanlar* in 2015, Pelit will play for jazz lovers at this year's festival. Before Eylem Pelit, Austrian band Treeoo will warm up the stage.

FESTIVAL MAGAZINE

The Festival Magazine will be released, featuring detailed content about the festival programme alongside opinion pieces and articles by musicians and writers from Turkey. Playlists including songs from the 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival's artists can be found at play.spotify.com/user/istanbulkultursanatvakfi

FESTIVAL TICKETS

Tickets for the 23rd Istanbul Jazz Festival are available from **Biletix sales points**, and also from the **İKSV main box office** (every day from 10:00-18:00 except Sundays) where there is no service charge. As well as full-priced tickets, discounted tickets for students are available for all concerts. **Tulip Cardholders** receive special discounts of up to 25% on tickets.

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