



THE LEGENDARY NAMES OF JAZZ WILL BE ONCE AGAIN AT THE ISTANBUL JAZZ FESTIVAL BETWEEN JULY 1-14 2014

July is the time when Istanbul will be brightened up once again with the legendary names of jazz music. Organised by the **Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (İKSV)** and sponsored by **Garanti Bank**, the **21st Istanbul Jazz Festival** will be held between **July 1-14** and host many acts in different venues in Istanbul, from prominent jazz artists to stars of popular music.

Some highlights from the festival programme are now being revealed. With her unique voice, the receiver of 56 platinum album awards **Katie Melua**, South African living legend **Hugh Masekela** and his band, the all-star group led by the percussion master **Manu Katché** and **Richard Bona**, **Chick Corea-Stanley Clarke** duet, **Danilo Perez**, **John Patitucci**, **Brian Blade**, **Brad Mehldau**, **Mark Guiliana** and **Cécile McLorin Salvant** are among the names the festival will be welcoming this year.

The tickets for the **first highlights** of the festival will be available on **15 March** through **Biletix** sales system and the main ticket office of **İKSV**.

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First highlights of the festival:

Silky-voiced singer-songwriter Katie Melua is on Open Air Theatre : Composer and lyricist **Katie Melua**, who graced the British top ten with two albums when she was only 19, will be on the **Cemil Topuzlu Open Air Theatre** on the evening of **10 July**. The 30 year-old artist has broken records as the best-selling female artist of 2006 in Britain and Europe. **Melua**, who has a big following in Turkey, will be giving her first concert in Istanbul with a repertoire that stretches from her first album "Call off the Search" to her sixth and current release "Ketevan".

An Acoustic Concert from Jazz Legends Chick Corea and Stanley Clarke: The festival brings together two of the legendary names of jazz in a special acoustic project. On the evening of **Tuesday, 8 July** at **Haliç Congress Center**, **Stanley Clarke** on bass and **Chick Corea** on piano will be acoustically playing their own compositions and collaborations from 1970's to today. The concert of this duo, who broke grounds with their innovations in jazz fusion and received countless awards including Grammys along the way, will be one of the long-time unforgettable concerts of the festival.

This Year's venue for "A Strange Place for Jazz" is the Courtyard of Istanbul High School: The guests of this year's "**A Strange Place for Jazz**", which will be held at the **Courtyard of Istanbul High School** -a place the festival will **feature as a concert venue for the first time-** will include one of the best jazz pianists of our time **Danilo Perez**, double bass master **John Patituci**, and legendary drummer

Brian Blade who has worked with names like Joni Mitchell and Marianne Faithful. The trio, who received two Grammy awards as part of the quartet formed by one of the biggest living geniuses of jazz, Wayne Shorter, will quench jazz lovers' thirst on the night of **4 July**, as they perform their name "**Children of the Light**" project. Before the trio, American bassist **Derrick Hodge**, musician, producer and composer who worked on world renowned R&B, soul, hip-hop, classical and jazz music artists' albums and is the name behind Grammy award-winning, chart-topping albums by many artists from Terence Blanchard to Maxwell, will take the stage.

- **Stars Parade with Manu Katché, Richard Bona, Stefano di Battista and Eric Legnini:** **Manu Katché**, who enchants with his percussion, **Richard Bona**, one of the best bassists of jazz music today, **Stefano di Battista**, prominent sax player of the European jazz scene, and talented pianist **Eric Legnini** meet on the same stage at **Santralİstanbul Amphitheatre**. The concert sponsored by **Pirelli** will take place on **Monday, July 7**. These four stars of jazz who get together for the first time as part of this project will enchant the Istanbul audience.

- **South African Living Legend Hugh Masekela and His Band in Istanbul:** Living legend **Hugh Masekela** returns to Istanbul with his band after he performed last year at Hagia Eirene Museum for "**International Jazz Day**" hosted by UNESCO. Two-time Grammy Award winner trumpet master Hugh Masekela, who played all around the world, sold millions of albums and wrote many celebrated songs including *Grazing in the Grass* and the official song of "Free Nelson Mandela" movement *Bring Him Back Home*, will give a concert with his band on the evening of **Monday, 14 July** at **Ortaköy Feriye Restaurant** with the **sponsorship of DHL**. Hugh Masekela had worked with many legendary musicians including **Bob Marley, Paul Simon, Fela Kuti, and Antonio Carlos Jobim** and **this time** he will take the stage with his original band. This will definitely be one of the liveliest nights of the festival.

- **"MEHLIANA": Brad Mehldau and Mark Guiliana:** **Brad Mehldau**, named as "the most creative jazz pianist since the 1960's", and drummer **Mark Guiliana** who worked with artists like Phronesis, Dhafer Youssef, Gretchen Parlato, are among the guests of this year's festival with their "**Mehliana**" **project** which they started in 2011. The duo, who will take the stage at **Haliç Congress Center** on **8 July** as part of their tour to support their album "Taming the Dragon" which was released in February 2014 to rave acclaim from music lovers. The duo will be presenting their compositions which they innovatively blend with jazz and electronic music.

- **Cécile McLorin Salvant, Modern day heir of legendary jazz singers:** Compared to Billy Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald, 25 year-old **Cécile McLorin Salvant** will meet the Istanbul audience on the evening of **11 July** at the impressive venue of **Sabancı University Sakıp Sabancı Museum**. **Cécile McLorin Salvant**, who first drew attention when she won the vocal jazz competition organized by Thelonious Monk Institute, released her first album that same year. Her 2013 album "WomanChild" was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Jazz Vocal Album in 2013.

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