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Bucharest, the capital of worldwide jazz

22 bands from 22 countries at EUROPAfest - Bucharest International Jazz Competition

11 years after its debut, EUROPAfest - **Bucharest International Jazz Competition**, ranked by BBC as one of the first 3 jazz contests of Europe, has won its place amongst the worldwide resonant jazz events, being appreciated by the public, the artists, and the specialists. Through the presentation of different jazz styles, upcoming artists and musical projects from emblematic jazz centres from around the world, the event has built a powerful identity in the national cultural landscape, bringing a great number of spectators in the jazz concert halls.

2017 announces an ample edition, with **22 jazz bands** in the Semifinal, coming in a variety of performance formulas - sextet, quintet, quartet, trio and duo. Artists from **20 countries – Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Nepal, The Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, UK and USA**, will present the new trends offering the public a jazz feast. The selection of the bands was made by specialists, based on the artistic value, and on the fulfilment of the audience requirements. More information on the artists can be found on www.bucharestjazz.ro.

During 13 – 20 may, under the motto “**100% jazz**” the event invites those in love with music to memorable evenings of quality jazz, original rhythms, daring ideas and surprising combinations. A week of **concerts, workshops and jam sessions** animated by artists from 4 continents, with different cultural backgrounds, competing on stage for the Grand Prize. With prestigious international events in their portfolios, the artists will transform Bucharest into the stage of worldwide jazz.

Any person that is already in love with jazz or wants to discover it is invited by jmEvents to come to Bucharest International Jazz Competition. Besides shows of authentic jazz, full of cheerfulness, they can choose their favourite band and support it until the Final.

Bucharest International Jazz Competition is a cultural project co-funded by the National Cultural Fund Administration.

Under the motto **It's all about live quality music!**, EUROPAfest, the only European festival reuniting **4 musical genres – jazz | blues | pop | classic** presents during 11 – 20 may over 300 artists from 45 countries. Besides Bucharest International Jazz Competition, the agenda also includes: Opening Gala Concert – Bucharest & Sibiu, concerts of jazz, blues, pop and classical music, Jeunesses International Flute Competition Dinu Lipatti, master-classes and workshops, Caffè Festival, Festival's corner and EUROPAfest Gala.

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