

Copenhagen Jazz Festival

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Headliners revealed for Copenhagen Jazz Festival 2013, July 5-14 - Chick Corea, Cassandra Wilson, Bill Frisell and more

Copenhagen Jazz Festival has revealed this year's festival poster and named the first batch of the headliners that will be performing this July. Already the outlines of the 35th edition of Copenhagen's huge annual music celebration of all sorts of jazz, world, funk, avant-garde and a lot more are beginning to form.

Copenhagen's unique jazz history is a key factor in the exceptionally high artistic level of the Copenhagen Jazz Festival, something that can be experienced at the historic jazz venues, theaters and many free open-air stages strategically located throughout the city. Together with Copenhagen's record number of cafés and other venues, these stages create a unique atmosphere, bringing the city alive with jazz from early morning to late at night.

People don't only come for a fantastic musical experience, but for the unique atmosphere throughout Copenhagen when jazz for ten days every year takes over the culture- and family-friendly city.

First headliners ready for Copenhagen Jazz Festival 2013:

- Chick Corea and the Vigil (US)
- Cassandra Wilson (US)
- Medeski Martin & Wood (US)
- David Murray Infinity Quartet feat. Macy Gray (US)
- Bill Frisell & The Big Sur Sextet (US)
- Marcus Miller (US)
- Charles Lloyd, Zakir Hussein & Eric Harland (US/IN)
- Branford Marsalis (US)
- Laura Mvula (UK)

This year's festival poster is made by painter and street artist Søren Behncke

Friday April 19th the festival unveiled this year's festival poster at a combined poster release party and concert at Statens Museum for Kunst. The poster is created by sculptor, painter and street artist Søren Behncke (born 1976) who currently has an exhibition at the renowned Gallery V1 in Copenhagen. Behncke also uses the aliases Papfar and Posemanden when his art intervenes with public space.

Every year since 1982 Copenhagen Jazz Festival has chosen a Danish artist to create the official festival poster, and today these posters have become collector's items. The posters – which are based on different art forms ranging from paintings and collages to photography and graphic – are not just a graphical billboard for the festival but have been widely accepted as stand-alone pieces of art.

The full programme will be published in May.

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Facts about Copenhagen Jazz Festival 2013

- Copenhagen Jazz Festival 2013 takes place July 5-14 – both days included
- The concerts take place at clubs, cafes, bars, concert halls and open-air stages in the city's parks and squares and along the harbour front
- Established in 1979
- The festival features more than 1,000 concerts on 100 venues in Copenhagen
- Total attendance is 263,000 visitors (2011)
- The full programme is available in May and distributed on print for free in Denmark – and available for download as a free application for iPhone, iPad and Android.

Press photos for download

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Chick Corea & the Vigil (US)

The festival is visited by the distinguished piano genius Chick Corea who is bringing his new band, The Vigil. This band includes the French bass talent Hadrien Feraud and the drummer phenomena (and Roy Haynes' grandson) Marcus Gilmore. Corea turns 72 this June and is apparently in the form of his life. Last time he visited the festival was in 2009 where he gave a breathtaking solo concert at the Royal Theater's Old Scene.

Cassandra Wilson (US)

This year's jazz festival also offers three vocalists, each with their own unique artistic foothold. Cassandra Wilson is one of the great jazz vocalists of our time, and her artistic expression includes a good portion of country, blues and folk elements. Wilson has released eight solo studio albums on the legendary Blue Note label – two of these have awarded her an American Grammy.

Cassandra Wilson will be playing at Copenhagen Jazz Festival on Saturday the 6th of July.

Macy Gray & David Murray Infinity Quartet (US)

Normally the American actress and singer Macy Gray is not considered a jazz artist, however, thanks to saxophonist David Murray this conception will no doubt change during this year's festival. The latter has invited the soulful woman to join his band after a string of successful big band clashes with her during the last couple of years. Macy Gray experienced great success with her debut album "On How Life Is" (1999) that included the international hit single "I try". This year will be her first at Copenhagen Jazz Festival, but for David Murray it will be a pleasant revisitation after his show in 2008.

Laura Mvula (US)

The British singer/songwriter Laura Mvula has been on a roll since the release of her EP "She" in November last year. Now, she will be performing in Denmark for the first time during Copenhagen Jazz Festival 2013. On her debut album "Sing to the Moon" (released earlier this year) Mvula offers her original take on a modern mixture of jazzy gospel and cool soul.

Laura Mvula performs at Store Vega on Thursday the 11th of July.

Medeski, Martin & Wood (US)

This truly popular and super funky American trio gave their first ever concert 22 years ago at the defunct New York venue The Village Gate. Armed with organ/piano, bass and drums MMW have succeeded in combining soul jazz with an exploratory avant-garde approach that at times can seem almost like a jam session – that, however, always takes the trio to new territories. Twice the trio has worked with guitarist John Scofield, on "A Go Go" (1998) and "Out Louder" (2006) respectively. MMW have released 14 albums and time and time again they have astonished audiences around the world. Last time the trio was in Copenhagen was in 2011 where they performed with trumpeter Randy Brecker and saxophonist Bill Evans.

This year Medeski, Martin & Woods (US) will be performing without filter as a raw trio at Copenhagen Jazz Festival on Thursday the 11th of July.

Bill Frisell & The Big Sur Sextet (US)

Guitarist Bill Frisell is very treasured by the Copenhagen jazz audience – when he visits he always presents new material and every time it is musically interesting. The band that Frisell performs with during this year's jazz festival consists of the two female violinists Jenny Scheinman and Carrie Rodriguez plus the violist Eyvind Kang, cellist Hank Roberts and finally drummer Rudy Royston.

Bill Frisell & The Big Sur Sextet will be performing at Copenhagen Jazz Festival on Saturday the 13th of July.

Marcus Miller (US)

In 2013 the bass legend Marcus Miller returns to Copenhagen Jazz Festival. Even though "only" three years have passed since his last visit, we are more than ready for yet another heavy performance from the refined super musician. Miller's fame became evident when Miles Davis chose him to produce and compose the album "Tutu" in the beginning of the 80's. As a producer – for Miles Davis, Luther Vandross, David Sanborn, Bob James, Chaka Khan and Wayne Shorter, among many – Miller has won several Grammys.

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An Evening with Branford Marsalis (US)

It's been too long since saxophonist Branford Marsalis visited Copenhagen Jazz Festival, but now he returns and even performs two consecutive nights. The venue is Pressen and is situated in the basement of Politikens Hus - thus, Marsalis will be part of a special theme about New Orleans. The Marsalis family is one of the most well-known New Orleans families, and Branford has done a significant job to raise funds for the reconstruction of the city after Hurricane Katrina.

Branford Marsalis will be performing at Pressen on the 8th and 9th of July.

Charles Lloyd, Zakir Hussein & Eric Harland "Sangam" (US/IN)

"Sangam" is originally the title of an ECM album LLOYD, Hussein and Harland released on ECM in 2006 as a tribute to the drummer Billy Higgins – as time has passed the album title has become synonymous with this fantastic trio that includes one of the world's greatest tablas players, Zakir Hussein. The trio will be performing at the festival's first night at a very special location...

Charles Lloyd, Zakir Hussein & Eric Harland "Sangam" performs at Copenhagen Jazz Festival on Friday the 5th of July.