

Press release

10–13 July 2024

65 Jazz Festival Ljubljana

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Ljubljana Jazz Festival, round sixty-five!

We are pleased to announce this year's edition which takes its usual place in the first half of July, once again with the park as the central hub of the festival and with the opening set in the unique ambience of the Križanke open-air theatre. The festival features a programme that pays homage to the roots and at the same time celebrates distinct contemporary expressions, running through Recife in northern Brazil, the American "jazz triangle" of New Orleans, Chicago and New York, with a detour to Stockholm and, of course, the homerun.

10 July 2024, Križanke

Chief Adjuah (formerly Christian Scott)

Terence Blanchard feat. The E-Collective with Atom String Quartet

Starting at Križanke with a visit from New Orleans, the cradle of jazz and the hometown of the jazz greats Terence Blanchard and Chief Adjuah, formerly Christian Scott. Protagonists of different generations and trumpeters deeply rooted in tradition, whose paths intertwined at some point, but have otherwise pursued different creative careers. Blanchard has scored the music for majority of Spike Lee's films and is the first African-American composer whose opera has been staged at New York's Metropolitan Opera.

After having expanded his understanding of jazz into so called stretch music form and innovating his own musical instruments, Chief Adjuah's latest release is a throwback to the origins: the music of his ancestors. Two powerful creative forces conveying the African-American experience – both past and present.

11 July 2024, Gallus Hall, Cankarjev dom

John Scofield / Dave Holland Duo

A partnership between two of the most respected names in the last half century's highest echelons of jazz. Double bassist Dave Holland and guitarist John Scofield have each made

their mark as undisputed masters of their instruments and performers who have defined (and crossed!) many a chapter of the genre. Their joint tour features the two artists' original compositions with the indispensable sprinkle of jazz standards. Without a doubt unique, compelling, and convincing encounter and a profound musical dialogue of two superb musical minds; Expect virtuosity and depth.

Other Artists

Amaro Freitas Trio

Artbeaters

Anže Mikulan (.abeceda VII.)

Boštjan Gombač & Igor Leonardi

Gaj Bostič (Mladi raziskovalci VII.)

Gašper Livk – Artist in Residence

Goran Kajfeš Tropiques

James Brandon Lewis Trio

Kahil El'Zabar's Ethnic Heritage Ensemble

Kaisa's Machine

Lana Petrovič (.abeceda VII.)

Manica Slapšak (Mladi raziskovalci VII.)

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Roots Magic

Tututu Orchestra

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