

Jazz Goes to Town introduces headliners and launches ticket sales

The 24th Jazz Goes to Town, an international music festival, will be coming to Hradec Králové between 9th and 13th October 2018. The festival will feature more than 20 musicians and bands from both Czech Republic and abroad and will take place in Bio Central, DRAK Theatre Studio, Kraft café and other venues. Tickets on sale!

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This year's unique feature are acts by several Big Bands. In addition to the headliners of the festival – the Swiss piano trio **VEIN** – visitors will be able to hear a sixteen-member **Norrbotten Big Band**, which offers a remarkable addition to the music by **VEIN** in the form of great energy and dynamics. Jazz Goes to Town will also feature a unique collaborative project of the Prague rock band **Strom stínu** and the fourteen-member jazz Big Band **Bucinatores Orchestra**.

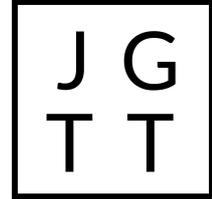
Musical project created exclusively for this festival is also **Spinifex Maximus**. The international quintet Spinifex will perform together with the most creative jazz musicians of Czech young and mid generation. The single performance will be a combination of the intense music by the international band and a six-part section of wind instruments, resulting in a unique musical organism unlike any other.

Another project of international cooperation is a Czech-Polish sextet led by the trumpeter-conductor **Štěpánka Balcarová** and the charismatic Polish singer **Małgorzata Hutek**. Other members of the Polish part of the band are Nikola Kołodziejczyk, a rising star of Polish piano jazz, and drummer Grzegorz Masłowski. Czech musicians are represented by a saxophonist Luboš Soukup, flutist Robert Fischmann and a legend of Czech jazz double bass Jaromír Honzák. In 2017 the band released an album called Life and Happiness of Julian Tuwim, later nominated for the Anděl Music Awards in Jazz & Blues category.

Next, an international quartet featuring the American trumpeter **Nate Wooley** will perform at Jazz Goes to Town in its Czech premiere. The band consists of four musicians of different nationalities, while **Nate Wooley**, working in New York since 2001, is said to be one of the most impressive and original contemporary trumpeters. The quartet **Knknighgh** innovatively combines free jazz and creates a surprising blend of new music.

Czech premiere featuring at the festival is also an act by **Akosh Szelevényie**, a Hungarian saxophonist and composer. His quartet **Akosh S. (new) Unit**, a key band of today's progressive jazz, introduces Budapest's young musicians – Péter Ajtai (double bass), Áron Porteleki (drums, viola) and Szilveszter Miklòs (drums).

Other festival acts include the New York bass player **Mike Parker** with his new quintet, a trio of **Jiří Slavík**, **Martin Novák** and **David Dorůžka**, **Josef Kolo 7tet**, **Weezdob Collective**, **KYX Orchestra** and **Spinifex Soufifex**. The main musical line-up will be complemented by a traditional programme in the clubs and restaurants of Hradec Králové. For example, the six-member **Lucky Joke** band will perform in Černý Kůň restaurant and **JU JU** band will perform in the Kraft cultural café.



Festival tickets

Tickets are available from 1st September on Ticketstream – online and at shops around the Czech Republic. Ticket prices range between 100 to 390 Kč per performance. Concessions are available for students and seniors. We also offer festival passes valid for all of Friday and Saturday, available for 800 Kč.

The complete programme and more information can be found on our website www.jgtt.cz.

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Festival grounds:

Bio Central, Klicperovo divadlo, Divadlo DRAK, Kraft, Restaurace Černý kůň