

Bohemia JazzFest o. p. s. Pařížská 203/19 110 00 Praha 1 – Josefov

BOHEMIA JAZZFEST 2025

Date: July 8.–15. 2025 **Cities:** Prague, Plzeň, Hluboká nad Vltavou, Prachatice, Brno

Bohemia JazzFest is celebrating its 20th anniversary, so a small reflection is in order. The festival has been attended by over 1.8 million visitors, who have had the chance to hear legends such as trumpeter Randy Brecker, bassist Victor Wooten, drummer Dennis Chambers, bassist Christian McBride, guitarist Bill Frisell, and many other stars of today's music scene.

The mission of Bohemia JazzFest is to make cultural experiences accessible to everyone regardless of age, background, or social status—which is precisely why all concerts are free of charge. To enjoy a concert, you don't need to know the history of jazz, and you certainly don't need a suit. Just stop by and you'll witness masterful virtuosity that speaks for itself. Bohemia JazzFest is more than just a music festival. Its combination of great music, historic architecture, and summer evenings under the open sky creates a unique and unforgettable atmosphere that brings us together, even in today's divided world.

The festival has received praise from *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, and the *Michelin Guide*. This success would never have been possible without the help of our partners, sponsors, and friends who, year after year, stand behind the idea that the best things in life are free.

This year, the festival will kick off on July 8th in the gardens of Prague Castle with an evening marking the celebration of Denmark's presidency of the EU Council. Three top bands will fly in from Copenhagen, and singer Sinne Eeg will receive the Bohemia Jazz Award at the end of the evening.

In Plzeň, the program will feature a brilliant duo led by Spanish harmonica virtuoso Antonio Serrano. In Hluboká nad Vltavou and Prachatice, the legendary John Scofield & John Medeski Quartet will perform. The festival will culminate in Brno with a show by the Swiss funk-groove band Next Movement.

The festival also supports emerging talents on the Czech jazz scene. The competition for young composers, organized annually together with OSA, has awarded over CZK 500,000 to up-and-coming musicians over its 15-year history. The winner of this year's competition will be announced on July 8th at 8:00 PM.

The festival's main media partner is Czech Television.

More information about the program and sponsors can be found at: <u>https://www.bohemiajazzfest.cz</u> For interviews, contact: <u>natalie.johnsonova@gmail.com</u> / +420 605 195 459

Welcome to Bohemia JazzFest 2025!