



**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **InJazz online event 25 and 26 June & announcement festival line-up**

**InJazz, the biggest Dutch jazz showcase and network event, will be hosted online this year. On Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June, this initiative of Buma Cultuur takes over the 'jazz wide web'. Join the conference on an online platform with easy access and registration. The programme consists of short discussions and presentations, matchmaking sessions and the announcement of the Buma Boy Edgar Prize 2020. The festival presents a line-up of Dutch acts and will be livestreamed from the jazz venues of the Netherlands: LantarenVenster and BIMHUIS.**

### **inJazz: the online edition**

Managing director Ikaros van Duppen: "Especially in these times it is so important to keep in touch with Dutch colleagues and colleagues from abroad and to keep the conversation going. Of course we would love to see the Dutch musicians live on stage in our favourite venues together with a varied audience, but we'll share their beautiful music online instead. The inJazz festival livestream as well as the online conference is free of charge for everyone, with the support of funds. We do appreciate a voluntary donation. A donation button will appear during the online event. We will invest the full proceeds in at least two extra live shows by selected inJazz 2020 artists in the future. These shows will take place at BIMHUIS and LantarenVenster – this way we support both the Dutch artists and the Dutch venues."

### **Festival line-up**

We proudly announce the festival line-up of inJazz 2020! On stage at LantarenVenster and BIMHUIS, the paid showcases will play a short set. The festival takes place during the evening on 25 and 26 June and will be livestreamed via [www.injazz.nl](http://www.injazz.nl). A couple of the selected musicians

will stream existing recordings instead of a live performance. As usual, the festival programme is brought to you free of charge. Selected acts are: SMANDEM., SIMIO, Blue Sands, Xavi Torres – Kind Of Beethoven, Eran Har Even / World Citizen, Jan Geijtenbeek trio feat. Thomas Pol and Niek de Bruijn, Mundus Quartet, Youngwoo Lee Quartet, Maripepa Contreras Quintet, Marta Arpini - Forest Light, John Frost, CANVAS, Franz von Chossy Trio, Fuensanta Méndez, Bonsai Panda, Kika Sprangers Quintet, Redbourg Group and Ntjam Rosie.

The festival line-up is selected by an independent, professional commission. Jury members in 2020 are: Co de Kloet (NTR, Conservatory of Amsterdam), Mike Bindraban (Good Music Company), Marieke Meischke (So What's Next, Meischke & Meischke), Raluca Baicu (BIRD, Romanian Jazz International) and Norbert Kögging (Jazz Maastricht, Conservatory of Maastricht). Timetables with the Dutch showcases are available on [www.injazz.nl](http://www.injazz.nl) from 1 June on.

### **Virtual conference**

Keep (online) networking during inJazz 2020. Check out the panels with (inter)national musicians and other professionals on up-to-date topics. Such as: How do you effectively present your work online? What is the vision of our jazz venues and festivals on the nearby future? Which international lines will soon be open again? And what about copyright and livestreaming? These topics and more will be discussed during the conference. Of course you can join the inJazz Matchmaking Sessions, as usual! The conference takes place during the day on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June. With on Friday afternoon the announcement of the Buma Boy Edgar Prize 2020. You need a registration, for free, to join the online conference. This is possible from 1 June on via [www.injazz.nl](http://www.injazz.nl).

### **RIVM safety guidelines**

With the organization, inJazz follows strict guidelines on safety and health, advised by RIVM – the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment. This means that the conference will be an online event this year. No audience is present during the live showcases in LantarenVenster and BIMUIS. On both locations, inJazz follows the safety guidelines such as keeping distance, the number of people in one room and of course cleaning the locations with attention.

### **"Let's unite for live jazz on stage!"**

Managing director Ikaros van Duppen: "We are here for the jazz scene, we are here for musicians and we are here for all other music professionals. Especially now it's necessary to show the importance of the industry and to look forward together. With Buma Cultuur we support the musicians in these uncertain times by booking their showcases. This helps them in a financial

way and it gives them an online stage to showcase their repertoire and talent to the (inter)national industry. This online event truly is an inJazz worthy alternative!"

*inJazz, initiative of Buma Cultuur, is a collaboration with Dutch Performing Arts, LantarenVenster, BIMHUIS, Europe Jazz Network and Jazz Promotion Network.*

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