

# FESTIVAL DA JAZZ

LIVE AT DRACULA CLUB



4th Festival da Jazz St. Moritz 2010  
WHERE IS THE MELODY?  
15th July to 15th August 2010  
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## **World Stars and a Sensation at the 4th FESTIVAL DA JAZZ ST. MORITZ 2010 15th July to 15th August 2010 at the Legendary Dracula Club**

This year's "Festival da Jazz St. Moritz" features world-famous stars, groovy musicians and singer / songwriters, such as for instance the American pianist Brad Mehldau, the undisputed master of violin, Jean-Luc Ponty, or Sophie Hunger, who recently released a new album. A minor sensation will be the opening night with The Manhattan Transfer. The vocal Jazz group founded in 1972 has written musical history and will officially open the Summer of Jazz in St. Moritz. The pre-opening night features saxophone player James Carter and the unique Haens'che Weiss Quartet will celebrate Django Rheinhardt's 100th anniversary. Other highlights this year include Nicola Conte's Jazz combo from Italy or the Finish saxophone player Timo Lassy. To top things off the Swiss musicians Nik Bärtsch and Heiri Känzig will connect the sounds of various musical worlds. A novelty this year is the so-called "Jazz Service Publique": big bands will perform every Sunday on the village square in front of Hotel Hauser. And the best thing is, it's for free.

### **Be Close to the Stars in an Exclusive Club Atmosphere**

The 4th "Festival da Jazz St. Moritz" builds on last year's huge success. The Artistic Director, Christian Jott Jenny, and the President of the Dracula Club, Rolf Sachs, offer the festival-goers a unique club atmosphere where the artists and the music can be experienced from close up. The audience at each performance is limited to 150 and the venue itself is truly unique: the private Dracula Club opens its doors exclusively for the Festival da Jazz.

### **Legends on a Small Stage**

This year's "Festival da Jazz St. Moritz" offers a wide range of styles – from vocal Jazz to classical Jazz, Acid Jazz, Brasil-Pop, Gypsy Jazz, singer / song writer or even Zen-Funk

At the very beginning of the festival there is a small sensation: The Manhattan Transfer, the legendary quartet from New York will officially open the Summer of

#### **Festival**

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Jazz in St. Moritz – unplugged by the way! One of the legendary and highly influential figures of European Jazz was the guitar virtuoso Django Reinhardt. The famous Gypsy Jazz Haens'che Weiss together with his quartet will celebrate Django Reinhardt's 100th anniversary. Another artist, whose career can be called truly exceptional, is Paul Kuhn. For almost six decades the pianist, composer and singer has left his mark on the Jazz scene and upscale entertainment culture. After a prolonged stint as a TV entertainer he has found his way back to his real passion – Jazz. At the Dracula Club Paul Kuhn and his trio will perform under the motto "Where is the Melody?".

## **Discoveries from Europe's North and South**

Timo Lassy is the new shooting star of Finland's Jazz scene. His music is firmly rooted in the Blue Note sound of the 1950s and his crispy grooves go straight to your legs. Another artist to discover is Nicola Conte from Italy. He performs as guitarist and DJ and is a founding member of the Fez collective. The Fez Club in Bari was a melting pot for creative musicians from all over Europe and Conte's Acid Jazz remains a sensational experience.

## **Top-Class Swiss Musicians**

The internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter Sophie Hunger will perform unplugged on the Swiss National Day – the 1st August – at the Dracula Club and present songs from her latest album. Heiri Känzig together with his quintet "Buenos Aires" presents a passionate crossover band that guarantees a show full of emotions. And Nik Bärtsch's band Ronin plays "Zen Funk": a mix of meditative sound and ritual rawness.

## **Jazz Service Publique**

A novelty this year is the so-called "Jazz Service Publique": big bands will perform every Sunday on the village square (terrace of the Hotel Hauser). And the best thing is, it's for free.

## **Tickets**

[www.festivaldajazz.ch/de/programm-tickets/ticket/](http://www.festivaldajazz.ch/de/programm-tickets/ticket/)

Phone 0900 441 441 (CHF 1.00/Min.)

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Detailed programme and pictures: [www.festivaldajazz.ch](http://www.festivaldajazz.ch)

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