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PRESS RELEASE

Lively atmosphere on the first EUROPAfest evening

At EUROPAfest the music gives rhythm to life, a rhythm that beats constantly for a week in the heart of Bucharest. Between the 7th and 13th of May, the Romanian capital vibrates with the music of over 250 artists who meet for one week in the spirit of an entire continent.

Everything started last night at the Opening Concert, when the pianist Wayne Brown (United Kingdom) set the tone for a savory reinterpretation of Beethoven's Ode to Joy. Musicians from Austria, Italy, Hungary and Romania joined the already lit atmosphere, each leaving a mark of the musical traditions of its country. The European Union anthem, sung in a jazzy note by the fifteen artists, reflected the spirit of the festival: what unites us is diversity. Not incidentally, the concert-event continued with bands like Stelzhamma, Parafusions and QL, whose music combines the styles and nuances of many cultures.

The event was dedicated to the Europe's Day and was organized in partnership with the Representation of the European Commission in Romania.

Those who came to the Auditorium Hall yesterday left with the impression that they tasted a little bit of the finest cosmopolitan pleasures: smiles, good and spontaneous music, but most of all the electrifying happiness of being connected to a new world just by listening to the unknown set of notes. On May 7th, the concert connected the public to the culture of the continents, opening its appetite for that big world that embraces yours.

This evening, EUROPAfest festival continues at the Art Center Tinerimea Română, at 19.00, with the performances of Orchestra da Tre Soldi / Italy and Stelzhamma / Austria. First, you are offered a fusion of jazz, fado, tango and medieval music which was nominated in 2008 for the Best Jazz title by the prestigious Jazz Magazine. Stelzhamma brings the jazz from The Alps to Bucharest, a humorous mix of jazz, funk and traditional Austrian music. Bands from the new jazz generation will perform in the opening.

Today, at 20.30, Caffè Festival will continue at Hard Rock Cafe – live performances in an unconventional location - with Parafusions / Italy & Hungary, an exceptional guitar and a lively harmonica start from the “black” rhythm of blues and turn into a serious game, whilst telling a story of wondering bluesmen. Jazz, flamenco and oriental notes create the good mood in a joyful concert.

The tickets can be found in the Diverta and Flanco chain stores, at English Bookstore and online on www.ticketfan.ro, www.myticket.ro, www.ticketpoint.ro, www.bilete.ro.

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EUROPafest AGENDA

May 8-13

May 8

Jazz, blues & pop concerts

19:00 / Art Center Tinerimea Romana
STELZHAMMA / Austria
ORCHESTRA DA TRE SOLDI / Italy

New Jazz Generation

G.I.R.L. / France
SENDAI / UK

Caffe Festival - Blues concert

20:30 / Hard Rock Cafe
PARAFUSIONS / Italy, Hungary
Guests: UNIT THREE / USA
CIRCUMSONUS / Austria

Jazz Workshop

14:00 - 16:00
Professors from UK and Germany

Jeunesses International Music Competition - Piano

Category D / 1st Round
Category A / 1st Round

May 9

Jazz, blues & pop concerts

19:00 / Art Center Tinerimea Romana
PARAFUSIONS / Italia, Hungary
New Jazz Generation

DORY BAVARSKY TRIO / USA
CIRCUMSONUS / Austria

Caffe Festival - Jazz, Fado, Tango concert

20:30 / Hard Rock Cafe
ORCHESTRA DA TRE SOLDI / Italy
Guests: ELENA MINDRU TRIO / Romania
SENDAI / UK

EUROPafest Club

21:30 / Art Jazz Club
RISIKOGESELLSCHAFT / Germany

Jazz Workshop

14:00 - 15:30
Professors from UK and Germany

Jeunesses International Music Competition - Piano

Category C / 1st Round

Category B / 1st Round

May 10

Jazz, blues & pop concerts

19:00 / Art Center Tinerimea Romana

MILO SUCHOMEL QUARTET / Slovakia

New Jazz Generation

UNIT THREE / USA

RISIKOGESELLSCHAFT / Germany

Caffe Festival - Jazz Concert

20:30 / Hard Rock Cafe

SAXEST & SIIM AIMLA / Estonia

Guest: G.I.R.L. / France

STEPHAN BRAUN TRIO / Germany

Jeunesses International Music Competition - Piano

Category D / Semi-final

May 11

Jazz, blues & pop concerts

19:00 / Art Center Tinerimea Romana

SAXEST & SIIM AIMLA / Estonia

New Jazz Generation

STEPHAN BRAUN TRIO / Germany

ELENA MINDRU TRIO / Romania

Caffe Festival - Jazz, Pop, Funk concert

20:30 / Hard Rock Cafe

MILO SUCHOMEL QUARTET / Slovakia

QL / Romania

Jeunesses International Music Competition - Piano

Category C / Final

Category B / Final

May 12

Caffe Festival

20:30 / Hard Rock Cafe

JAM SESSION

QL / Romania

Jeunesses International Music Competition - Piano

Category A / Final

Category D / Final

May 13

Gala EUROPAfest

19:00 / Auditorium Hall of the Royal Palace

The night of the Gala brings back on stage the most appreciated presences of EUROPAfest. The week of jazz, blues, pop & classic concerts, held by more than 250 musicians from 36 countries, on different scenes in Bucharest, ends on May 13.

On this occasion, the Royal House Diploma will also be awarded.

The EUROPAfest Gala celebrates the best European musicians, in an atmosphere of high excitement and enthusiasm.