

Acclaimed jazz musicians to perform at annual Jazz Marathon in April

Hong Kong's annual "Jazz Marathon" will be held on April 25 (Saturday) at the Arena of the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, featuring acclaimed local and international jazz musicians.

The all-day jazz music event will bring together renowned jazz players of many nationalities to jam and perform various jazz styles. Artists from France, India, Italy, Japan, the Mainland, Russia and the United States will collaborate with local musicians to create a borderless jazz soundscape. The event is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and details of the concerts are as follows:

Day Marathon Concert (2.30pm – 6pm)

Session One

Performers: Atlantis Trio – pianist Roberto Olzer (Italy), sitar player Deobrat Mishra (India) and tabla player Prashant Mishra (India)

Special guest: flute and Chinese flute player Zhang Zhi-yong (Hong Kong)

Session Two

Performers: Marc Berthoumieux Band featuring Giovanni Mirabassi – accordion player Marc Berthoumieux (France), pianist Giovanni Mirabassi (Italy), bass guitarist Laurent Vernerey (France) and drummer Stephane Huchard (France)

Session Three

Performers: Kazumi Watanabe All-Star Band (Japan) – guitarist Kazumi Watanabe, bass guitarist Tetsuo Sakurai, saxophonist Toshiyuki Honda and percussionist Tomohiro Yahiro

Night Marathon Concert (7.15pm – 10.45pm)

Session One

Performers: saxophonist Igor Butman (Russia) and pianist A Bu (Mainland)

Special Guest: bassist Justin Siu (Hong Kong)

Session Two

Performers: Grace Kelly Band (United States) – saxophonist and vocalist Grace Kelly, pianist and keyboardist Devon Yesberger, bass guitarist Julia Adamy and drummer Ross Pederson

Special guest: guitarist Alan Kwan (Hong Kong)

Session Three

Performers: Ozmosys (United States) – drummer Omar Hakim, keyboardist Rachel Z, electric bass guitarist Linley Marthe and guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel

Tickets are priced at \$160, \$260, \$360 and \$480 for the Jazz Marathon Day Concert and \$180, \$280, \$380 and \$520 for the Jazz Marathon Night Concert.

Workshops (to be conducted in English) will be held on April 24 (Friday). Tickets are priced at \$100 for all four sessions. Details are as follows:

Session One (2pm) Committee Room, Queen Elizabeth Stadium

Topic: Rare Instruments in Jazz

Speakers: Deobrat Mishra (sitar), Prashant Mishra (tabla), Marc Berthoumieux (accordion), Zhang Zhi-yong (flute/Chinese flute)

Session Two (3.15pm) Committee Room, Queen Elizabeth Stadium

Topic: Saxophone Meeting

Speakers: Igor Butman, Grace Kelly

Session Three (4.30pm) Committee Room, Queen Elizabeth Stadium

Topic: Meeting with the Supergroups

Speakers: Kazumi Watanabe All-Star Band, Ozmosys

Session Four (6pm) Arena, Queen Elizabeth Stadium

Topic: Piano Meeting

Speakers: Roberto Olzer, Giovanni Mirabassi, A Bu

All tickets are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). An early bird discount of 30 per cent for any standard Marathon Pass is available on tickets purchased no later than March 13 (Friday). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme and workshop enquiries and other concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_944.html.