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 **9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival Begins...**
#ColorsOfJazz

One of the important steps towards Bodrum becoming one of the world's leading tourism destinations was taken with the International Bodrum Jazz Festival, which was first held 9 years ago.

The festival, which has the "Festivals for Europe, Europe for Festivals" stamp (EFFE Label), is supported by institutions such as the General Directorate of Copyrights of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey, Muğla Metropolitan Municipality of the Republic of Turkey, Bodrum Municipality, Embassy of the Netherlands, Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Midtown Shopping and Life Center, Bodrum Photographic Art Association. The festival is also supported by Bodrum's business people and art lovers and is followed with increasing interest every year both domestically and abroad.

The 9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival organized by the Jazz Association (in Türkiye) will take place between June 2 - 14, 2025 with the theme #Colorsofjazz. The program of the festival, which will host successful names of jazz and world music, is being announced with the Press Opening, Plaque Ceremony and Concert held at Bodrium Hotel on Monday, June 2, 2025.

In addition to MAIS A.Ş. and Or Enerji, which provide concert support to the festival, Kısmet Restaurant, Pera Thai, TYRO Restaurant, La Pasion, Körfez Restaurant, Dore Music, Öz Aromaterapi, Emre Alkaç Design, Yeşil Marmaris Lines, Pelin Ofset are providing support. Kent TV, Mag Medya, T24, Jazz Dergisi, Cazkolik, DarkBlueNotes, Radyo ODTÜ, Bodrum Jazz, Bodrum'da Yaşam are among the Press Sponsors.

The festival, which will include 16 events, will provide accommodation support from The Marmara Bodrum, Bodrium Hotel & Spa, Hapimag Sea Garden Resort and Hotel Gümüşlük, and will host venues such as Bodrium Hotel & Spa, Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village, Midtown Metreküp Terrace Stage, Pera 77 Pop Up, Laguna Lounge, Surfer Caravan Beach and Momo Beach.

The program and tickets can be accessed from the Jazz Association's social media accounts (@Cazdernegi) and <https://www.cazdernegi.org/festivals/bodrumcazfestivali>.

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Information and tickets: <https://www.cazdernegi.org/festivals/bodrumcazfestivali>
Bulletin, photos and visuals: <https://www.cazdernegi.org/media/bodrumcazfestivali>
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**\*\*\* Members of the press are invited to the festival. \*\*\***

**9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival Program:**

Monday, June 2, 2025 – Bodrium Hotel & Spa
20:00 – **Press Opening, Plaque Ceremony and Cocktail**
The 9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival program begins with the presentation of the program and the presentation of plaques to the supporting institutions and organizations.
20:30 – **İlgen Küçükseller Jazz Quartet**
The group offers a musical feast from the 1930s to the present day with a repertoire consisting of jazz standards interpreted in styles such as swing, bossa nova, samba and funk.

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village | 1Ticket2Event
20:30 – **Muğla SKÜ GSF Graphics Department 9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival Design Competition Award Ceremony and Exhibition**
We are working on the poster design of the International Bodrum Jazz Festival with students from the Graphics Department of the Faculty of Fine Arts at Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University. You can see all the works that participated in the competition in this exhibition.

21:30 – **Ayşe Sicimoğlu Trio**
Ayşe Sicimoğlu Trio invites you to a time tunnel with a wide and colorful repertoire consisting of classical music, French chansons, hits from the 80s and 90s…

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village | 1Ticket2Event
20:30 – Seminar: **#ColorsOfJazz with Eftal Köklü**
We are waiting for all art lovers to this colorful and educational interview about the monochrome birth of jazz music, the expression of different genres with different colors and the changing colors with different cultures and geographies.

21:30 – **Tahsin Ünüvar Trio | Grapes & Grooves A Sip of Jazz**
In our night, you will rediscover both music and taste in this experience that appeals to your senses with a carefully selected jazz repertoire accompanied by Taste Talks’ enjoyable narration.

Thursday, June 5, 2024 – Dibeklihan Culture and Art Village | 1Ticket2Event
20:30 – **Erol Pekcan Jazz Semai with Leyla Diana Gücük and Nazlı Toprak | Guest: Sebla Pekcan**
We commemorate drummer Erol Pekcan, who made jazz music popular in Turkey and supported and inspired young musicians, with his daughter Sebla Pekcan, with photos from the artist’s life and music.

21:30 – **Neşet Ruacan Trio feat. Yalçın Ateş**
*9th Lifetime Jazz Award will be presented to Yalçın Ateş*Before the Neşet Ruacan Trio concert, which has become a traditional event of the festival, our valuable artists Yalçın Ateş and Uğur Başar are presented with the 9th Bodrum Jazz Festival Lifetime Jazz Award.

Friday, June 6, 2025 – The Marmara Bodrum Pera 77 Pop Up
20:30 – **International Rhodes & South Aegean Jazz Festival Sisterhood Concert feat. Dimitrios Vassilakis**

As part of the cultural bridge we have been maintaining for years with our sister festival, the International Rhodes & South Aegean Jazz Festival, this year we are meeting you on stage with the International Rhodes & South Aegean Jazz Festival Sisterhood Concert feat. Dimitrios Vassilakis event.

Saturday, June 7, 2025 – The Marmara Bodrum Pera 77 Pop Up
20:30 –**Songs for “Blue” | Şenay Lambaoğlu and Tuluğ Tırpan**
From Ömer Hayyam to Nazım Hikmet, from Füruğ Ferruhzad to Can Yücel, the composed poems of unforgettable poets are coming to life again. The duo meets with art lovers by reinterpreting original works with improvisation.

Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Mor Salkım Vineyards
19:00 – **Jazz in the Vineyard | Özge Metin Trio – with Murat Arkan and Serdar Gönenç**
Özge Metin Trio, with their repertoire ranging from French to Balkan melodies as well as jazz standards, meets with you music lovers in the vineyards with a magnificent ambiance.

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – Midtown Shopping and Living Center Metreküp Terrace Stage
20:30 – **KAPIKO**
KAPIKO, one of Türkiye’s most special projects that will make you forget everything you know about the kaval and rediscover this instrument with modern jazz, meets you on the 9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival stage!

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – Surfer Caravan Beach | 1Ticket2Event
20:30 – **Hülya Sezgün Yıldız Jazz Project with Blue Ensemble**
Hülya Sezgün Yıldız and Blue Ensemble meet you, music lovers, on the 9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival stage with their new project.
22:00 – **Daan Schreuder Trio**The trio, consisting entirely of young talents from the heart of Amsterdam, combine their different backgrounds and experiences to create a fun and innovative project that is respectful of the tradition of art.

Thursday, June 12, 2025 – Momo Beach
20:30 – **Ferit Odman Quintet**
You will embark on a beautiful journey into the depths of the hard-bop world at the concert where Ferit Odman, one of the pioneers of jazz drumming in Turkey, will feature quintet arrangements from his albums Autumn In New York and Nommo.

Saturday, June 14, 2025 – Laguna Lounge - Hapimag
20:30 – **Sibel Köse & Michiel Borstlap | Love Songs**

A romantic concert awaits you with a repertoire of love songs that the duo, who have given many concerts together in Turkey and abroad, love to interpret among jazz standards…

 **Special: Jazz Festival from the Curator**

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the announcement of the 9th International Bodrum Jazz Festival, set to take place from June 2nd to 14th, 2025. This year’s theme, #ColorsOfJazz, invites us to celebrate the rich diversity, creativity, and emotional depth that jazz brings to our lives. Jazz, at its core, is a genre that transcends boundaries and defies definition. It draws from a wide spectrum of influences—cultural, social, and musical—creating a palette of sound that is as varied and vibrant as the world itself. Just as an artist mixes colors on a canvas, jazz musicians blend rhythms, harmonies, and improvisations to create something new and exciting at every moment.

The Bodrum Jazz Festival has always been a hub for innovation and artistic exchange, and this year’s theme highlights the importance of diversity in both music and in life. #ColorsOfJazz symbolizes how jazz reflects the full spectrum of human experience, from joy and celebration to sorrow and contemplation. Throughout the festival, you will have the opportunity to experience performances that range from traditional jazz to cutting-edge fusion, showcasing a brilliant array of artists from all corners of the globe. The festival is not just an event; it is a celebration of how music, through its many colors, connects us all—no matter where we come from.

As we prepare for this unforgettable experience, we invite you to immerse yourself in the magic of jazz, to witness the beautiful fusion of past and present, tradition and innovation, all in the stunning setting of Bodrum. With world-class performances, workshops, and collaborations, #ColorsOfJazz will be a journey through sound that inspires, excites, and brings us together. We hope you will join us in celebrating this incredible art form and the colors it brings to our lives from June 2nd to 15th, 2025. Thank you, and let the music play!

**Festival Program**

While creating the festival program, as usual, we included the voices that we think will best reflect this year's theme among the artists who applied. While choosing the bands, we completed our selections by prioritizing the bands that perform other colors of jazz, which we have difficulty in including in most festivals.

With your valuable contributions, we want to join forces in announcing and distributing the festivals program. Let's ask you to share your comments and suggestions with the #CazınRenkleri tag. The program will be announced at www.cazdernegi.org address from beginning of April.

**Why Jazz Festival?**

Festivals shape the future of a city, raise the morale of the residents, and help those who invest in the city get the desired response. Bodrum is a lucky town in this sense. In addition to its natural beauty, it is a settlement with many people, institutions and organizations that will understand, evaluate and support the meaning that a festival will add to the city. We would like to thank the **Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Muğla Metropolitan Municipality, Bodrum Municipality** and all supporting institutions and organizations, press organizations, everyone who made an effort, all our participating musicians and as always, our esteemed listeners.

As every year, we would like to thank our dear **Prof. Erol Turgut,** Head of the Department of Graphics at the Faculty of Fine Arts of Bodrum Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University and the jury member professors, as well as our winning student **Zeynep Özdemir** for this colorful work.

As the Board of Directors, we would like to thank our team, especially **Selin Demiral, İrem Gökçe Sancaklı, Burak Bozkurt,** our technical advisor **Erdinç Aktuğ**, our Financial Advisor **Selma Çetin** and all our volunteers, who made the festival possible with their devoted work and hard work.

Every ticket you find at Biletinial is transferred to a **Jazz Association Jazz Scholarship**, every ticket is very precious. Come, multiply, share. Let's meet at concerts to increase the energy needed to look to the future with more hope.

**Özlem Oktar Varoğlu**Jazz Society President and Festival Curator