



PRESS RELEASE | 4TH OF OCTOBER 2019

INTRODUCING THE FESTIVAL DAYS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 11TH AND 12TH OF OCTOBER

The Friday starts at 1:30hpm with a Jazzinino workshop for kids with our partner Bandmakers. Jazzinino is a special music - activities program organized by Cairo Jazz Festival since its beginning in 2009 to introduce Jazz to kids. The program, now, is a platform that presents promising talents through its showcases, giving chances to create, aspire and conduct designed workshops by music specialists and professionals.

Jazzinino will present their workshop results at 4pm.

Also there is a open mic session for everyone who wants to join and to jam. Friday 3.30pm

Groove Ensemble from Egypt opens the evening performances at 5pm in the Ewart Hall. Groove Ensemble was founded at the American University in Cairo's Music Department , led by Bassist Samer George. He played with numerous artists in Egypt and also at different Jazz events.

This is the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groove.ensemble.Egypt>

Fischermann's Orchestra follows at 6pm in the AUC garden and will be for sure a highlight of the this year's festival. The 11-man orchestra comes from Switzerland. The Fischermanns Orchestra is always on the move, musically free and footloose, drawing upon many different cultural influences and inspiration to form its own distinctive sound. In 2014 Fischermanns Orchestra has been honored by the Lucerne Jazz Award.

After touring in Europe and South America for several times, it will be their first time in Middle East and in Egypt. Talking to Simon Petermann, he confirms that the orchestra is looking forward to come to Cairo. They feel home on all stages world wide and they are very interested in playing for the people in Egypt. They do not see themselves as tourists but as musicians to get in connection with the country and the people through their music and all meetings in Cairo.

Fischermann's Orchestra also offers a Sound Painting workshop. Sound painting was invented by Walter Thompson. As a soundpainter you do not use colours to create a picture but movements to make musicians sound. Some kind of a conductor but the orchestra has no music sheets but follows your movement instructions. Everyone can join, more information will follow.

Here is the link to Fischermann's Orchestra Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/fischermansorchestra/> and their Website: <https://www.fischermans-orchestra.ch/>

www.cairojazzfest.com

From Portugal comes Mario Laginha Trio, performing at 7:15pm in Ewart Hall. Mário João Laginha is a pianist and composer, is one of the most well-known Portuguese jazz musicians today. He is mostly recognized for his collaborations with Portuguese jazz singer Maria João, with whom he recorded over a dozen albums and toured worldwide extensively. In partnership with the Portuguese Government. His website is currently under construction, but here is his Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/mario.laginha.3>

Aziz Maraka from Jordan will perform in the AUC garden at 8:30pm, a unique opportunity to see him live in Cairo this year. Another musical highlight at the 11th Cairo Jazz Festival. He will come with his band. He says about himself: „I'm a Music Maker, my purpose is to create musical content for all listeners and thinkers“. It is hard to understand this genre if you haven't heard it. It has the energy from rock, but it is still pure Jordanian thoughts and Arabic tunes. The Jazz smooths it out a little, so you get Razz.

Here is his Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/AzizMaraka>

Jü Blowing Bulbs from Hungary closes the Festival day 2 at 9.30pm in Ewart Hall. Jü plays the music of ecstasy. Psychedelic noise rock, power-jazz and folk all form an integral part of their compositions, evolving from seemingly rigorous, repetitive swirling patterns that deliver spectacular amounts of energy. Apart from obvious reminiscences of the golden age of fusion (late 60s, early 70s), Jü's main objective is far from evoking that era. In cooperation with the ministry of foreign affairs and trade of Hungary and National cultural fund of Hungary.

Here is their bandcamp page: <https://weareju.bandcamp.com/>

Saturday 12th of October is the 3rd festival day and will start with a showcase of Bandmakers at 11am. Bandmakers goal is to create and inspire a new generation of musicians by teaching music using innovative and fun methods. Their instructors are originally musicians so they will be getting the best tips and tricks out there from the professionals! In the showcase they perform themselves. Here is their Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/bandmakersegypt/>

Also on Saturday we will have the Jazzinino Workshop and open mics session in the morning and Jazzinino workshop presentation at 4pm.

The evening performances will start with Birds Against Hurricanes from Austria at 5pm in Ewart Hall. Birds against hurricanes are three free spirits spreading their wings and riding the wind, way above rules and conventions. Three independent individuals merging their experiences, their history and their imaginations. A unique blend of instruments. A mesmerizing world of sound, composition and improvisation. With our official partner Austrian Culture forum.

Here we go with their Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Birds-against-Hurricanes-1060484670728865/>

Sherif Moustafa Group comes from Egypt and will continue at 6pm in the AUC garden. Sherif Mostafa is best known as the guitarist with a big heart, soul and spirit. Genre? What genre? This is a musician who believes that good music sounds good in any genre. Sherif Mostafa and his group, mastering the fine chords of new age over a 39-years old guitar love story.

Check him out here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/397731697819429/>

The 1st Italian Jazz act to play at Cairo Jazz Festival since its beginning, Saturday at 7pm in Ewart Hall. Livio Minafra, a pianist with his music of exchange and contamination, rich in oriental echoes, of minimalistic contents, with ethnic references. You can define it as jazz but it is a limitative definition. Winner of the important Italian "Top Jazz" prize in 2005, 2008 and 2011. Livio Minafra primarily performs solo and has also engaged in many prestigious collaborations with many other groups.

Here is his website: <https://www.liviominafra.com/>

Yousra El Hawary at 8.10pm in the AUC garden will be the last Egyptian performance at 11th Cairo Jazz Festival. Yousra El Hawary is an accordionist, composer, songwriter, singer and actress from Cairo, Egypt. She has been composing her own songs, a satirical mix of social and political commentary, since 2010. In the early stages of her career, she would take to the stage only with her accordion, her lively presence and unique musical style soon had her garnering a loyal following.

Here she is on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YousraElHawary/>

The Jazz Festival 2019 will host Jeff Herr Corporation from Luxembourg as last act at 9.30pm in Ewart Hall. It is the 2nd year in a row, that CJF presents Jazz from Luxembourg in cooperation with Music LX. This year Jeff Herr's new Corporation surprises with a new setting and dexterity, presenting itself now as a linear trio, without the need for a harmonical instrument. Maxime Bender on Saxophone and Laurent Payfert on Bass. Well arranged and structured songs as well as wild and free improvisations cover the band's large repertoire, filled with some surprising cover songs from well-known Pop artists such as David Bowie and Jimi Hendrix.

The Jeff Herr Corporation is presented on his website: <http://jeff-herr.com/jeff-herr-corporation>

In Spotify a public playlist is available with a selection of this year's artists:

<https://open.spotify.com/user/k39prtodh91qngzz9re8birgl/playlist/0DO7vB5oeQHE1YCvFCBHfh?si=d10Q50fwSP2sL94kHv7Tng>

QR Code for Spotify Playlist



Information are also available at the Cairo Jazz Festival Website:

www.cairojazzfest.com

and in Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/cairojazzfest>

www.cairojazzfest.com

Media representatives who want to cover the festival are kindly asked for accreditation:
<https://www.cairojazzfest.com/media-pr>

Please feel free to contact us for further information!
More to come soon...

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