



PRESS RELEASE | 30<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2019

INTRODUCING THE ARTISTS OF THE FIRST FESTIVAL DAY, THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER

The Cairo Jazz Festival opens its doors on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 5:30h with a reception for invited guests only.

Cairo Jazz Festival is happy to present CIRCLE OF FOUR as the opening act of 2019 at 7pm in the Ewart Hall, AUC Tahrir Cultural Center. Led by pianist George Nabil, the quartet introduces the repertoire of the American songbook with their own signature featuring Egypt's uprising Jazz vocalist, Amena El Abd.

Circle of Four Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/circleOFfourJAZZBAND/>

Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/513059406159917/>

ARTVARK SAXOPHONE QUARTET at 8pm, also in the Ewart Hall, dives deep into the World of Groove. Their partner in crime on this occasion is the mighty collective DRUMS UNITED which is led by Lucas van Merwijk. Imagine Artvark clawing and creeping their way across a stage as a four-headed morsten, blowing wailing saxophone melodies and set in soulful soundscapes, while Drums United cook up their ultimate and distinctive World Groove.

Artvark Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/artvarksq/>

Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/392915591555773/>

Artvark and Drums United Promo Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/cairojazzfest/videos/689743971507382/>

THE GYPSY JAZZ PROJECT, a Cairo based band will perform at 9:15 in the AUC garden. Influenced by the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli and their Gypsy Jazz tunes that started out a while before 1937 when one of the biggest hits was released "Minor Swing". The band is the first and the only to present the up-swinging, waltzy and sometimes quite tranquil music to the jazz scene.

Gypsy Jazz Project Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/thegypsyjazzprojectCairo/>

The Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/542668263150643/>

WUST EL BALAD, an amazing blend of sounds, combining traditional Arabic music with a modern and western twist, is successful in making their music as accessible as possible, not just in Cairo, but beyond. They will close the first day with their performance at 10:15pm, also in the AUC garden.

Wust El Balad Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/wustelbalad/>

Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1616647535145214/>

Wust El Balad Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGCBS0av8Ro>

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

<https://open.spotify.com/user/k39prtodh91qngzz9re8birgl/playlist/0DO7vB5oeQHE1YCvFCBHfh?si=dl0Q50fwSP2sL94kHv7Tng>

QR Code for Spotify Playlist



Information are also available at the Cairo Jazz Festival Website:

[www.cairojazzfest.com](http://www.cairojazzfest.com)

and in Facebook:

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

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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