

International Jazz Day 2013 celebrations

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The concert begins at 7pm UK.

Herbie Hancock will lead an ensemble of renowned musicians at a concert in Istanbul tonight to celebrate [International Jazz Day](#).

Nearly 100 events have already been confirmed in countries worldwide, from an open-air concert in Yerevan, Armenia, to concerts in Swaziland.

The festivities begin in Turkey this morning with a workshop for Turkish high school students conducted by Hancock and [Wayne Shorter](#). Hancock is paying tribute to the special connection between Turkey and jazz music forged decades ago when the Turkish ambassador opened his residence to music sessions from white and black musicians (including jazz greats such as Lester Young, Benny Carter, Johnny Hodges and Rex Stewart) at a time when segregation held sway in Washington. "That was fantastic ... that the Ambassador always had the embassy open to jazz musicians," Hancock told AP. "Think about the state of civil rights and race relations at that time."

The evening concert at Istanbul's Hagia Irene will feature performances by pianists John Beasley — the event's musical director — George Duke and Robert Glasper. Trumpeter Hugh Masekela will perform and the vocalists will include Al Jarreau, Milton Nascimento and Dianne Reeves. There will be violin from Jean-Luc Ponty.

UK events for International Jazz Day are:

- MOBO winners Kairos 4tet (Cambridge Modern Jazz at Emmanuel URC Church, 8-11pm)
- The Art of Communication & Innovation: Lessons From the World of Jazz (University of Gloucestershire, 11am)
- "The J Word" presents Trilo Gurtu/Paolo Fresu/Omar Sosa (Old Fruitmarket, Glasgow, 8pm)
- 100 Years of Jazz with Sue Parish, Jon Moore & Frank Grime (The Robert Gillow, Lancaster, 9pm-midnight)
- Alan Barnes with B.B.Q Quintet (Royal British Legion, Llay, Wrexham, 8.30-11pm).
- Soka Gakkai International UK concert featuring pianist Marc Cary (Carlton Hall, Brixton, London, 7.30-9.30pm)
- Ken Peplowski live at the Pizza Express Jazz Club (Soho, London, 8:30pm)
- Jazzmo'thology "Soulful Spirit" by DaPaul (Map Music Cafe, London NW5, 8:30-10:30pm)
- Los Musicos, Latin Jazz Day (The Dog House Pub, London SE11 6BY, 8:30-11pm)
- United Kingdom Jazz concert (Leaside Church, Ware, Hertfordshire, 7:30pm-9pm)

Hancock hopes to build on the success of last year's inaugural event which included star-studded concerts at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, New Orleans' Congo Square, and the UN General Assembly Hall in New York.