

International Jazz Day 2021 Concert Announced

The UNESCO-sponsored event's 10th-anniversary celebration will take place online

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Dianne Reeves (photo: Odasan Macovich)

For the second consecutive year, festivities for International Jazz Day will take place in a virtual setting. The UNESCO-sponsored event, which this year marks its 10th anniversary, will

present its 2021 flagship concert in a live webcast that audiences can view via YouTube, Facebook, and the UNESCO and International Jazz Day websites at 5 p.m. ET on April 30.

The webcast will include performances streamed from cities around the world, including New York, Los Angeles, Paris, London, Moscow, Cape Town, Tokyo, and Rio de Janeiro. Performers will include Russian saxophonist Igor Butman, British pianist Jacob Collier, South African trumpeter Mandisi Dyantis, Brazilian pianist Ivan Lins, and Japanese pianist Junko Onishi, along with American jazz icons Dee Dee Bridgewater, Cyrus Chestnut, Kenny Garrett, Joe Lovano, Dianne Reeves, and Ben Williams.

Legendary pianist and International Jazz Day creator Herbie Hancock will serve as the concert's artistic director, with John Beasley as musical director. Academy Award-winning actor Michael Douglas is the host for the event (broadcasting from the United Nations in New York).

Following the webcast, U.S. audiences can tune into PBS at 9 p.m. ET for the premiere broadcast of *International Jazz Day 10th Anniversary Celebration*. The special features highlights from the last 10 years of International Jazz Day concerts, including those in New York, Istanbul, Osaka, Paris, Washington, D.C., Havana, St. Petersburg, New Orleans, and Melbourne.

While the live webcast is the flagship event for International Jazz Day 2021, participants around the world will be celebrating the event in thousands of jazz-related festivities. A full schedule of official events can be found at the International Jazz Day [website](#).