

Saxophonist Igor Butman to represent Russia at International Jazz Day in Melbourne

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MOSCOW, March 25. /TASS/. Jazz saxophonist Igor Butman will become the only Russian participant at the All-Star Global Concert in the Australian city of Melbourne on April 30, the press service of the artist reported on Monday.

"Igor Butman will be the only Russian musician to perform at the All-Star Global Concert in the Hamer Hall of the Melbourne Center for the Arts this year," the press service said.

The Global Concert in Melbourne will be part of the worldwide celebration of International Jazz Day 2019. The concert will receive an international broadcast via YouTube and Facebook services, as well as on the UN and UNESCO websites.

According to the press release on the website of the event, iconic jazz pianist Herbie Hancock (USA) and acclaimed trumpeter James Morrison (Australia) will serve as artistic co-directors of the All-Star Global Concert, and John Beasley (USA) will serve as the evening's musical director.

"The concert will feature performances by an international roster of artists from more than a dozen countries. Confirmed artists include: Cieavash Arian (Iran), William Barton (Australia), Dee Dee Bridgewater (USA), Till Bronner (Germany), A Bu (China), Eli Degibri (Israel), Kurt Elling (USA), Matthew Jodrell (Australia), Ledisi (USA), Eijiro Nakagawa (Japan), Mark Nightingale (United Kingdom), Chico Pinheiro (Brazil), Tineke Postma (Netherlands), Eric Reed (USA), Antonio S-nchez (Mexico), Nathan Schreiber (Australia), Somi (USA), Lizz Wright (USA), and Tarek Yamani (Lebanon)," according to the press release.

The International Jazz Day is annually marked on April 30. UNESCO established the date in 2011. In 2018, Russia hosted the International Jazz Day and Igor Butman served as the artistic co-director of the festival.