

Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Dee Dee Bridgewater among musicians invited to play all-star concert

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A view of the Eiffel Tower in Paris as the city paid tribute to the victims of a terrorist attack that killed 12 people in January. The French capital has been selected to host the fourth annual International Jazz Day on April 30. (Aurelien Meunier/Getty Images)

Jazz musicians from around the world will gather this April in Paris for International Jazz Day.

UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Herbie Hancock hopes the event will bring an uplifting "positive message" to a city still reeling from last month's terrorist attacks. Hancock and UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova announced Wednesday that Paris has been selected to be the global host city for the fourth annual International Jazz Day on April 30.

They say Paris was chosen because of its nearly century-old jazz tradition. The event is also intended to be a highlight of observances of UNESCO's 70th anniversary.



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The All-Star Global Concert at UNESCO's Paris headquarters climaxing the day's events will feature such jazz stars as Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Dianne Reeves, Hugh Masekela and Igor Butman.