

Live: The International Jazz Day All-Star Global Concert in Abu Dhabi!

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Join *JazzTimes* on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 for the live webcast of the International Jazz Day All-Star Global Concert in Abu Dhabi! The stream below will begin at 4pm ET on April 30 and run for approximately two hours.

Each year since 2011, the world has leaned into the pocket for International Jazz Day. And on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, the event will be celebrated in more than 190 countries through a range of programming and performances. *JazzTimes* is pleased to bring you the live webcast of the culminating event.

Abu Dhabi is this year's host city, where five weeks of shows, community events and educational opportunities have already commenced. International Jazz Day 2025 centers on melding traditional jazz settings with some of the region's instruments — oud, qanoon and ney. And it all culminates in the Jazz Day 2025 All-Star Global Concert at [Etihad Arena](#).

Herbie Hancock and actor Jeremy Irons are set to host the performances, which will include contributions from vocalists Dee Dee Bridgewater, José James and Kurt Elling, and bassists Marcus Miller and Linda May Han Oh, among scores of others.

“International Jazz Day reminds us that music has the power to transcend borders, foster dialogue, and spark joy and hope,” said Herbie Hancock, whose eponymous Institute of Jazz helped plan the worldwide events.



To deepen the international connections of the music, educational and cultural offerings span the globe, but also include dozens of events throughout the States, including: “[A Bobby Watson Retrospective](#),” led by the saxophonist in Columbia, Missouri; the “[Vibes Summit](#)” in Baltimore, helmed by Joe Locke and Warren Wolf; an open house at the Brubeck Collection in Wilton, Connecticut; [Kneebody](#) performing at Dazzle in Denver; and a raft of events set in [New York City](#).

Hundreds of other performances throughout the world are planned, including [trumpeter Mark Kavuma](#) playing in London.

The yearly celebration, which aims to create a cultural and musical dialogue across borders, was initially founded by UNESCO in [November 2011](#). To complement the live sets and other programming, a range of educational presentations and discussions are also set to stream in Arabic, English and Spanish. The talks run the gamut, from masterclasses with saxophonist Melissa Aldana, and pianists Mazen Lawand and Dan Tepfer to a seminar on rhythm, hosted by drummer Terri Lyne Carrington and pianist Danilo Pérez.

“We are thrilled to celebrate this international day on a high note in the UNESCO Creative City of Music Abu Dhabi,” said UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay. “This edition will highlight the city’s rich tapestry of creativity and cultural heritage while showcasing jazz’s ability to connect communities and promote dialogue and peace across continents.”

For additional information about the festivities, visit the [International Jazz Day website](#) or [UNESCO homepage](#). *JT*