

## PRAGUE JAZZ WEEK 2017

Friday, August 4



### 16.00 – 17.10 JAZZ EFERRÄTT

Lukáš Chejn: guitar; Martin Plachý: saxophone; Vít Pospíšil: keyboards; Tomáš Uhlík: bass guitar; Ondřej Pomajsl: drums  
Jazz Efterrätt is an association of young professional musicians who play together for a long time. The band consists of graduates of the Prague Conservatory and plays original songs on the border of fusion, funk and modern jazz.

### 17.30 – 18.40 TOUGH 3

Adam Tvrдый: guitar; Jan Jakubec: bass guitar; Jiří Stivín: drums  
Adam Tvrдый is a guitarist and songwriter with an expressive multi-genre expression. In his interpretations and improvisations focuses mainly on his creative ideas while respecting the traditions and vocabulary of musical style. Adam's music could be described as contemporary or modern jazz, taking in her hear elements of style that is most affected (blues, classic rock, modern and classic jazz, latin music, classical music).

### 19.00 – 20.10 LATIN WAVE

Alois Hedervári: drums; Marek Prokop: saxophone; Stanislav Mácha: piano; Vladimír Kliment: bass guitar  
Latin Wave Group was established musicians who share an interest in jazz-inspired elements of traditional Afro-Cuban music. The main character is a "master bandleader" Lojza Hedervári.

### 20.30 – 21.40 PETR KROUTIL & HIS BROTHERS

Petr Kroutil: saxophone, vocal, guitar; Vít Pospíšil: keyboards; Vít Švec: double bass; Michal Hejna: drums; Imran Musa Zangi: percussions  
The group was founded around charismatic frontman, actor, sax player and singer Petr Kroutil. The success of TV series he perform in allowed him to go to USA, where he studied at Berklee College of Music. Later he soaked up musical impulses in Nepal. Since 2011 Kroutil regularly plays in Agharta with great reactions. His concert programme is sparkling combination of swing, smooth jazz, rock, pop and reggae. The show offering not only good music but also intelligent and spontaneous humor is absolutely unique in Bohemia. You can be sure of that by listening to the new album "Just The Way I Am" (ARTA Records).

## OLD TOWN SQUARE – OPEN AIR

Saturday, August 5



### 16.00 – 17.10 MICHAL GERA BAND

Michal Gera: trumpet, flugelhorn; Petr Zeman: guitar; Vít Švec: double bass; Jiří Stivín jr.: drums  
Michal Gera Band is a permanent fixture on the Czech jazz scene. In a changing cast group acts since 1981 successfully both at home and abroad. The characteristic sound of the band came from the combination of modern variants Post-Bebop Mainstream jazz with elements of blues, rock and Latin rhythms. The repertoire consists mainly of tunes by Michal Gera and jazz standards and offers opportunities to improvise for all band members.

### 17.30 – 18.00 ŠTĚPÁN MARKOVIČ & AGHARTA GANG

Štěpán Markovič: saxophone; Ondřej Kabrna: keyboards; Vít Švec: double bass; Michal Hejna: drums  
Random musical reunion of old friends in 2007 gave reason to the formation of a band that regularly performs predominantly in the Agharta jazz club. From Ostrava travels keyboardist Boris Urbánek, a distinctive personality of Moravian jazz, the initiator of the band, drummer Michael flocks played for the first time already in 1982 in his Jazz Laboratory. In the same year, Michal Hejna met with Štěpán Markovič in the very famous group, ESP, and in big band, Transjazz, with a fellow conservatory student Vitek Švec. In 2009, a recording called "There Is Hope" (ARTA Records) was done. There are songs from the days of Jazz Laboratory, Urbánek's tune "The Golden Sunday" among others.

### 19.00 – 20.10 ST. JOHNNY

Jan Stehlík: vocal, guitar; Wimpy: bass guitar; Pavel Plánka: drums  
To date, St. Johnny is the only band in Czech Republic playing 1950's jump blues, and is currently one of the leading blues bands in the country. The origin of the band comes from St. JOHNNY's travels in the U.S., where he fell in love with the blues. Swing-blues guitar, the raw tember of St. JOHNNY and vintage tube amplifiers guarantee authentic sound of the band. The repertoire is a mix of good old blues staples and the band's original work.

### 20.30 – 21.40 AGHARTA BAND

Adam Tvrдый: guitar; Ondřej Kabrna: piano; Vít Švec: double bass; Michal Hejna: drums; Imran Musa Zangi: percussions  
As the name implies, this band can be heard only in Agharta club. The drummer and club manager Michal Hejna, regularly invites musicians with whom he likes to play. Especially sensitive and romantic pianist Ondřej Kabrna, bassist Vít Švec, and ultimately universal guitarist Adam Tvrдый. Special guest for today will be percussionist Imran Musa Zangi.

Sunday, August 6



### 16.00 – 17.10 ONDŘEJ KABRNA & FLYING POWER

Ondřej Kabrna: keyboards; Kryštof Tomeček: bass guitar; Lukáš Pavlík: drums  
The Ondřej Kabrna Trio, which was formed in January 2010, plays only original music, mostly Kabrna's own compositions, something between jazz, fusion, and classical. The music is energetic, full of emotion and searches for new directions and sounds, like the music of the late Esbjörn Svensson. The unique sound of the group, heard on its new album "Timeways", is in no small measure thanks to the musical performances of its members.

### 17.30 – 18.40 JAROSLAV ŠIMÍČEK QUARTET

Jaroslav Šimíček: double bass; Osian Roberts/ David Fárek: saxophone; Vít Pospíšil: piano; Dušan Černák: drums  
Bassist and composer Jaroslav Šimíček put together a quartet of distinctive musicians for his modern jazz compositions on albums "The Way Home" and "Quintet" (ARTA Records). Šimíček is also a member of numerous Prague bands devoted mainly to more traditional jazz – Petr Kroutil, Petra Ernyei, Olga Škrancová and Dana Šimíčková (Shadde Yadda Quartet).

### 19.00 – 20.10 LUBOŠ ANDRŠT GROUP

Luboš Andršt: guitar; Vít Pospíšil: keyboards; Filip Benešovský: bass guitar; Michal Hejna: drums  
Although a distinctive figure of Czech jazz now, Luboš Andršt is rightfully called the best local blues guitarist. He is also a superb composer. His harmonic compositions, unmistakably his own, reflect Latin, jazz, and blues influences, and, in addition to the performances of the experienced members of the band, create the original sound of the Luboš Andršt Group. Evidence of that is also provided by the group's latest album, "Moment in Time" (ARTA Records).

### 20.30 – 21.40 RHYTHM DESPERADOS

Boris Urbánek: keyboards; Michal Žáček: saxophone, flute; Zdeněk Wimpy Tichota: bass guitar; Michal Hejna: drums  
The programme would not be complete without an appearance by the Rhythm Desperados, playing a combination of jazz, latin jazz, and funk. The energetic appearances of this Ostrava- and Prague-based group at the Agharta Jazz Centrum always makes for an extraordinary experience, not only for the club-goers but also for the musicians themselves. In addition to the considerable interest in their album "Volcano", the band can boast a successful tour this year in Mexico and New York.