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**PRESS RELEASE**

# Opening of the 55<sup>th</sup> Montreux Jazz Festival

**The 55<sup>th</sup> edition of the Montreux Jazz Festival starts tonight, 2nd July, and runs until the 17<sup>th</sup>. The performances of Woodkid on the Lake Stage and Raul Midón at the Petit Théâtre will launch this unique edition. Various concerts will be live streamed on the Qello Concerts platform by Stingray.**

Finally, the big day has arrived. This liberating moment that the entire Festival team has been anticipating for exactly 720 days is here at last: the artists and their audiences will come together at Montreux from tonight! After two years of dashed hopes and disappointments, emotions will be running high when the opening notes of Annie Taylor's and Woodkid's concerts resound across the lake. Designed a few months ago in the throes of uncertainty and then built in just a few weeks, the Lake Stage will have a seated capacity of 520 each evening in a brand new and breathtaking environment.

Emotions will be just as high at the Petit Théâtre, the iconic stage of the event's informal slogan: 'Small is Beautiful'. By way of opening, the soulful voices of Charlotte Grace and Raul Midón will captivate each of the 200 privileged souls present in the sumptuous setting of the Montreux Palace.

## **LIVE STREAMED CONCERTS**

To allow as many people as possible to enjoy them, various concerts will be streamed live on the Qello Concerts by Stingray platform. These include: Raul Midón, Ibrahim Maalouf, Oscar Anton, Nathy Peluso, Sam Fischer, Altin Gün... [The full streaming schedule can be found on our website.](#)

## FREE ACTIVITIES: OBLIGATORY RESERVATION

Entry to the Festival's free activities and the restaurant areas is by reservation only, via the websites [mjf.ch](http://mjf.ch) or [TheFork.ch](http://TheFork.ch). Bookings open every day at midday for the following day. They can be made for slots of a maximum of 2 hours. There will be no food or craft stalls on the Montreux waterfront during the event.

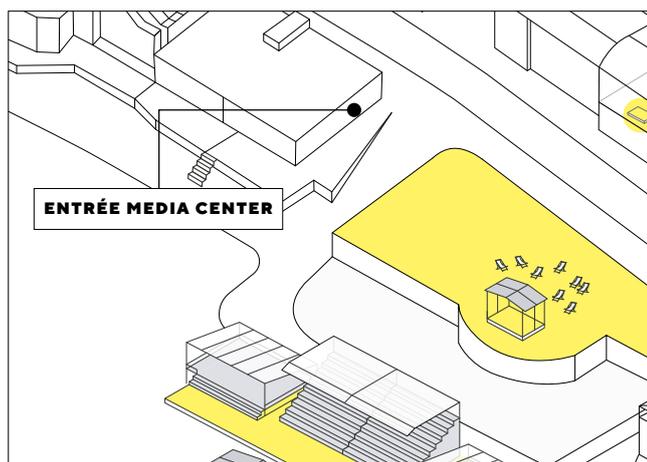
## TICKETED CONCERTS: COVID CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

A COVID certificate is required to access the ticketed concerts only. It may be presented in paper or digital format. As a reminder, the COVID certificate is issued upon request to those who meet one of the following criteria:

- People fully vaccinated with a vaccine authorised in Switzerland or by the European Medicines Agency.
- People who have been previously infected by COVID-19 in the 6 previous months but more than 11 days ago.
- People presenting a negative result for a PCR test carried out within 72 hours of the start of the concert or for a rapid antigen test carried out by professionals within 48 hours of the start of the concert (excluding self-tests and serological tests).

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## ACCREDITATION & MEDIA CENTER



*Accreditation requests for paying concerts are now closed. Nevertheless, the press service remains at your disposal to help you with your editorial projects (filming, reports, interviews) and welcomes you every day from 4pm to 11pm at the Media Center. Accessible in the Miles Davis Hall, level A3, the Media Center is the nerve center for all media professionals. Available services include high-resolution photographs, audio and video clips, workspaces, and daily line-up and running orders.*

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