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PRESS RELEASE

OPENING OF THE 56TH MONTREUX JAZZ FESTIVAL

*“Back in
full swing!”*

The 56th edition of the Montreux Jazz Festival is opening today. Until 16 July, live music can finally be enjoyed to the full in Montreux with more than 500 concerts and activities across 13 stages, reflecting the sheer diversity of the Festival line-up.

On 13 July 2019, a certain Quincy Jones closed the 53th edition at the Auditorium Stravinski. Tonight, 1,084 days later, the Festival will finally return to its rightful place. A timeless anthem will mark its return: the famous ‘Take on Me’, sung by pop trio **A-ha**. At the opening of the Montreux Jazz Lab, the appearances of **Sophie Hunger**, **Dino Brandão** and **Faber** also symbolise a certain return to normality. After their joint concert on the ephemeral lake stage last summer, the three Swiss artists will each present their solo projects under the Festival’s iconic acoustic conditions.

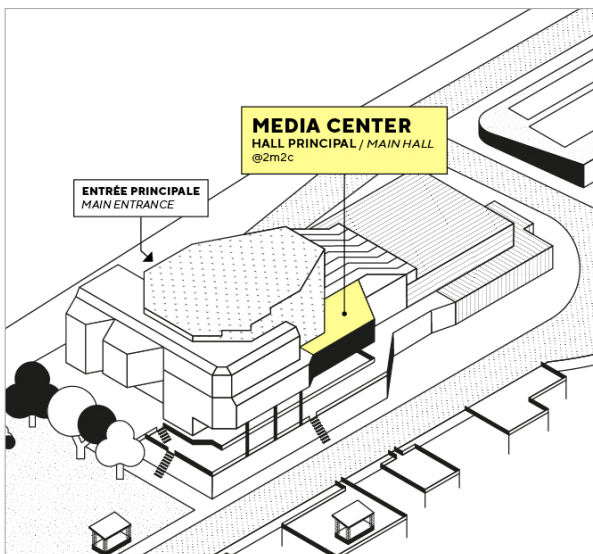
NEW THIS YEAR

More than ever, the Montreux Jazz Festival is showcasing its ability to innovate while preserving its values of hospitality. Nothing embodies this spirit more than the Lake House, an outstanding new feature of this edition, spread out over eight rooms, each offering an intimate, tailor-made experience. More than 250 activities will invite the public to discover music, culture or technology. Today begins with a special Bowie evening at the Cinema, a concert by British jazz sensation **Emma-Jean Thackray** at the Memphis and a number of appearances by techno pioneer **Carl Craig**, who will be moving from venue to venue to present a workshop, a vinyl record, a DJ set and more.

In addition to the Lake House, two new venues have been added to the free programme: the Ipanema, an electro stage right at the water’s edge, and the Super Bock Stage in Parc Vernex, which has been completely redesigned as a Biergarten.

LIVE STREAMING

Once again, we've partnered with **Qello Concerts by Stingray** to livestream the 56th edition of the Montreux Jazz Festival for free! From July 1 to July 16, tune in to qello.com/mjf to watch performances featuring a-ha, Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, Black Pumas, Yola, John McLaughlin, Asaf Avidan and more. The stream will also be broadcast on **Blue TV**.



MEDIA CENTER

Accreditation requests for paying concerts are now closed. Nevertheless, the press service remains at your disposal to help you realize your editorial projects (filming, reporting, interviews) and welcomes you every day from 4pm to 11pm at the Media Center. Accessible in the main hall of the Montreux Convention Center, on level B4, the Media Center is the main hub for all media professionals. You will find the following services: high-resolution photographs, audio and video clips, work spaces, line-up and daily running orders.

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