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PRESS RELEASE

58TH MONTREUX JAZZ FESTIVAL

The historic “off premises” edition kicks off today

The 58th Montreux Jazz Festival begins today! From 5 to 20 July, the public will be able to discover a completely redesigned version of the event, featuring a record number of terraces and stages. The Lake Stage will be inaugurated tonight to the rhythms of New Orleans, while the Casino Stage will reveal two future pop stars. Music fans from all over the world will also be able to experience the Festival from afar: over thirty concerts will be broadcast live and free of charge on YouTube.

For the past few weeks, Montreux has been the scene of a vast and meticulously choreographed event. The terraces are emerging from the water, the stages are setting in their new quarters, the food stalls and bars are multiplying on the lakeside, the Rylsee characters are swarming everywhere, and the majestic Lake Stage is becoming a little more integrated into the Montreux landscape every day. The 'outside the walls' edition of the Festival, which the teams have been planning up for several months, is finally taking shape before our very eyes.

From today onwards, the festivalgoers will be able to immerse themselves in the Festival's completely redesigned itinerary, with more terraces and venues than ever before. The inauguration of the Lake Stage promises to be explosive, with a 100% New Orleans evening featuring **Trombone Shorty** and **Jon Batiste**. At the Casino, two future pop stars, **Henry Moodie** and **Lauren Spencer Smith**, will be following in the footsteps of the legends who came before them at this iconic venue. At the same time, the free programme will be in full swing from 5pm, with a packed programme of DJ sets, concerts, workshops, screenings and other events. In all, more than thirty activities await festival-goers every day.

Live streaming: Montreux live around the world

The Montreux Jazz Festival is pursuing its commitment to broadcasting a wide selection of concerts around the world free of charge. Music fans will be able to discover over thirty live performances on the Festival's YouTube channel. Produced by Montreux Media Ventures under the artistic direction of Yann Orhan, the film recordings of the Festival are made in close collaboration with the musicians in order to faithfully reflect their universe and offer viewers total immersion.

The livestream programme will include: **Jon Batiste, PJ Harvey, The National, Michael Kiwanuka, Jungle, Vulfpeck, Brittany Howard, Raye, Janelle Monáe, Asaf Avidan, Masego, Jamie Cullum, Loreen, Jessie Ware, Paloma Faith, Thee Sacred Souls***...

**More artists to be confirmed in the coming days.*

The latest livestream schedule can be viewed on the Festival website.

MEDIA CENTRE INFORMATION

The press office is at your disposal to work with you on your editorial projects (filming, reports, interviews) and welcomes you every day from 2pm to 11pm at the Media Centre. Located on the Place de l'Eurovision, in front of the Montreux pier, the Media Centre is the central hub for all media professionals. Here you will find the following services: high-resolution photographs, audio and video clips, lounge, daily line-ups and running orders.

THE 2024 EDITION IN FIGURES

- **Over 500** free activities
- **17** stages, including 15 free of charge
- **66** food stalls and bars
- **1,000 m** of quays integrated into the 2024 project (twice as much as in 2023)
- **3,400m²** of terraces built on the lake (compared to 2,000m² in 2023)
- **15,000m²**: the total surface area of the Congress Centre areas usually used by the festival, which had to be relocated in 2024

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