**The 28th International Ankara Jazz Festival Begins**

**#JazzEnergy**

**Press Release - November 20, 2024**

The 28th International Ankara Jazz Festival will bring music lovers together from November 20 to 30, 2024, at various venues across Ankara. During the 10-day festival, concerts, talks, free exhibitions, and educational events will be held at locations such as Ankara HiltonSA, CP Ankara Hotel, Altınel Hotel & Convention Center, Ankara Tevfik Fikret Private School, Turkish American Association, Last Penny Büklüm, Samm’s Bistro, Ankara University of Music and Fine Arts, Hacettepe University Ankara State Conservatory, and Middle East Technical University.

**Opening Speech of the 28th International Ankara Jazz Festival**

*Özlem Oktar Varoğlu*

"With the contributions and support of many institutions and organizations, especially the General Directorate of Copyrights of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey, the festival is bringing the jazz energy to warm the heart of Ankara.

As a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), we, the Jazz Society, have completed our application process to adopt the name Turkey Jazz Society. We are opening representations in various cities and towns across the country, bringing jazz lovers under one big roof. I hope our name will be approved soon, allowing us to blend this universal art with our national culture, reaching more locations, and supporting more artists.

As the Jazz Society, we organize two major festivals. One is the International Bodrum Jazz Festival held in June, and the other is the International Ankara Jazz Festival. Additionally, with our 'Jazz at the Museum' project, we aim to host events throughout Turkey.

In a talk in the 1900s, I predicted that 'jazz would become the music of the 21st century.' With the education, Jazz Scholarship, and events we provide, jazz has now established itself as a standalone sector in our country. Since the foundation of our association in 1995, there has been a substantial increase in the number of musicians who can make a living solely through jazz. We now have not only jazz musicians but also jazz composers, arrangers, sound engineers, recording professionals, jazz journalists, writers, and artists specializing in jazz photography. We are proud to create a solid foundation and to support the growth of this expanding art field.

With this dream, and through the support of our audience purchasing tickets, I am proud to share that we have supported over 100 young musicians in Turkey and abroad through the Jazz Scholarship.

**Festival Sponsors**

The General Directorate of Copyrights of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey, Ankara Metropolitan Municipality, Çankaya Municipality, the Dutch Embassy, the Polish Embassy, the French Cultural Center and EUNIC, Goethe Institute, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Ankara University of Music and Fine Arts, Hacettepe University Ankara State Conservatory, Middle East Technical University, and Ankara Tevfik Fikret Private School have all provided support for the festival.

In addition to MAİS A.Ş. and TURMAKS, Tanoto, Jobs Studio, Digital Academy, Pelin Offset, Trilye Restaurant, Emre Alkaç Design, and Bonibella are among the supporters. Organizations offering accommodation, venue, and event support include the Turkish American Association, Ankara Tevfik Fikret Private School, Altınel Ankara Hotel & Convention Center, CP Ankara Hotel, Ankara HiltonSA, Samm’s Bistro, and Last Penny Büklüm. Media sponsors include Kanal B, T24 News, Mag Media, Ankara Life, Jazz Magazine, Cazkolik, Joy FM & Joy Jazz, Radio METU, Ankara Culture and Art Map, Ankara Events, Darkbluenotes, La Konser, and Lavarla.

Festival events start at 100 TL, and many activities are free to attend. For the full schedule, please visit [www.cazdernegi.org](http://www.cazdernegi.org/).

All press members are invited to the festival.

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**Program of the 28th International Ankara Jazz Festival**

* **November 20, 2024 (Wednesday)** – Ankara HiltonSA  
  19:00 – Press Opening and Plaque Ceremony  
  20:30 – Kerem Görsev Trio
* **November 21, 2024 (Thursday)** – METU Architecture Amphitheater  
  19:00 – METU Jazz Community | Mama’s Big Band
* **November 22, 2024 (Friday)** – Turkish American Association  
  19:30 – "Jazz Energy" Photography Exhibition by Aykut Uslutekin | Talk: "Impact of AI in Jazz Photography" with Melih Özbek  
  20:30 – Bora Çeliker Trio
* **November 23, 2024 (Saturday)** – Samm’s Bistro  
  20:30 – Hakan Başar Trio
* **November 24, 2024 (Sunday)** – Last Penny Büklüm  
  20:30 – AVA Trio
* **November 25, 2024 (Monday)** – Ankara Tevfik Fikret Private School  
  20:30 – Tevfik Fikret School Light Music and Jazz Orchestra | Jean-Loup Longnon
* **November 26, 2024 (Tuesday)** – Hacettepe University  
  15:30 – Masterclass with Sibel Köse on Jazz Vocals  
  18:00 – Hacettepe Academic Jazz Trio | Burcu Say
* **November 27, 2024 (Wednesday)** – CP Ankara Hotel  
  20:30 – Sibel Köse, Paweł Kaczmarczyk, Wojciech Pulcyn, Sebastian Frankiewicz | Tribute Concert for Janusz Szprot
* **November 28, 2024 (Thursday)** – Ankara University of Music and Fine Arts  
  14:00 – Jazz Workshop | Jarrah Dhyan - Modern Jazz Composition Techniques  
  15:00 – MGÜ Student Group "Melis & Echo" Performance
* **November 28, 2024 (Thursday)** – Last Penny Büklüm  
  20:30 – Skyline Sun
* **November 29, 2024 (Friday)** – Altınel Ankara Hotel & Convention Center  
  20:30 – Funky Storm feat. Zeynep Sazak | Synthesis
* **November 30, 2024 (Saturday)** – Samm’s Bistro  
  20:30 – Rustam Rahmedov Trio feat. Meriç Çalışan | "The Beatles Meets Jazz"