

# DOWNBEAT 2023 INTERNATIONAL JAZZ VENUE GUIDE



## SHOWTIME!

DownBeat's 2023 Venue Guide is a tribute to the enduring spirit of jazz presenters everywhere. Through the most trying period of our lifetime, they worried, improvised and survived. Here are 106 clubs serving improvised music and doing it well.

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Pancho Sánchez at The Jazz Kitchen in Indianapolis/Photo by Mark Sheldon



with straightahead and fusion styles at this musical and social hot spot. Early 2023 bookings include a mix of French artists and U.S. tours by the likes of Kenny Barron, John Scofield, José James and more.  
[newmorning.com](http://newmorning.com)

### Sunset-Sunside

**Paris**  
Offering music nightly, this club has hosted stars such as pianist Jacky Terrasson and vocalist Rebecca Martin and Larry Grenadier.  
[sunset-sunside.com](http://sunset-sunside.com)

### GERMANY

#### A-Trane

**Berlin**  
Immanuel Wilkins and Jerry Granelli are among the touring artists to play this 30-year-old spot, which serves German and international cuisine.  
[a-trane.de](http://a-trane.de)

#### BIX Jazzclub

**Stuttgart**  
Mouth-watering food options and live music Tuesday through Saturday make this 13-year-old space pop.  
[bix-stuttgart.de](http://bix-stuttgart.de)

#### Ella & Louis Jazz Club

**Mannheim**  
This club is a tastefully furnished jazz venue in downtown Mannheim. Since 2018, it has presented four concerts weekly, mixing national, international and local artists.  
[ellalouis.de](http://ellalouis.de)

#### JAZZCLUB UNTERFAHRT

**Munich**  
Jazzclub Unterfahrt presents adventurous contemporary jazz from the international, European and national jazz scenes geared for attentive lovers of forward-thinking music. Founded in 1978, the club has hosted Julian Lage, Gilad Hekselman, James Brandon Lewis, Theo Croker and more.  
[bix-stuttgart.de](http://bix-stuttgart.de)

#### Jazz im Prinz Karl

**Tübingen**  
The 45-year-old, membership-driven institution recently has presented Miguel Zenón & Luis Perdomo and Chris Potter.  
[jipk.net](http://jipk.net)

#### Jazzkeller

**Frankfurt**  
Jazzkeller is another subterranean beauty with great acoustics and the feel of old-school, intimate performances.  
[jazzkeller.com](http://jazzkeller.com)

### ISRAEL

#### Beit Haamudim

**Tel Aviv**  
Beit Haamudim hosts the best of Israeli's jazz scene seven days a week.  
[facebook.com/BeitHaamudim](https://facebook.com/BeitHaamudim)

### ITALY

#### Alexanderplatz

**Rome**  
Italy's premier jazz club was refurbished a few years back and continues to emphasize

small-group concerts in classic and modern styles. Recent performances have Rick Marguitza with the Marcello di Leonardo Trio.  
[alexanderplatzjazz.com](http://alexanderplatzjazz.com)

### JAPAN

#### Body & Soul

**Tokyo**  
Since 1974, this venue — which seats about 50 — has presented high-quality Japanese jazz artists.  
[bodyandsoul.co.jp](http://bodyandsoul.co.jp)

#### Shinjuku Pit Inn

**Tokyo**  
Known for showcasing domestic artists, this 56-year-old venue (30 years in its current location) is a revered listening room.  
[pit-inn.com](http://pit-inn.com)

### MEXICO

#### Zinco Jazz Club

**Mexico City**  
With a great menu and intimate, modern decor, this underground club has earned a reputation for hipness.  
[zincojazz.com](http://zincojazz.com)

### THE NETHERLANDS

#### Bimhuis

**Amsterdam**  
This internationally acclaimed concert hall boasts a 48-year history and more than 300 concerts annually by the likes of Transylvanian pianist Lucian Ban and American vocalist Becca Stevens. Early 2023 shows include the Dave Holland Trio and Indian violinist Arun Ramamurthy Trio.  
[bimhuis.com](http://bimhuis.com)

### NORWAY

#### Victoria Nasjonal Jazz Scene

**Oslo**  
Housed in a stylish setting, Victoria Nasjonal Jazz Scene can accommodate 300 people. Norway's vibrant jazz scene is represented here, as are touring musicians like the trio of Craig Taborn, Tomeka Reid and Ches Smith.  
[nasjonaljazzscene.no/en](http://nasjonaljazzscene.no/en)

### PORTUGAL

#### HOT CLUBE DE PORTUGAL

**Lisbon**  
Hot Clube has been presenting live jazz since 1948. With the mission of both being a window for the Portuguese jazz scene, and the preferred stage for touring bands, it has been recognized as one of the best jazz clubs in Europe. Benny Golson, Joe Lovano, Eddie Henderson, Miguel Zenón, Ethan Iverson, Mark Turner, Sheila Jordan and many others have played there.  
[hcp.pt](http://hcp.pt)

### RUSSIA

#### Igor Butman Jazz Club

**Moscow/St. Petersburg**  
While relations with Russia make it impossible to travel there at this time, famed saxophonist Igor Butman's two clubs present Russian artists as well as international touring acts.  
[butmanclub.ru](http://butmanclub.ru)

### SCOTLAND

#### The Jazz Bar

**Edinburgh**  
The Jazz Bar was founded in 2005 showcasing world-class, multi-genre live music in a cool setting. Harnessing Edinburgh's kaleidoscopic musical talent, the club offers daily live gigs.  
[thejazzbar.co.uk](http://thejazzbar.co.uk)

### SENEGAL

#### La Cave du Djoloff

**Dakar**  
Since 2017, the Djoloff Boutique Hotel's subterranean venue has hosted local and international artists like Orchestra Baobab, Lisa Simone and drummer Tony Allen and national treasure Orchestra Baobab.  
[hoteldjoloff.fr](http://hoteldjoloff.fr)

### SPAIN

#### Jamboree

**Barcelona**  
This classic club has hosted the greats since 1960 — from Duke Ellington and Ornette Coleman to Barcelona native son Jorge Rossy.  
[jamboreejazz.com](http://jamboreejazz.com)

### SWEDEN

#### Fasching

**Stockholm**  
Founded in 1977, Fasching is a hybrid concert venue/restaurant/bar/nightclub. Jazz, dance and folk artists are all presented, including the likes of Lee Fields, Stacey Kent and Hannes Bench.  
[fasching.se](http://fasching.se)

### SWITZERLAND

#### Marian's Jazz Room

**Bern**  
This 130-capacity, 30-year-old room is open from September through May. Known for great acoustics its 2023 jazz festival, running from March 21-May 23, features residencies by Jane Bunnett and Maqueque, the Bill Charlap Trio and the James Morrison Quartet, to name a few.  
[mariansjazzroom.ch](http://mariansjazzroom.ch)

### TURKEY

#### NARDIS JAZZ CLUB

**Istanbul**  
Founded in 2002 and housed in a historic building and seating 120 people, Nardis presents mostly local musicians, two sets a night, Monday through Saturday. Recent touring artists have included Willie Jones III, Seamus Blake and the Gary Smulyan & Ralph Moore Encounter Quintet.  
[nardisjazz.com](http://nardisjazz.com)

#### The Badau

**Istanbul**  
The foundations of The Badau, Turkey's only gastro-jazz club, were laid in 2015 as a small chef's kitchen and jazz club in Istanbul by Eren Noyan, owner, chef and a jazz singer. The room has become home to many local musicians as well as international acts passing through the region.  
[instagram.com/thebadau.istanbul](https://instagram.com/thebadau.istanbul)