

# STANFORD JAZZ FESTIVAL

JUN 21–JUL 31, 2026

ENJOY THE TOP ARTISTS IN JAZZ THIS SUMMER!

JUN



MESMERIZING INDIAN JAZZ FUSION  
**INDIAN JAZZ JOURNEY FEAT. MAHESH KALE AND GEORGE BROOKS**

Experience the enchanting synergy of superstar vocalist Mahesh Kale and saxophone virtuoso George Brooks in a performance that will captivate and inspire. Joined by extraordinary guest musicians, this unforgettable musical journey promises to leave you amazed and uplifted.

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SUNDAY 4:00PM  
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BRANFORD MARSALIS'S SINGULAR STATE-OF-THE-ART QUARTET  
**BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET**

There's no ensemble in jazz quite like the Branford Marsalis Quartet, a celebrated ensemble that has honed telepathic interplay over thousands of high-energy gigs.

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FRIDAY 7:30PM  
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A SUPREMELY LYRICAL JOURNEY WITH GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING PIANIST  
**BILLY CHILDS QUARTET**

LA pianist Billy Childs's compositions and arrangements account for the bulk of his six GRAMMY Awards, but the most recent recognized his gorgeous playing on his 2023 quartet session *The Winds of Change*.

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SATURDAY 7:30PM  
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JAZZ JAMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
**EARLY BIRD WITH DR. DAVID HART**

Get ready to swing, sing, and clap with Dr. David Hart and the Zookeepers! This interactive family concert lets kids discover the joy of jazz and the inspiration that comes from playing instruments.

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GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING BRAZILIAN VOCALIST INTRODUCES HER STRING-CENTRIC NEW MOON ENSEMBLE  
**LUCIANA SOUZA'S NEW MOON**

One of jazz's most celebrated vocalists, Luciana Souza introduces New Moon, a lustrous new project with fellow São Paulo native Marcel Camargo on guitar and his arrangements incorporating string quartet.

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GUITARIST NICK ROSSI CONJURES THE SWINGING SOUNDS OF EARLY ELLINGTON  
**THE MUSIC OF DUKE ELLINGTON WITH NICK ROSSI'S JAZZOPATERS**

An eminent scholar of pre-World War II jazz, ace guitarist Nick Rossi leads the West Coast's only combo devoted to classic small group recordings by Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn and star soloists.

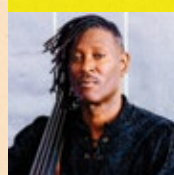
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SUPREMELY SUAVE CROONER RETURNS TO STANFORD WITH QUINTET  
**NICOLAS BEARDE QUINTET**

Inhabiting a sparsely populated zone between masculine R&B fervor and cool jazz crooning, the effortlessly soulful Nicolas Bearde is a Bay Area treasure who knows that vulnerability and passion go hand in hand.

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BASSIST/COMPOSER MARCUS SHELBY GETS TO THE HEART OF MINGUS  
**MARCUS SHELBY SEXTET CONVERSATION: THE LANGUAGE OF CHARLES MINGUS**

Marcus Shelby walks in the footsteps of iconic bassist/composer Charles Mingus, creating epic works that tell overlooked stories from Black history with blues and swing.

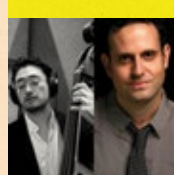
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CHRISTINA GALISATUS EXPLORES THE BRILLIANT SONGBOOK OF JONI MITCHELL  
**CHRISTINA GALISATUS QUINTET PLAYS JONI MITCHELL**

Christina Galisatus interprets the songs of Joni Mitchell through a supple jazz lens, drawing on all her skills as a pianist, composer, vocalist, and songwriter.

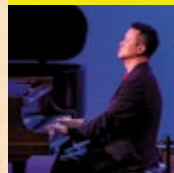
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CELEBRATING TENOR SAX GREAT JIMMY HEATH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY  
**JIMMY HEATH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WITH JEB PATTON & DAVID WONG**

Inveterately swinging pianist Jeb Patton and veteran bassist David Wong celebrate the legacy of their mentor and former employer Jimmy Heath, the brilliant saxophonist, composer, and arranger.

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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED WITH PIANIST/VIOLINIST VICTOR LIN  
**VICTOR LIN: GERSHWIN REIMAGINED**

A Workshop mainstay for nearly three decades, pianist/violinist Victor Lin brings fresh perspective to the music of George Gershwin in an evening of lively, imaginative interpretations.

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SOUL-BEARING CROONER MICHAEL MAYO MAKES HIS FESTIVAL DEBUT  
**MICHAEL MAYO QUARTET**

Every generation seems to produce an exceptionally talented male jazz vocalist or two, and the '20s will be remembered for the emergence of Michael Mayo, a lithe, soul-steeped improviser devoted to direct emotional expression.

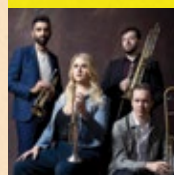
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REED STAR ANAT COHEN CELEBRATES A MILESTONE YEAR  
**ANAT COHEN**

Fresh off of a series of major events marking her 50th birthday, from Jazz at Lincoln Center to SFJAZZ, tenor saxophonist and clarinetist Anat Cohen returns to Stanford, where her jazz festival performances are an annual highlight.

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CHAMBER JAZZ WIND QUARTET IN DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE  
**THE WESTERLIES**

A singular chamber jazz ensemble, The Westerlies have honed a gorgeous, intricately calibrated approach that brings uncommon intimacy to the unique two trumpet, two trombone lineup.

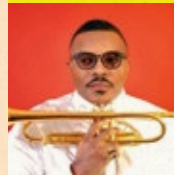
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POWERHOUSE SAXOPHONE SUMMIT  
**ANISHA RUSH QUARTET & BEN FLOCKS: MOONSHADES**

A potent double bill pairs two stellar saxophonists, with bands led by rising star Anisha Rush and mid-career master Ben Flocks, who's celebrating the release of a powerhouse trio album *Moonshades*.

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TRUMPET STAR JEREMY PELT CELEBRATES MILES AT 100  
**MILES DAVIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FEAT. JEREMY PELT**

A protean bandleader who's thrived in straight-ahead acoustic settings and dense, plugged-in sessions, Jeremy Pelt is ideally placed to explore the vast and ever-expanding legacy of trumpet legend Miles Davis.

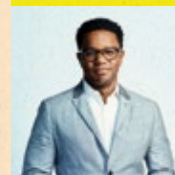
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BLUES GUITAR MASTERY FROM A RISING STAR  
**RUTH DAVIES' BLUES NIGHT FEAT. SEAN MCDONALD**

Returning for its 23rd edition, Ruth Davies' Blues Night is a bona fide Stanford Jazz tradition that ensures that the music's essential roots are explicitly recognized and honored.

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VIBRAPHONE STAR STEFON HARRIS PLAYS RARE WEST COAST CONCERT  
**STEFON HARRIS & BLACKOUT**

A widely influential artist who decided to dial back touring in order to focus on teaching, vibraphonist/composer Stefon Harris has profoundly shaped a generation of jazz artists.

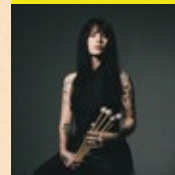
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SENSATIONAL CUBAN VIOLINIST/VOCALIST MAKES STANFORD DEBUT AS A BANDLEADER  
**YILIAN CAÑIZARES**

After her jaw-dropping Stanford Jazz Festival appearance last summer with percussion maestro John Santos, Cuban violinist/vocalist Yilian Cañizares returns to present her own dynamic band.

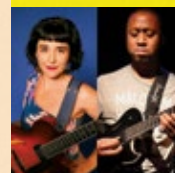
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VIBRAPHONIST SASHA BERLINER MAKES HER HEADLINER DEBUT  
**SASHA BERLINER**

San Francisco-reared vibraphonist Sasha Berliner, who last performed at the Festival two years ago co-leading a tribute to vibes legend Bobby Hutcherson and drummer Eddie Marshall, returns with her state-of-the-art band.

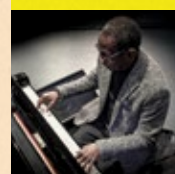
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TWO EXCEPTIONAL GUITARISTS EMBODY THE CONTEMPORARY SCENE  
**GUITAR NIGHT FEAT. CAMILA MEZA & DAN WILSON**

Camila Meza, a regular presence on the Workshop faculty for the past decade, is a guitarist, composer and vocalist with a strikingly original sound. She shares the Guitar Night double bill with Dan Wilson, a supremely soulful improviser who anchored the late organ star Joey DeFrancesco's last band.

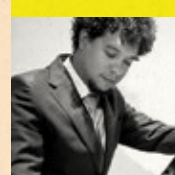
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LEGENDARY JAZZ PIANIST/COMPOSER GEORGE CABLES PERFORMS W/ FRIENDS  
**GEORGE CABLES SEXTET**

At 81, pianist George Cables is jazz royalty. As an accompanist, composer, and bandleader he's been at the center of jazz's progressive mainstream since the late 1960s, with a resume that rivals any living peer and a book of beloved compositions in regular circulation.

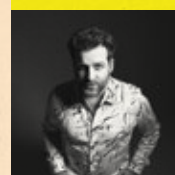
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ELECTRIFYING CUBAN CREATIVITY, STYLE, & VIRTUOSITY  
**ALDO LÓPEZ-GAVILÁN**

Coming off a year illuminated by the documentary about his musical reunion with his brother, violinist Ilmar Gavilán, Aldo López-Gavilán continues to dazzle international audiences with his keyboard prowess.

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PIANO STAR TAYLOR EIGSTI PERFORMS WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW  
**TAYLOR EIGSTI GROUP FEAT. GRETCHEN PARLATO & ZACK GROOVES**

Since the turn of the century no artist has been more deeply identified with Stanford Jazz than pianist Taylor Eigsti, a prodigy who went on to carve out a brilliant career as an accompanist, composer and two-time GRAMMY Award-winning recording artist.

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THE BIGGEST JAZZ CELEBRATION OF THE SUMMER  
**ALL-STAR JAM**

At this lovingly curated annual jam session, you'll hear pairings and combinations of jazz artists you'll never hear anywhere else. In duet, trio, quartet, and larger ensembles, these amazing top-tier players can let their unbridled creativity soar.

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FRIDAY 8:00PM  
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TICKETS GO ON SALE TO THE PUBLIC **FRIDAY, APRIL 3.**

Tickets will be available for purchase online only. Visit [stanfordjazz.org](http://stanfordjazz.org) for more info, or scan this code.

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