

Press Release

## GERMAN JAZZ PRIZE 2024

### Jazz Highlights in Cologne and Bremen

- Award ceremony on April 18 at E-Werk in Cologne featuring three high-profile live acts
- Concerts by nominees and award winners as part of Cologne Jazzweek on September 6, 2024
- Performances by nominees and announcement of the Lifetime Achievement award at jazzahead! 2024

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The German Jazz Prize will be presented for the fourth time this year and promises to be an extraordinary event with a series of highlights celebrating the diversity and dynamism of jazz. In addition to honoring and recognizing the outstanding achievements of the nominees and award winners, this year's focus will also be on a series of live performances for three special occasions, namely the award ceremony at the E-Werk in Cologne on April 18, 2024, the jazzahead! Clubnight in Bremen on April 12, 2024, and the Cologne Jazzweek on September 6, 2024.

#### Award Ceremony on April 18, 2024

During the award ceremony at E-Werk in Cologne, winners will receive a trophy and prize money of €12,000. Nominees who do not win a prize will nevertheless receive €4,000 in recognition of their achievements. In addition to the award presentation, the audience can expect live performances by the Cologne saxophonist **Angelika Niescier in a duo with Alexander Hawkins**, the inimitable **Omer Klein Trio**, and the legendary international jazz pianist and composer **Kenny Barron**. The evening will be hosted by moderator Hadnet Tesfai and the artistic director of jazzahead!, Götz Bühler. A limited number of tickets are available for purchase online at [rausgegangen.de](https://www.rausgegangen.de).

Ina Brandes, the Minister for Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, had this to say about the collaboration, which will also be continued in 2025 together with the city of Cologne: "North Rhine-Westphalia is a hotspot for jazz. Many internationally recognized artists and ensembles are part of the dense, vibrant, and high-profile jazz scene in our state. This art form, which never fails to surprise us, can be experienced at many venues throughout Germany and has a dedicated and enthusiastic audience. With the University of Music and Dance and the European Center for Jazz and Contemporary Music, Cologne is one of the centers of this musical genre – which is why the award ceremony of the German Jazz Prize in 2024 and 2025 is certainly in the right place!"

### **Concerts at the Cologne Jazzweek on September 6, 2024**

In cooperation with Cologne Jazzweek, the German Jazz Prize will present five concerts on September 6 featuring this year's nominees and winners at WDR Funkhaus (Klaus von Bismarck Saal), Stadtgarten, and Loft. The internationally renowned festival for jazz and improvised music is considered a highlight in the cultural calendar of the city of Cologne and was awarded the German Jazz Prize as "Festival of the Year" in 2023. The live acts will be announced following the award ceremony on April 18.

### **The German Jazz Prize at jazzahead!**

Once again this year, the German Jazz Prize will be present at jazzahead!, the world's largest jazz trade fair. From April 11 to April 13, visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the award and the nominees at the booth located in the German Market. Jazz enthusiasts in Bremen can also look forward to two additional program highlights:

As part of the **official opening of jazzahead! on April 11**, the German Jazz Prize for Lifetime Achievement will be announced and presented in advance.

Additionally, for the first time, Initiative Musik will be collaborating with the Bremer Pusdorf Studios e.V. as part of the **jazzahead! Clubnight on April 12** to present a diverse program featuring nominees of the German Jazz Prize. From 8:30 PM, the audience can experience live performances by **Max Andrzejewski's Hütte**, **Mother**, and **Kira Linn's Linnett** at the Pusdorf Studios' Cafete. Tickets for this event are available [on the jazzahead! website](#).

More information about the [German Jazz Prize](#) as well as the [nominees](#) can be found on the website.

## German Jazz Prize

Since 2021, the German Jazz Prize has been honoring outstanding artistic achievements in the national and international jazz scenes. The prize is developed and produced by Initiative Musik with project funds from Germany's Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media. The fourth edition will take place on April 18 at E-Werk in Cologne, in cooperation with the city of Cologne and the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

All press releases, press photos and further information can be found on the [press page of the German Jazz Prize](#).

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