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For the 3rd time in Latvia: International Jazz Day 2016 as a 5-day festival

In the end of April Latvia will celebrate already traditional International Jazz Day acknowledged by UNESCO for the third time already. This year the celebrations will turn into a 5-day-long festival, from April 27 to May 1 gathering many jazz genre musicians and admirers at around 30 events in Riga, Ventspils, Cesis, Saldus and Jaunjelgava.

International Jazz Day will start in Riga on April 27 with a special Jazz Education concert and continue on April 28 with Carlo Morena and Deniss Pashkevich quartet, as well as an educational seminar for musicians and a jazz/poetry concert "Klausies. Слушай. Listen.". The festival will continue on April 29 with a grand-concert of Jazzatomy "Colors of Summer", and on April 30 will offer a vast range of events starting with local funk bands concerts and an open-air market on Kalnciema street up to Latvian jazz grands and already traditional jam session impro-night until the morning. On May 1st we will say farewell to Jazz Day 2016 with Songevity concert featuring Rob Duguay (USA), Toms Rudzinskis and Andris Buiķis.

The events will also take place at Ventspils Town Hall Square with Ventspils Big bang in three generations, Vidzeme concert hall Cēsis with Peedu Kass trio and Skola6 with The Coco'Nuts, Jaunjelgava with Kristis Sarzhants quartet and Kalni culture house that will host National Armed Forces Big band with a program called Tautasdziesma, featuring national treasured folk songs in jazz arrangements.

Every year Jazz Day is united by a certain theme, and in 2016 it's **Jazz Service** — availability of jazz to every member of society. In some concert places in Riga you will find a charity box where you can donate money for children foster home Kalkūni.

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