

Cheaper prices for Blue Note Festival tickets

Blue Note Festival 2005 announces new names

Festival director Bertrand Flamang announces new names for the fourth edition of the international [Blue Note Festival in Ghent](#) (14-24 July 2005) and for [the Blue Note Festival by the Seaside](#) (9-10 July 2005), both in [Belgium](#). An official press announcement with all the performing artists will be made on April 12th.

Blue Note Festival Ghent

Because *jazz* stands for such a broad and diverse variety of music that everybody can find some genre to his liking, the Ghent Blue Note Festival once again provides the audience with jazz as it evolved from traditional music as well as jazz as it grew from hip crossover, conveniently spread over two weekends at the Ghent Bijloke site.

Under the name "*All that Jazz.*", mainstream and avant-garde shows will take place from July 14 through 17 2005. **The Robin Verheyen Trio** (winner of the 2004 Ghent Young Jazz Talent contest), **Dave Holland Big Band**, **Dee Dee Bridgewater (J'ai deux amours)** and **McCoy Tyner All Stars** are but some of the names that will be performing. "*All That Jazz?*" is the name for the hip and fusion jazz shows that will make it hard to resist the dancefloor from July 21 through 24, 2005. **Medeski, Martin & Wood**, **Think of One** and **the Buena Vista Social Club featuring Omara Portuondo** are some of the performers that weekend.

The 2005 edition of the Blue Note Festival programs four bands each night, instead of three. Up and coming talent will open each night, followed by a internationally renowned act and a well-established Belgian band. Every night will close with an exclusive act that rarely visits Belgium.

Blue Note by the Seaside

During the week before the actual Blue Note Festival, a Big Band weekend called "Blue Note by the Seaside" will take place (July 9 and 10, 2005). This festival will not only charm the casual passers-by, but it will also surprise and impress the die-hard music lover. The beautifully restored Potinière park will house performances by the **Brussels Jazz Orchestra & Chris Joris**, **Afro Cuban All Stars**, **ICP Orchestra**, **Mingus Big Band feat. Toots Thielemans**, **Andrew Hill Big Band**. This Blue Note Festival is a part of the Uitblazen project (www.uitblazen.be), an impressive music festival with wind instruments that turns the Flemish coast into the Côte d'Art from early April until late October 2005. Together with the Festival of Flanders and Dranouter, the Blue Note Festival was asked to take the programmation under its wings.

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During the last BNF edition, a survey was taken among 340 members of the audience at the Bijloke site. These members of the audience were questioned about various topics such as their loyalty to the Festival, promotion and visuals, production, accommodations at the site and – last but not least – ticket prices. In general, audiences seemed very pleased with the Festival, but at 30 euro a night,

many of them thought it somewhat expensive. Music schools and conservatories provided a similar feedback. Festival director Bertrand Flamang therefore decided to make one-day tickets 7 euro cheaper. Off course, weekend tickets will also be available this year.

INFO: www.bluenotefestival.com

BNF by the Seaside:

Ticket information: one-day ticket: €20 (25 group reduction: €12,50) – weekend tickets: €35. Tickets are available at www.uitblazen.be, www.bluenotefestival.com

BNF Ghent: one-day tickets: €23, weekend ticket: €55 (on sale on April 12 at www.bluenotefestival.com)