

PRESS INFORMATION

Gastein shows off: Snow Jazz Gastein “STRING THINGS”



(16. - 25.03.2007: The international Jazz Festival held in snow)

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In conjunction with the Snow Jazz Gastein's motto for this year "String Things" the Gasteiner valley presents itself from the 16th to the 25th of March between thermal spas and skiing fun from a completely new angle, as the 6th international jazz festival in snow is completely dedicated to string instruments. Experience, in the true meaning of the word, at an altitude of 2,200metres literally "On the highest level", 20 concerts in around 10 days with international and national musicians! The ski huts will invite you call in during the day, where well known jazz, blues and soul bands will certainly create a completely different mountain hut atmosphere. In the evening, Hotels, the casino in Bad Gastein, the Jazz Club Sägewerk, the Congress House and even the Evangelical Church will make sure of eventful concert days.

The opening of the festival will take place traditionally in the stylish atmosphere of the casino in Bad Gastein, and the following day there will be a musical treat in the Bad Hofgasteiner Sägewerk (saw mill): the "classical" star violinist Benjamin Schmid presents, along with the Norwegian accordion virtuosi Stian Carstensen, and the Contrabassist Georg Breinschmid, his Jazz band "Obsession". On

the next day, also in the Sägewerk, the "Radio String Quintet" will play their programme "Mahavishnu for Strings" a bow to honour the master of the guitar, John McLaughlin.

The exclusive ladies trio "Lezarde" will present in the Grand Park Hotel a chamber music tête-à-tête of the very best. The Hotel Kärnten presents on its stage the "Christian Havel trio". The third trio in the league are the "Der Rote Bereich" – who has advanced to become a cult band in Germany – is performing during the day in the Bad Gasteiner Arcotel. Oh yes: for this special triple trio treat, there is a special 3 x 3 day combination pass available.

The Christus Church in Bad Gastein creates a very unusual setting for the most extraordinary musician in Europe: Peter Herbert – a highly gifted composer, arranger and contrabassist – will be presenting his solo project "Naked Blues". On the second festival weekend the famous German record label ENJA will present 3 of its artists: The start will be made by the Lebanese musician Rabih Abou-Khalil with a melange mixture of music from the orient and the western world. Someone who excels the borders of sounds is appearing on the stage of the "Sägewerk": Renaud Garcia Fons, who makes the strings on his contrabass acrobatically swing, meets the Parisian master of the accordion Jean-Louis Matinier. The Hotel Helenburg in Bad Gastein presents a show of hearing pleasure to an extended Sunday jazz brunch, before the Snow Jazz Gastein draws to an end in the "Sägewerk" with the wonderful Ferenc Snetberger.

SNOW JAZZ WEEKEND

Bookable from 16.03. - 18.03.2007 or from the 23. 03. - 25.03.2007

2 nights accommodation in the type of board chosen, 2 day ski pass, 1 admission to one of the Thermal Spas in Gastein, Admission to the concerts on Friday and Saturday **from Euro 178,-**

Further information and concert dates can be found by clicking onto www.jazzgastein.com.

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