



Golden Jazz Trophy 2012

Rules & Regulations

The event

The Golden Jazz Trophy is organized by the association Jazz en Nord in partnership with « Couleurs Jazz » and « Jazz & Boves » and with Domaine Musiques. Initiated by Jazz en Nord sponsor Golden Eyes, the Golden Jazz Trophy's main objective is to allow the best but still unknown jazz bands to gain higher recognition in perspective of a musical career.

Jury

The Golden Jazz Trophy 2012 jury will line up many music professionals. After **Martial Solal** in 2010, **Manu Dibango** in 2011, the jury will be led, in 2012, by **Omar Sosa**. The jury's decision will be announced on Saturday evening, immediately following the contest. This decision cannot in any way be contested or deliberated.

The Golden Jazz Trophy delivers three different awards: "Le premier Prix du Jury" (awarded by the jury), "le second prix du jury" and "Le prix du public" (awarded by the audience).

Within the framework of the partnership with Domaine Musiques, the award "Sélection RéZZo Jazz à Vienne" will be delivered to a band from the area Nord – Pas de Calais. This award will automatically qualify the winner band to represent the area in the national springboard " RéZZo", organized by the festival " Jazz à Vienne".

Important dates and event description

- The Call for applications starts on October 10th and ends on December 31th 2011. All applications must be sent before that date.
- Each application will be auditioned by a listening comity. Four bands will be selected to take part in the final of the springboard which will take place in Arras (France) on March 17th 2012. During this event, each of these finalists will have a total of 30 minutes to prove themselves in front of the Golden Jazz Trophy Jury. This includes technical setup time meaning that each band plays for 20 minutes. Time allowed will have to be respected and the band will be penalized if he exceeds it.
- The performance will include the free interpretation of a famous jazz standard. The title imposed will be communicated to finalists one month before the event of March 17th

- The event will be highly covered by general and specialized media. The names of all 4 final bands will be made public.

Awards

- Le premier Prix du Jury

The winner by Jury decision will receive a 3000 € award check. In addition, the band will be programmed in the festival "Jazz en Nord" the following year.

The second band appointed by the jury will receive a 1000 € award check

- Le Prix du Public

The winner by audience decision will receive a 1000€ award check.

Participation criteria

The springboard is open to jazz musicians coming from all European countries (including Switzerland), whose fame is not proved yet.

Applications

- One 4 track CD (if possible with a personal composition). Tracks must be recorded in direct drive and should not be edited. The band must consist of at least two musicians.
- One presentation folder (or press kit) with Internet links (web site, myspace, blogs...)
- A stamped envelope addressed to the band for the listening comity's verdict.

This application must be sent before December 31th 2011 at the very latest to the following address:

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Association Arras en Jazz
61 Grand Place
62000 ARRAS

For further information:

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Obligations

All candidates must maintain availability from 2:00 Pm on March 17th until midnight because of the deliberation which takes place after the performances.

Candidates will have board and lodging on the 17th March evening and will receive a basic participation to their travel expenses.

Equipment

Bands must arrive with their own instruments and gear and must take insurance for their equipment and belongings. The backline will be supplied by the organization, apart from special requests.

Written agreement

A written agreement will be signed between the Golden Jazz Trophy promoters and leaders of the four finalist bands.