

**Gregory Porter, Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, PJ Morton,
Somi, Kurt Elling/Charlie Hunter, Keyon Harrold, José James, Spanish Harlem
Orchestra, Emmet Cohen/Houston Person and More to Perform
at the 13th Annual Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival
September 14-17, 2023 at Highmark Stadium
and the August Wilson African American Cultural Center**

**Pianist Orrin Evans to Host the Inaugural Jazz Train to the Pittsburgh Jazz Festival,
Arriving Via Amtrak from New York City, Newark and Philadelphia September 14**

Tickets go on sale May 8 to PIJF Members | May 12 to General Public

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 4, 2023 – Ray Brown, Art Blakey, Billy Eckstine, Fatha Hines, Mary Lou Williams, Ahmad Jamal, Stanley Turrentine and Erroll Garner are just a few of the greats who answered the Pittsburgh jazz roll call. Through their music, these sons and daughters of Pittsburgh not only spoke the language, but they also re-invented it, refined it and expanded it through musical conversations across time and place. They understood how the language of jazz connects us, encourages us to remember where we've been and where we're going, and gives voice to our shared community. And, it's these timeless cross-cultural conversations that will be carried on through the **13th Annual Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival presented by Citizens** (PIJF), which returns to the **August Wilson African American Cultural Center** (AWAACC) and **Highmark Stadium September 14 – 17, 2023**.

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The 2023 Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival is about being alive now. The musicians taking this year's stage know that the language of jazz is an ever evolving one – one that honors its history while always growing and finding new forms of expressions. Just take a look at the lineup. On almost any given day of the festival stages, you'll see GRAMMY® award winners and nominees, legends, and some of the most talked about up-and-comers, all in conversation with the past, the present, and the future.

Looking to reacquaint with some favorites? Don't miss **Gregory Porter, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Kurt Elling & Charlie Hunter, Nicholas Payton** and **Emmet Cohen** with legendary saxophonist **Houston Person**. Maybe something more contemporary? Check out **José James** and **PJ Morton**. Or do you want to make a discovery? Listen-in on **Somi, Samora Pinderhughes, Madison McFerrin, Christie Dashiell** and Pittsburgh's own **Chelsea Baratz** and **Howie Alexander**. How about a salute to 50 years of Hip Hop? Catch **Keyon Harrold** with special guests **Pharoahe Monch** and **Mumu Fresh** plus **DJ Selecta** when he spins Hip Hop and Jazz classics at the Taste of Jazz Party. And, don't miss hitmakers **Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis** when they take the Highmark stage to share their special Minneapolis-rooted grooves.

“There is no question that jazz is the language of Pittsburgh,” says **Janis Burley Wilson**, President & CEO of the August Wilson African American Cultural Center. “But it also is engaged in a global dialogue, one that transcends race, class and upbringing. And it is so moving to be able to invite jazz lovers to Pittsburgh for this annual festival, to be part of the history – and the future – of these musical and cultural conversations.”

Pianist **Orrin Evans** does double duty at PIJF as a performer and the leader of the late-night Jam Session at AWAACC and as the host of the inaugural **Jazz Train**, which picks up fans at Amtrak stations in New York, Newark and Philadelphia before arriving in Pittsburgh on September 14 and departing on September 18. The package, available until June 1, will include round-trip train tickets from each city, live jazz music during the trip, gifts bags, light refreshments and a shuttle bus to/from the festival. Passengers are responsible for securing the hotel and festival events of their choice. More information and tickets are available at www.pittsburghjazzfest.org.

Stay tuned for more artists to be announced over the coming months and head to this year’s Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival to hear jazz in all its varieties and variations – an artistic language that is as diverse as the artists who are making it.

TICKETS

For tickets and more information on the 13th annual Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival, please check out the [daily lineup](#). Taste of Jazz Party tickets are \$50. One-Day Passes for concerts at Highmark Stadium are \$60, General Admission, and \$85 for VIP tickets. Two-Day Passes are \$100 for General Admission, and \$150 for VIP tickets. Jazz Train tickets range from \$230 - \$280, depending upon the city of departure. In an effort to be as inclusive to as many young people as possible, PIJF is working with area educational institutions on free and heavily discounted tickets for enrolled high school and college students as well as for families with youth under 21.

“I developed my love and appreciation for Jazz by attending concerts with my Dad as a child. The experience made a life-long impression on me and fueled my desire to build a career in Jazz and entertainment,” said Burley Wilson. “We hope that making live jazz more accessible and affordable has a similar effect on today’s youth.”

DAILY LINEUP

Thursday, September 14, 2023 | 9:00 pm | AWAACC

Uhuru Jazz Sessions
Samora Pinderhughes
Madison McFerrin

Friday, September 15, 2023 | 8:00 pm | AWAACC

TBD

Taste of Jazz | 9:00 pm – 12:00 am | AWAACC

Jonathan Barber

DJ Selecta Spins Jazz Classics and Salutes 50 Years of Hip Hop
Dancing | Food & Beverage Tastings

Saturday, September 16, 2023 | 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Highmark Stadium

Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis
PJ Morton
Orrin Evans
Spanish Harlem Orchestra
Emmet Cohen & Houston Person
Howie Alexander
Christie Dashiell

Jam Session | 10:30 pm – 1:00 am | AWAACC

Orrin Evans & The Imani Allstars

Sunday, September 17, 2023 | 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Highmark Stadium

Gregory Porter
Keyon Harrold with Pharoahe Monch & Mumu Fresh
Kurt Elling & Charlie Hunter
José James
Chelsea Baratz
Somi
And More ...

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