

PRESS RELEASE

Great fun thanks to Banca Intesa and Umbria Jazz Balkan Windows 08 festival

Belgrade (15 August 2008) – Banca Intesa and Umbria Jazz festival presented jazz and good fun lovers with Umbria Jazz Balkan Windows 08 promo party which announced this year's 4th in a row festival that will be held from 29–30 August in front of the Museum "25 Maj" in Belgrade.

Numerous quality jazz sound lovers had the opportunity to enjoy at an interesting location—the amphitheatre in front of the Museum "25 Maj", the performance of the domestic jazz–dance DJ duo Nebojša Jazzmate & Spacewalker and Filip Bulatović Quartet and as the star of the event, world famous Brazilian jazz DJ Tahira Gruv entertained all those present. In order to make everything look even more attractive, Miljan Komnenić, Serbian representative at the world competition of bartenders in flare-tending who performed his act.

As the general sponsor of the event, owing to cooperation with Umbria Jazz festival, Banca Intesa again this summer brought the sounds of jazz and Italian spirit in Belgrade. The entrance to the festival will be free just like in the previous years, and jazz lovers will every night be able to enjoy the performances of one Italian and one Balkan band.

Banca Intesa, as a part of the greatest Italian banking group Intesa Sanpaolo, for the second time in a row is the general sponsor of the festival, with a wish to contribute to a more intense connection and exchange of cultural values between Italy and Serbia. Two recognizable Italian and equally recognizable international brands, Umbria Jazz and Banca Intesa joined forces with the domestic organizers in order to give the Belgrade audience two nights of quality fun with top jazz sounds.

The organizers of the festival Umbria Jazz Balkan Windows 08 are "Multikultivator" and "Ring Ring Promotions" in partnership with "Fondazione Umbria Jazz" with support of the Embassy of Italy and Italian Cultural Institute in Belgrade, Assembly of the City of Belgrade and municipality "Savski Venac".

Umbria Jazz Balkan Windows 08 Festival

This year's festival will be held on 29–30 August, in front of the Museum "25 Maj" in Belgrade, and like the previous years, the entrance will be free. At the upcoming festival the Italian team consists of DOMENICO CALIRI "CAL" Trio and DINO RUBINO QUARTET. Domenico Kaliri, a self-taught guitarist from Sicily, started playing music when he was 11. He has performed at the most important European and world jazz festivals. He has cooperated with a number of great international jazz musicians. He was a member of Enrico Rava Electric Five band and currently he is performing in different

formations led by him. DOMENICO CALIRI "CAL" Trio also includes Ares Tivolazzi on the contrabass and Christiano Calcagnile on the drums (constant drummer in all Stefano Bolani's bands).

DINO RUBINO QUARTET is led by a young and talented trumpeter Dino Rubino. According to Enrico Rava's words, Dino is the best Italian trumpeter, who leads the first line of young Italian jazzers together with Francesco Kafiz (with whom he also cooperated). Apart from Dino, the quartet includes the pianist Sal Bonafede (cooperated with some of the great world names of jazz music such as Joe Lovano, John Scofield, Tom Harrell, Enrico Rava etc), Nello Toscano on the contrabass and Enzo Zirilli on the drums.

The Balkan team of musicians will be led by Fatima Spar und die Freedom Fries (Austria / Turkey / Serbia). This truly original band consists of Fatima Spar (vocalist), Alexander Wladigeroff (the trumpet), Andrej Prosorov (sopran sax), Miloš Todorovski (concertina), Philipp Moosbrugger (contrabass) and Erwin Schober (drums). The second domestic representative will be Unit 5 from Belgrade.