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Competition

9th Jazz & Blues Award Berlin, 2009

The Jazzinitiative Berlin will again be presenting and promoting the great diversity of the Berlin jazz scene in 2009. This is also the purpose of the 9th Jazz & Blues Award Berlin, which is planned for 19 and 20 September 2009 at the Kulturbrauerei.

We are keeping to our tried-and-tested model of a 2-day event, awarding a special "ELLA" on each of the two days:

Day 1: Special Award 1 – "Made in Germany" – with 5 finalists

(This special award is being continued because of the enthusiastic response to the "German Real Book" category last year. The bands must play their own compositions and/or numbers written by German jazz composers.)

Day 2: Special Award 2 – "Blues" – with 5 finalists

Conditions of participation:

All amateur and professional bands resident in Berlin and the surrounding area with up to eight musicians are entitled to take part.

Bands that have taken part in earlier Awards are not excluded from taking part again. The bands can either apply to take part themselves, be nominated by jazz promoters or clubs, or be suggested by jazz fans.

Please bear in mind the following when sending in applications, nominations and suggestions (see also check list):

The registration form must be filled in completely, otherwise the application cannot be considered. The bands must provide the organizers with the following:

1. a recent, technically and acoustically good-quality demo recording (max. two numbers on CD – the band name must not be mentioned in any of the numbers),
2. legible, appropriate information material (incl. the band's personnel), and
3. a suitable photograph with permission for publication (photographic material: transparency, paper print or picture file with a resolution of 300 dpi [width 90 mm]).

If the band is suggested by jazz fans, please mention: the band's name, the style they play, and the exact name and address of the contact person (preferably also an email address).

Registration deadline

is 12 June 2009 (date of postmark).

Address for entries

Please send your applications, nominations and suggestions

– by email to: vorstand@jazzinitiative-berlin.de.

– by snail mail to: Jazzinitiative Berlin e.V., Treskowallee 112, 10318 Berlin

Selection

As in previous years, in 2009 the participating bands will again be selected anonymously, i.e. the independent music panel will assess only the demo recordings without being given any information on the titles or the band.

On the basis of this assessment, the panel will make a recommendation to the Jazzinitiative Berlin Committee suggesting which bands should be invited to take part in the competition.

The final decision on which five bands will take part in each category of the competition will be taken by the Jazzinitiative Berlin Committee. This decision will be final and cannot be contested. The selected groups will be notified by 15 July 2009. These groups have a binding obligation to take part in the competition unless they withdraw in writing by 30 July 2009. If a group withdraws at a later date, they will be sent a bill for costs incurred up to then by the Jazzinitiative in relation to the withdrawing group.

Competition

In the competition, the selected bands will each play a set lasting a maximum of 30 minutes.

Prizes

The respective winner in each category will be chosen exclusively by an expert jury made up of recognized personalities from the jazz world. The winning bands will each be awarded an "ELLA". They will perform in the series JAZZ UNITS / JAZZ FOCUS 2009 and thus also be presented on rbb radio; contacts will also be made with other events.

The following aspects will be assessed: musical enthusiasm, stage presence, ensemble playing, musicality, technical ability, creativity (own compositions and arrangements, improvisation), professionalism.

The jury can suggest a band to the Jazzinitiative Committee for a sponsorship prize (financial support for the band to be given coaching or similar assistance). If the jury decides not to promote any band, this prize will not be awarded.

Live recording / Prizewinners' concert

The Jazzinitiative will have the competition recorded live on video. A video sequence taken from of this material will be made available to each of the bands taking part in the competition for the band's website.

Expense allowance

The Jazzinitiative Berlin will reimburse the participating groups for their expenses during preparation and the competition itself up to a maximum of €300. Travel expenses and/or other ancillary costs cannot be reimbursed.

Band application: ** delete what is not applicable

We hereby apply to take part in the 9th Jazz & Blues Award Berlin for the Special Award 1: "Made in Germany" / Special Award 2: Blues **

Name of the band: _____

Responsible bandleader: _____

Address: _____

Postcode, town/city: _____

Telephone / fax: _____

Email: _____

Date/signature: _____

Nomination: ** delete what is not applicable

I / We would like to nominate the following band for the 9th Jazz & Blues Award Berlin for the Special Award 1: "Made in Germany" / Special Award 2: Blues **

Name of the band: _____

Responsible bandleader: _____

Address: _____

Postcode, town/city: _____

Telephone / fax: _____

Email: _____

Name/address of the nominator: _____

Date/signature: _____

Suggestion: ** delete what is not applicable

I / We would like to suggest the following band for the 9th Jazz & Blues Award Berlin for the Special Award 1: "Made in Germany" / Special Award 2: Blues **

Name of the band: _____

Responsible bandleader: _____

Address: _____

Postcode, town/city: _____

Telephone / fax: _____

Email: _____

Name/address of the suggesting person: _____

Date/signature: _____

Checklist:

The following should be submitted along with the application / nomination / suggestion: (see Conditions of participation):

- detailed description of what the band has done up to now,
- comprehensive demo material (audio CD with a maximum of two numbers),
- photographic material (transparency, good-quality paper print). Digital pictures with a resolution of at least 300 dpi [width 90 mm] can be sent by email to: vorstand@jazzinitiative-berlin.de.
- Snail mail address: Jazzinitiative Berlin e.V., Treskowallee 112, 10318 Berlin