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The Centre national de la musique (CNM)

CNM is your French music partner

It provides the French music sector with the tools and support mechanisms needed to develop nationally and globally.

Among its missions, the CNM team assists international professionals interested in made-in-France artists. CNM provides a wide range of assistance and services to music professionals around the world.

Connections

Establishing and enriching relationships between international and French professionals:

- Networking events with French industry professionals (in France and abroad)
- Invitations to international festivals and conferences
- Access to relevant French professional contacts

Communication

Providing information about made-in-France artists, their French professional entourage and the French music industry :

- Expert recommendations and assistance for working with French professionals
- Information on the French music industry
- Promotion of made-in-France music via the playlist and news service What the France (available in five languages)

The CNM is a member of Europe Jazz Network and a member of the board of the European Music Exporters Exchange (EMEE), chaired by Corinne Sadki, Director of European Affairs and International Development at CNM.

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Business France

BUSINESS FRANCE has a clear mission : to boost French entrepreneurial audacity in France and worldwide. With a network of more than 1,400 employees in France and abroad, we support French export businesses step by step by providing advice, crucial market information, and access to reliable partners.

We also promote France to foreign investors, making it easier for them to establish themselves. At the same time, we support the VIE international internship program, offering young talent a unique experience abroad.

Alongside CCI France and Bpifrance, we form Team France Export, helping France's regions and their businesses succeed in international markets. Together, let's raise the flag of French business throughout the world!

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Meet our team at JAZZAHEAD! 2026

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MALIKA ZARRA

"Malika Zarra is a rare and special voice, a natural-born musician who sings as easily as we breathe." (John Zorn)

She has been called Morocco's jazz jewel, and sings in Amazigh, Moroccan Arabic, English and French. Deeply attached to her native cultures, she remains open to those of the world.

For her, cultures as diverse as the people on earth are powerful forces that reveal the richness of humanity.

She left Morocco as a three-year-old and grew up in France. In 2004 she moved to New York, where she takes her rightful place as an important world-jazz artist on the city's multicultural music scene. Of her 2011 CD "Berber Taxi" (Motema), John Zorn wrote: "A masterpiece, every track a gem."

LINE UP

Malika Zarra (vocals, percussion)
Leonardo Montana (piano)
Adhil Mirghani (percussion)



FR/US

Thursday 23 April
17:00 - 17:45
Halle 7.2

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L'ANTIDOTE

Can beauty save the world? Can the healing power of music serve as an antidote against the poisons of the times we live in?

That is the wager of three musicians, Iranian percussionist Bijan Chemirani, Lebanese cellist/composer Redi Hasa, and Lebanese pianist Rami Khalifé.

All three have important things in common: They belong to families of artists in which they were musically trained and mentored, and they share the experience of needing to leave their homelands.

The three virtuosos have been brought together to create L'Antidote. "On 'L'Antidote', the cello speaks, the percussion articulates, and the piano converses—a musical language that can go beyond words." (CLASH magazine)

LINE UP

Redi Hasa (cello)
Rami Khalife (piano)
Bijan Chemirani (percussion)



FR/IT/AU

Thursday 23 April
18:45 - 19:15
Halle 7.1

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Friday 24 April
19:00 and 21:00
Institut Français Bremen
(Clubnight)

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OASIS BOOM

From the White Stripes to the Black Keys, the drum/guitar duo is to rock what the piano/bass/drum trio is to jazz: a classic format. But reducing Oasis Boom's music to a single aesthetic would be a mistake.

Inside the "car radio of the cactus bus"—the name of the single extended piece they perform live—you'll find greasy rock, yes, but also surf music, drone, lullabies, and club rhythms. The machine rolls on at breakneck speed, transforming, soaring, teleporting. It's direct and relentless. Through windows stained with red dust, we glimpse the hallucinatory vistas of Piton de la Fournaise, the languid bends of the Niger River, and the dry immensity of Arizona.

When it's over, Melissa Acchiardi and Vincent Duchosal step down in silence, hands blackened by electricity, eyes still filled with melting horizons—and we realize that the journey hasn't really ended. It never does.

LINE UP

Mélissa Acchiardi (drums, synth)
 Vincent Duchosal (guitar)



French breakfast : Croissants & coffee

| Booth France at Jazzahead! - n°6C60

Friday, 24 April _____ 10:00 – 11:00

Start your day the French way! Join us for an informal and friendly morning to meet French professionals, exchange ideas, and spark new collaborations. Enjoy fresh croissants, coffee, and great conversations in true French style.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Networking Session : Reconnect gathering

| Business Lounge

Friday, 24 April _____ 14:30 – 16:30



x **SWEDEN**
at jazz a head!

At the 2025 edition of Jazzahead!, France, Spain and Switzerland were spotlighted under the RECONNECT programme.

In 2026, the partners are renewing their collaboration and are pleased to welcome Sweden – the Focus Country of Jazzahead! 2026 – for a new joint programme of activities.

Together, the four countries host two dedicated networking events designed to:

- Strengthen connections across these European regions
- Stimulate new artistic and professional collaborations
- Create expanded opportunities for their respective music sectors

This session provides a dynamic platform for key stakeholders to meet, exchange ideas, and build lasting international partnerships.

Please note :

The event is fully booked and open to pre-registered participants only.

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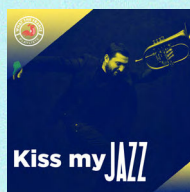
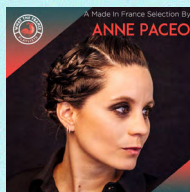
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