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Bucharest International Jazz Competition 2011**

**The British pianist Wayne Brown was named Artistic Director of the competition**

Between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011 the best representatives of the new jazz generation will meet at Bucharest International Jazz Competition, the only international jazz competition in Romania. The event brings to the Romanian audience **spectacular projects of the best jazz centres in the world**. Each edition gathered great musicians from over 20 countries in Europe and USA, "la crème de la crème" or musicians on the rise, who will present the Romanian audience the **new jazz mainstream**.

**Bucharest International Jazz Competition**, organized by jmEvents, brings an important contribution to the promotion and recognition of the new Romanian and international jazz values. The competition promises vivid music, creation and an enthusiastic audience by combining concerts, jam sessions and workshops.

„Through the last 4 editions of the Bucharest International Jazz Competition, the concert nights have proved to be an extraordinary experience, both for those on the stage and for the audience. Jazz generated a positive power which kept the concert halls full of people, even if this music genre is thought not to sell well in our country”, said the director of the competition, Mr. **Luigi Gageos**.

The event won the appreciation of jazz specialists since the beginning. **Wayne Brown**, president of the 2 last editions says: “I fell in love with the spirit of the event; in Bucharest as in London, I feel like home”. Starting 2011, the well known British pianist agreed to be named the Artistic Director of the event.

The 5th Bucharest International Jazz Competition takes place between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011. The musicians – bands and vocalists aged up to 35, will compete for 7.000 Euro – The Grand Price, as well as for the distinctions of The Best Band and The Best Vocalist.

Bucharest International Jazz Competition has also an educative role. For the young jazz musicians the competition stands for a fresh spirit and a muse. **Maria Raducanu**, member of the jury, thinks: “It was a pleasant surprise to listen to such extraordinary jazz projects. Nevertheless, I was disappointed I didn't see more Romanian contestants, not even young jazz performers in the public who could have been witnesses of the quality and the promising future of jazz music”. On the other hand, the event offers students the possibility of listening to good music, granting their free entrance at the concerts.

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