

PRESS RELEASE

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**4<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Jazz & World Music Showcase  
@ Rialto Theatre  
24 & 25 November 2017**

The Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus Music Information Centre and the Rialto Theatre after three successful editions, they join forces for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to organize the **Cyprus Jazz & World Music Showcase** on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

Starting tentative three years ago, the organizers sought to give the opportunity to Cypriot musician artists to present their original work to the local audiences and guests from abroad, developing together partnerships that would strengthen them and offer them opportunities for international exposure and promotion. Overall, 16 groups have expressed interest in participating in this year Showcase, making it difficult for the competent committee to select the final groups, being also an indication of the resonance and well-acceptance of the showcase festival among the Cypriot musicians.

Noteworthy is the fact that the first Cyprus Jazz & World Music Showcase was dedicated to the memory of a significant creator of Jazz and World Music, Savvas Houvartas, whose work is a benchmark and inspiration for younger artists.

Objective of the 4<sup>th</sup> Showcase is to create a lively atmosphere, full of jazz and world Music sounds presenting remarkable Cypriot groups, which represent all the trends of jazz and world music. Eight groups have been selected to participate in this year's programme and they will present a comprehensive and dynamic image of the Cypriot contemporary musical landscape. The audio-visual recording of the showcase, as in previous years, contributes to the creation of a modern music archive which serves an additional asset for promoting Cypriot artists internationally.

Apart from the basic programme of presenting four Cypriot groups per day, side events are programmed, including presentations, jam sessions and discussions with professionals from the international music industry. The main objective of these activities is to strengthen the awareness of the Cypriot music artists about the structures and operating mechanisms of the international music industry.

Foreign festival organizers, producers and representatives of organizations with which the Cyprus Music Information Centre cooperates will attend the showcase.

The participating bands in this fourth edition are:

**Friday November 24th**

Alexis Kasinos Quartet, Ioannou/ Vafeas Quartet, Loizos Pafitis “The Underdog”, Macumba

**Saturday November 25th**

Free Over Four, Trio Tekke & Dave De Rose, Vasiliki Anastasiou - The Amalgamation Project, Mighty Sugarcane

**Organizers:** Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus Music Information Center and Rialto Theatre

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**Rialto Theatre 24 & 25 November, 20.30**

Tickets: €10 / 6 (daily ticket) & €15 / 10 (for both days)

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