



Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival 2026: 20 Years of Adventure At the Heart of Jazz

Press release – Monaco, 3 September 2026 – In 2006, Jean-René Palacio envisioned an event for all jazz music lovers and enthusiasts: the Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival. Twenty years later, the adventure continues, and the event has established itself as one of the Principality's unmissable musical highlights. After two decades marked by great French and international voices at the heart of the Opéra Garnier, Alfonso Ciulla, Artistic Director of Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, has devised a programme true to the event's original spirit: generous, bold and open to the world.

The Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival 2026 programme

This special edition will open on **18 November** with the traditional concert by the young musicians of **the Académie Rainier III**, which each year provides these emerging artists with an extraordinary setting and a source of inspiration.

Concert – Free admission – Booking recommended

Following this wonderful opening, contemporary jazz's great vocalist **Youn Sun Nah** will take to the stage at the Salle Garnier on **20 November**. Accompanied by a new band, the South Korean artist will combine gentleness and intensity, moving from tranquillity to the powerful vibrancy that has defined her 25-year career. Her performance will be followed by that of **Gregory Porter**. Twice named "Best Jazz Vocal Album" at the Grammy Awards, the international superstar promises to elevate genres ranging from blues to gospel and soul with his warm and utterly unique voice.

Concert – From 80 euros

The **21 November** concert will open with **Thanda Choir**, founded in 2023. Fifteen artists will take to the stage for their first international tour, offering a vibrant show that will carry the sounds of South Africa beyond its borders. They will be followed by American singer **Melody Gardot**, who celebrated twenty years of her career in 2024. Her mysterious, velvety voice will bear witness to this extraordinary journey through life, from the Opéra Garnier.

Concert – From 80 euros

On **22 November**, the Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival will host a screening of the film *The Man with the Golden Arm*, directed by Otto Preminger in 1955, in partnership with the Institut audiovisuel de Monaco. It features a poignant Frank Sinatra as Frankie Machine, determined to become a jazz drummer despite his troubled past.

Jazz & Cinema Screening – 15 euros

The evening of **25 November** will feature a performance by Haitian-American prodigy **Tyreek McDole**. Discovered on New York's music scene, the artist has won audiences over with his intense jazz infused with Caribbean rhythms, earning him the Best Singer award at the Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival in 2018. Belgium's queen of soul-pop, **Selah Sue**, will then take to the stage with father-and-son duo **The Gallands**, delivering a vibrant, radiant and liberating live performance that invites audiences to let go and keep moving.

Concert – From 70 euros

On **26 November**, Manchester trio **Gogo Penguin** will present their latest album, *Necessary Fictions*, which lies at the crossroads of jazz and electro, joined on stage by British-Ugandan singer-songwriter Daudi Matsiko. British group **The Brand New Heavies**, pioneers of acid jazz for more than 40 years, will then take over, setting the Salle Garnier alight with a repertoire blending jazz, soul, funk and hip-hop.

Concert – From 60 euros

On **27 November**, **Marillion**, founded in 1979 and pioneers of British rock, will push back the boundaries of creativity with a performance combining musical virtuosity, emotion and spontaneity.

Concert – From 80 euros

On **28 November**, rising young French artist **Lila-May** will take to the stage at the Opéra Garnier, showcasing her fresh voice and rare maturity. Determined to reconcile Gen Z with jazz by opening it up to today's musical codes, the self-taught young artist has racked up millions of views on TikTok with her EP *Out of Tme*, released in 2025. Renowned singer and guitarist **Thomas Dutronc** will then celebrate the great figures of jazz. In his new show, created in 2026, the artist extends the cool jazz world of Chet Baker, pays tribute to the heir to Django Reinhardt's gypsy jazz tradition and elegantly reinterprets classics from the Great American Songbook.

Concert – From 70 euros

Finally, the festival will close on **29 November** with **JOY**, a show by the **Soweto Gospel Choir**, three-time Grammy Award winners. A celebration of the spirit of South Africa through music, dance and faith.

Concert – 60 euros

Practical information:

- . From 18 to 29 November 2026
- . Salle Garnier, Opéra de Monte-Carlo, Place du Casino, 98000 Monaco
- . Information and bookings: +377 98 06 36 36 (10 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week) / ticketoffice@sbm.mc

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