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Beit Haamundim hosts the best of Israel's jazz scene seven days a week. Recent shows featured the Ofer Ganor Quartet, the Barak Mori Quartet and the Guy Levy Trio.
facebook.com/beithaamudim

ITALY

Alexanderplatz

Rome

Italy's premier jazz club was refurbished recently and continues to emphasize small-group concerts in classic and modern styles.
alexanderplatzjazz.com

Casa del Jazz

Rome

With three venues, Casa del Jazz delivers a variety of concerts including plenty of jazz.
casadeljazz.com

JAPAN

Body & Soul

Tokyo

Since 1974, this venue — which seats about 50 — has presented high-quality Japanese

jazz artists.

bodyandsoul.co.jp

Shinjuku Pit Inn

Tokyo

Known for showcasing domestic artists, this 57-year-old venue (32 years in its current location) is a revered listening room.

pit-inn.com

LATVIA

M/Darbnīca

Riga

M/Darbnīca is a cultural space located in the heart of Riga. Emerging and established musicians from jazz and other genres converge, promoting classic jazz, new compositions and the art of improvisation.

mdarbnica.lv

VEF Jazz Club

Riga

VEF Jazz Club concert series began in 2018, offering jazz lovers a chance to enjoy regional and internationally known musicians. VEF Jazz Club has hosted Denis Pashkevich

Sextet, Trio Vein, Peter Sarik Trio and more.
vefkp.lv

MEXICO

Zinco Jazz Club

Mexico City

With a great menu and intimate, modern decor, this underground club has earned a reputation for hipness.

zincojazz.com

THE NETHERLANDS

Bimhuis

Amsterdam

This internationally acclaimed concert hall boasts a 48-year history and more than 300 concerts annually by the likes of David Murray, Kit Downes and Irreversible Entanglements.

bimhuis.com

NORWAY

Victoria Nasjonal Jazz Scene

Oslo

Housed in a stylish setting, Victoria Nasjonal Jazz Scene can accommodate 300 people. Norway's vibrant jazz scene is represented here, as are touring musicians like Joe Lovano.

nasjonaljazzscene.no/en

RUSSIA

Igor Butman Jazz Club

Moscow/St. Petersburg

While relations with Russia make it prohibitive to travel there at this time, famed saxophonist Igor Butman's two clubs present Russian artists as well as international touring acts.

butmanclub.ru

SCOTLAND

The Jazz Bar

Edinburgh

Harnessing Edinburgh's creative talents into an offering of year-round live gigs, this award-winning basement venue is great for a Saturday afternoon coffee, a fresh cocktail or a cold pint. Recent performances include Georgia Cecile, Valery Ponomarev and Fergus McCreadie.

thejazzbar.co.uk

SPAIN

Jamboree

Barcelona

This classic club has hosted the greats since 1960 — from Duke Ellington and Ornette Coleman to Barcelona native Jorge Rossy.

jamboreejazz.com

SWEDEN

Fasching

Stockholm

Jazz club Fasching is one of Europe's oldest and most prestigious. Historically, the likes of Chet Baker, Carla Bley, Chick Corea and more have graced the stage.

fasching.se

SWITZERLAND

Marian's Jazz Room

Bern

Since 1992, this 130-capacity room has been



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