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NoMad Jazz Festival Concert Series Announces Talent, Expanding NoMad Jazz Festival's World-Class Programming Year-Round.

NoMad, NYC, April 22, 2026 — Following last month's announcement of the **NoMad Jazz Festival Concert Series**, The NoMad Jazz Festival reveals its first wave of world-class talent, including **Bill Frisell & Ambrose Akinmusire, Miguel Zenón & Luis Perdomo, Roy Hargrove Big Band, Nick Hempton Quartet, Kyle Koehler Trio, Eric Kalb Trio, Craig Handy and Second Line Smith, Matt Chertkoff Trio, and Wayne Henderson Trio**. Presented by the The NoMad Alliance – celebrating its 15th anniversary – and developed in partnership with The Jazz Gallery, the year-round Concert Series expands the Festival's reach beyond its signature summer week, bringing leading voices in jazz to venues and public spaces throughout NoMad.

Designed to build momentum leading into the NoMad Jazz Festival's free, week-long summer celebration (August 2–8, 2026), the series features a mix of ticketed and free performances, with all proceeds directly supporting the Festival's mission to remain free and accessible to all.

"This series allows us to feature and support even more artists, while building a deeper relationship with audiences," said Rio Sakairi, Artistic Director of The Jazz Gallery and the NoMad Jazz Festival. "We're presenting some of the most compelling voices in jazz today. These are artists who are shaping the music in real time."

"The NoMad Jazz Festival Concert Series reflects a larger vision for what this Festival can be," said Miriam Dalaei Fodera, Executive Director of the NoMad Jazz Festival. "It's grown beyond a week in August to an ongoing platform for artists, a gathering point for community, and a way to keep the energy of the Festival alive all year long."

Ticketed Concerts at Baruch Performing Arts Center

A centerpiece of the series is a trio of ticketed performances at Baruch Performing Arts Center's Engelman Recital Hall, 55 Lexington Avenue (25th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues). Curated by Rio Sakairi, it offers an intimate setting for celebrated artists:

- **June 1, 2026** – 7:00 PM – Miguel Zenón and Luis Perdomo: El Arte del Bolero
- **July 6, 2026** – 7:00 PM – Roy Hargrove Big Band
- **August 3, 2026** – 6:00 PM – Bill Frisell & Ambrose Akinmusire

All concerts take place on the first Monday of the month, June through August, with tickets available beginning April 2026 as individual performances or a full series package. [More here.](#)

"The Engelman Recital Hall offers a rare closeness between artist and audience," said Howard Sherman, Managing Director of Baruch Performing Arts Center. "We're proud to host a series that brings this level of artistry into such an intimate and accessible environment."

Free Outdoor Performances with Jazz on The NoMad Piazza

Complementing the ticketed series, Jazz on the NoMad Piazza's free performances return to the NoMad Piazza along Broadway between 25th and 27th Streets, curated by guitarist Matt Chertkoff. The open-air series transforms the neighborhood into a spontaneous listening room:

- **June 24**, 2026 – 5:00 PM – Nick Hempton Quartet
- **July 8**, 2026 – 12:00 PM – Kyle Koehler Trio
- **July 22**, 2026 – 5:00 PM – Eric Kalb Trio
- **August 5**, 2026 – 12:00 PM – Craig Handy and Second Line Smith
- **August 5**, 2026 – 5:00 PM – Matt Chertkoff Trio
- **September 9**, 2026 – 5:00 PM – Wayne Henderson Trio

“Jazz belongs in the street as much as it does on the stage,” said Chertkoff. “This series invites people to encounter the music naturally, whether they planned to or not. That’s where the magic happens.”

First Fridays! at The Jazz Gallery

The partnership with The Jazz Gallery continues through its First Fridays! Concert Series, presented by The Jazz Gallery and extending the Festival’s reach into a year-round creative hub:

April 3, 2026 – 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM – Hannah Marks, Salt of the Earth

May 1, 2026 – 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM – Jen Shyu, Fertile Land, Fertile Body

June 5, 2026 – 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM – Talent TBA

Tickets are available via The Jazz Gallery. [More here.](#)

A Festival That Plays All Year Long

Following a record-breaking inaugural year, which featured over 170 artists, the NoMad Jazz Festival returns August 2–8, 2026, with free mainstage performances in Madison Square Park and events across NoMad and Flatiron. Produced by The NoMad Alliance in partnership with The Jazz Gallery, Flatiron NoMad Partnership, and Madison Square Park Conservancy, the Festival has quickly become one of New York City’s most inclusive and high-impact cultural events.

“The inaugural NoMad Jazz Festival proved what can happen when artists, individuals, businesses, and community come together around a shared purpose,” said Leslie Spira Lopez, Founder and President of The NoMad Alliance. “Fifteen years into The NoMad Alliance’s work to build an ever-better neighborhood, this expanded series marks a meaningful milestone – and affirms that jazz has found a lasting home in NoMad.”

NoMad Jazz Festival

Produced by The NoMad Alliance, the NoMad Jazz Festival is a free, community-driven celebration of world-class jazz in New York City. Launched in 2025, the inaugural festival featured a weeklong series of performances across NoMad and Flatiron, showcasing more than 170 artists and culminating in a two-day Mainstage event in Madison Square Park that drew tens of thousands of visitors and set attendance records for a public program in the park.

Presented in partnership with The NoMad Alliance, The Jazz Gallery, Flatiron NoMad Partnership, and Madison Square Park Conservancy, the festival brings together leading and emerging artists in performances that span generations and styles. Rooted in the neighborhood’s rich musical legacy of Tin Pan Alley and the Great American Songbook, the festival honors jazz history while championing its future.

Now expanding into year-round programming – including the NoMad Jazz Festival Concert Series, Jazz in the NoMad Piazza, and special events across neighborhood venues and public spaces – the festival continues to grow its impact. Anchored by a flagship Mainstage that remains free and open to all, the NoMad Jazz Festival has quickly established itself as one of New York City’s most inclusive, dynamic cultural events, powered by community collaboration and creativity. For more information visit [NoMad Jazz Festival](#) or contact NoMad Jazz Festival Executive Director, Miriam Dalaei Fodera at miriam@nomadjazzfestival.com. [@nomadjazzfestival](#).

The NoMad Alliance

Celebrating its 15th year, The NoMad Alliance is a not-for-profit organization committed to building an ever-better, sustainable community and growing local businesses. NoMad is the quintessential live-work-play-learn neighborhood in New York City. Steeped in rich history and architecture, NoMad offers a unique combination of retail, hospitality, food, nightlife and more. The area is home to an exciting mix of industries – including creative, design, medical, and tech – as well as one-of-a-kind residential buildings. Plus, it boasts the incomparable Madison Square Park. The distinctive neighborhood is truly like no other part of New York City – There’s no place like NoMad. For more information visit [NoMad Alliance](#) or contact Gabriella Ferraro-Michaelson at info@ExperienceNoMad.com. [@ExperienceNoMad](#).

The Jazz Gallery

The Jazz Gallery is America’s premier performance venue for emerging artists who challenge convention, take creative risks and lead their field as performers, composers and thinkers. Through residencies, commissions, performances, and exhibitions, we provide a platform for artists to discover their unique voice and a home for established musicians to continue to experiment and grow while being committed to removing barriers to participation and to advancing a diverse representation of cultural backgrounds. At The Jazz Gallery, artists and audiences come together from around the world to explore new creative ideas, collaborate and celebrate jazz as a dynamic art form that reflects our ever-changing world. Open four nights a week, Wednesday - Saturday; sets at 7:00pm & 9:00pm. Visit jazzgallery.org and [@thejazzgallery](#).