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AJC unveils the 3 new laureates of Jazz With!

For its second edition, Jazz With reaffirms its ambition: to support the creation and circulation of jazz on a European scale. From over 80 applications received, three projects have been selected: **BONBON FLAMME, GARDEN OF SILENCES**, and **LOTUS FLOWERS**.

Three distinct musical worlds, united by a shared European spirit
Driven by artists from across Europe — Sweden, Germany, Belgium, and Portugal — these groups embody the vitality of a dynamic and ever-evolving European jazz scene. BONBON FLAMME unleashes wild energy blending jazz, noise, deconstructed blues, and groove; LOTUS FLOWERS offers a free and inspired jazz, as lyrical as it is politically engaged; while GARDEN OF SILENCES explores minimalism through suspended breath, poetic tension, and resonant silences.

Support and Promotion
The three laureates will perform at the upcoming Rencontres AJC — taking place from December 1 to 3, 2025 — before an audience of programmers, journalists, institutions, and industry professionals from across Europe. This event marks the starting point of an enhanced circulation effort. Each group will receive a grant to support their touring and customized assistance tailored to real-world needs: networking opportunities, structural support, and logistical help with touring.

A Reaffirmed European Vision
Thanks to AJC's strong presence in France and throughout Europe, Jazz With reinforces its mission: to support ambitious artistic projects, promote their dissemination, and position the French jazz scene as an active player within a vibrant and creative European jazz landscape. Following the 2024 laureates — Cheel, T.I.M, and Weave 4 — our three new awardees continue this collective journey toward a transnational, forward-looking jazz.

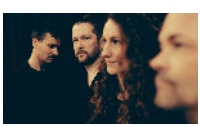
Welcome!

The laureates of Jazz With #2



BONBON FLAMME

Valentin Ceccaldi (FR) – Cello
Fulco Ottervanger (BE) – Keyboards
Luis Lopes (PT) – Guitar
Etienne Ziemniak (FR) – Drums



GARDEN OF SILENCES

Clément Janinet (FR) – Violon
Arve Henriksen (NO) – Trumpet
Ambre Vuillermoz (FR) – Accordion
Robert Lucaciu (DE) – Double bass



LOTUS FLOWERS

Bruno Angelini (FR) – Piano
Sakina Abdou (FR) – Tenor saxphone
Angelika Niescier (DE) – Alto saxophone

More information

About Jazz With

Jazz With is AJC's programme to support French and European tours, with the aim of encouraging an existing but under-funded trend: artistic projects that bring together French and European artists. Jazz With offers its laureates the chance to perform in front of an audience of professionals at the AJC's Rencontres, as well as a grant to help them organize their tours. The selected projects will also receive research and reflection support from the AJC teams and members of the network in order to create the collective momentum needed to promote jazz more effectively in France and Europe.

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Jazz With #2 in figures



1 month
of call for applications



80
applications received including

2/3
submitted by French musicians.



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Countries represented :
Germany, Belgium, Bulgary, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Tunisia, UK, Sweden



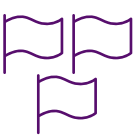
303
artists



73%
binational bands



21%
female musicians



27%
of the bands have 3 or 4 countries represented

compared to

17%
in the first edition of Jazz With

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