

Jazz With #3: Three new European projects selected

For its third edition, Jazz With reaffirms its commitment to supporting the creation and circulation of jazz across Europe. Out of more than 90 applications received, three projects have been selected: **ANAPHORA**, **KABARILA QUARTET**, and **SMIODAIR**.

Three musical worlds, one European spirit

Bringing together artists from Germany, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Austria, Greece and France, the three selected projects embody the vitality and diversity of today's European jazz scene.

Led by drummer Marco Luparia and pianist Amalia Deorsola, ANAPHORA explores a musical territory where cyclical rhythms and poetic expression meet in a hypnotic ritual. Featuring artists including Delphine Joussein and Lukas Kranzelbinder, KABARILA QUARTET develops a free, organic, and vibrant music shaped by years of collective practice and deep listening. Bringing together some of the most distinctive voices on the British and European improvised music scene, SMIODAIR, featuring Laura Jurd and Robin Fincker, weaves together powerful grooves, folk-inspired melodies, and dreamlike sonic landscapes.

Touring support and professional development

The three selected projects will perform at the next Rencontres AJC on December 1st 2026, in front of an audience of presenters, journalists, institutional representatives, and music professionals from France and across Europe. Each group will receive a touring support grant as well as tailored professional support, including networking opportunities, organisational development, tour logistics assistance, and help identifying performance opportunities in France and across Europe.

A renewed European commitment

Building on the strength of the AJC network in France and throughout Europe, Jazz With continues to pursue a clear objective: supporting ambitious artistic projects, fostering their circulation, and strengthening connections between European jazz scenes.

Jazz With 2026 selected projects



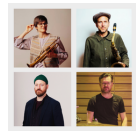
ANAPHORA

Amalia Deorsola (FR/BE) – prepared piano, piano
Marco Luparia (FR) – drums, objects
Sofia Eftychidou (GR/DE) – doublebass



KABARILA QUARTET

Delphine Joussein (FR) - flute, fx, voice
Lukas Kranzelbinder (AT) - doublebass, guembri
Johannes Schleiermacher (DE) - saxophone, flute, electronics
Julian Sartorius (CH) - drums, percussions



SMIODAIR

Robin Fincker (FR) – Saxophone
Laura Jurd (UK) – Trumpet
Simon Jermyn (DE) – Electric Bass
Dave Smith (UK) – Drums

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About Jazz With

Jazz With is a touring support programme led by AJC, designed to encourage the circulation of jazz projects across France and Europe. It aims to support an existing yet still underdeveloped trend: artistic projects that bring together French and European artists.

Jazz With offers its selected projects the opportunity to perform in front of an audience of music professionals at the Rencontres AJC, as well as financial support intended to facilitate and strengthen the development of touring opportunities.

The selected projects also benefit from tailored guidance provided by the AJC team and members of its network. Through shared expertise, strategic advice, and collaborative reflection, the programme seeks to foster a collective dynamic that contributes to the wider circulation of jazz throughout France and Europe.

Jazz With #3 in figures



1 month
call for applications



90
applications received,
including



18

40%
submitted by
French musicians

Countries represented :

Germany, Belgium, Bulgaria,
Denmark, Spain, Estonia, France,
Finland, Greece, Iceland, Italy,
Norway, the Netherlands, Poland,
the Czech Republic, Tunisia, and
Switzerland.



316
artists



49%
binational projects



23%
Female musicians



41%
Groups representing
three or four different
countries

compared with

17%
in the first edition

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