

**„Jazz Bridge“ from Prague (Mánes) to EU 2009**  
**„Jazzový Most“ z Prahy (Mánes) do EU 2009**  
**„Jazz Brücke“ von Prag (Mánes) in die EU 2009**  
**„Le Pont“ du Jazz de Prague (Mánes) en UE 2009**

**01.06.2009 - 30.08. 2009**

The first “Jazz Bridge“ Prague – Munich 2004 took place to celebrate the entry of the Czech Republic and other former East-bloc countries into the European Union. It turned out a cultural-political success. The Prague concert was broadcast live by the Czech radio station “Vltava”. Then, at midnight on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, ARD-Hessen Broadcasting (based in Frankfurt) broadcast just from the Mánes venue via satellite to all German-speaking nations.

The significance of both Jazz Festivals in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and lay – much as it should in 2009 – in the personal meeting between artists of several generations, their fans, as well as personalities from cultural and political spheres of all European nations. The next festival will consist of concerts in several cities, embracing at least European nations.

Monumental “Jazz Bridge” is to be built from Prague via Carlsbad, Egger, Munich, Bratislava, Piestany and Vienna.

The Mánes, a traditional center of culture lying on the banks of the Moldau with a view of the Prague Castle, is certainly a worthy starting point.

The cooperation already agreed to between radio and television stations in surrounding nations supports the thoughts and rationale behind EU expansion.

Though many bridges have been built in the past, this Jazz “Bridge” must be seen as unique. Support for this music genre, which undoubtedly has a prime place in the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, should help to elevate it to a level similar to that enjoyed by classical music. And this, as we all know, cannot flourish without society supporting cultural life.

A further goal of the Jazz “Bridge” 2009 is to foster cooperation between various Jazz Big Bands within the participating nations.

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**Prague (12.6. Reduta) Vienna (13.6. Porgy) Prague (14.6. Mánes)**  
**Cheb (20.6.) Karlsbad (15.7.) Munich (16.7.)**

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“Nouvelle Cuisine” Bigband -Vienna (In Prague)

Christoph Cech/Christian Muehlbauer

„Kentonmania“ Bigband + 8 French horns (In Prague)

**Guest: Don Menza Sax - US Legend**

Charly Antolini “JazzPower” Munich (In Cheb)

“Hard Days Night” Bigband - Munich (In Prague)