

# International Festival "Jazz Bridge"

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**Rudi Mazač's "Kentonmania" Big Band from Prague is performing on 11. July 2015 in Prague, 12. July in Karlovy Vary, 26. July in Munich, 14. August in Kraslice and on 15. August in Dresden.**

### "A Big Band of the Highest Calibre"

The pianist and band leader Stan Kenton (1911-1979) was undoubtedly one of the most colorful figures of jazz in the last century. Big, broad-based sound indicated a synthesis of jazz and symphonic music. Inspired by his greatest sound apparatus (Innovation in Modern Music Orchestra, 1950), the Prague Big Band, "Kentonmania," under its spirited conductor, Rudi Mazač, extended the standard cast to over 30 musicians by adding eight French horns. The press calls the "Kentonmania" ensemble "a perfectly oiled big band machine that can also swing properly and do complete justice to sentiment in ballads." (OÖN)

Rudi Mazač studied classical music (french horn) at the Prague Conservatory and jazz at the Berklee Jazz College in Boston, and then also earned a master's degree in law. He was a principal horn (soloist) in various symphony and opera orchestras and big bands in the then Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, as well as in Italy, Germany and the USA. He founded the virtuoso "French Horn Formation" in Munich in 1976 and then the "Kentonmania" Big Band in Prague in 1988. Since 2004 he has been the initiating spirit behind the already renowned Int. "Jazz Bridge" from Prague to the EU.

As guests we can welcome, among others, the singer Sydney Ellis and Mel Canady - USA and Jan Karez – bassoon / Yamaha W5 - CZ

**Repertoire:** Swing, Latin, Funky, Rock, Jazz, Classic and ...

**Composers:** Stan Kenton, John Carisi, Benny Bailey, Duke Ellington, Ray Charles, Count Basie, Stevie Wonder, Joe Cocker, Thad Jones, Lalo Schifrin, Richard Wagner, W. A. Mozart, George Gershwin, Deep Purple, Antonin Dvorák, Ivan Lins, Earth Wind & Fire and ...

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