

## from Prague into the EU countries

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14th International Festival "Jazz Bridge" 2017

## "Kentonmania" Big Band "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 standart 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 music (french horn) at the Prague Conservatory and jazz at the Berklee 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 Czechoslovakia ans 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 1994. Since 2004 he has been the initiating spirit behind the already renowned International "Jazz Bridge" Festival.

As guests we can welcome, among others, the singers Sydney Ellis and Mel Canady – USA.

Repertoire: Swing, Latin, Funk, Rock, Jazz, Classsic and...

**Composers:** Stan Kenton, Duke Ellington, Ray Charles, John Carisi, Benny Bailey, Count Basie, Stevie Wonder, Thad Jones, Richard Wagner, W.A. Mozart, George Gershwin, Joe Cocker, Antonín Dvorák, Ivan Lins, Eart Wind & Fire and any more...

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The international "Jazz Bridge" has been extraordinary and successful for 14 years now.

Rudolf Mazač Organisation and art director



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