

Culture

Roche 'n' Jazz



What is Roche 'n' Jazz?

Roche 'n' Jazz is an international initiative set up to promote jazz music and jazz musicians in the Basel region. It stages regular, high-quality after-work concerts, some of which feature Swiss and international jazz greats. The scheme focuses principally on modern jazz. The primary target audience is Roche employees, their families and people living adjacent to the Roche site. However, the events are also open to the general public.

How does it work?

Jazz concerts are held at the Tinguely Museum in Basel on the last Friday of every month. There are two half-hour sets divided by a lengthy interval for conversations and a chance to visit the museum. Concerts are deliberately informal and unconventional, and, since there is no concert-type seating, the audience is free to roam the museum. The next phase will be to transfer the concept to other Roche sites and stage similar events there.

Artists

Lisette Spinnler, Dani Blanc Quartet, The Bridge, Dado Moroni Trio

What impact does it have?

Apart from the audience, the primary beneficiary is the local jazz scene. Ultimately it is hoped that the local events will result in an exchange which will promote jazz at an international level.

Why jazz?

Like contemporary classical music, jazz embodies musical innovation. It is therefore the ideal complement to Roche Commissions.

Who are our partners?

Museum Tinguely, Basel
Jazzclub Bird's Eye, Basel