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## Barbican announces Summer Jazz Series for 2025 with Serious, including three-night Herbie Hancock residency

Barbican and its Associate Producer Serious today announce a summer of performances as part of their [Summer Jazz Series 2025](#). Across June and July, a handpicked array of jazz superstars and international talent take to the stage at the Barbican. The series concludes with an exclusive three-night residency from the legendary **Herbie Hancock**.

- Mon 16 Jun - **Tigran Hamasyan: The Bird of a Thousand Voices + Alice Zawadzki**
- Tue 24 Jun - **Brad Mehldau Trio**
- Sat 12 Jul - **Take Me to the River All-Stars: Memphis Soul Revue**
- Thu 24- Sat 26 Jul - **Herbie Hancock**

Full details of all ticketed performances follow below.

**Tigran Hamasyan: The Bird of a Thousand Voices  
+ Alice Zawadzki**  
**Monday 16 June 2025, 7.30pm**  
**Barbican Hall**  
**Tickets from £27.50 plus booking fee**

One of the most remarkable and distinctive jazz-meets-rock artists of his generation, pianist and composer Tigran Hamasyan returns to the Barbican as a quartet performing *The Bird of a Thousand Voices* (naïve, 2024).

Inspired by an Armenian folk tale in which a hero travels into unseen realms to find and bring back a mythical bird, *The Bird of a Thousand Voices* is Hamasyan's latest conceptual album inspired by the mythical creature whose myriad songs were said to travel the word to spread harmony. This summer, the album will take shape as a one-of-a-kind musical experience with immersive light installation, shadow play, digitally-programmed voices and live music blending improvised jazz and Armenian folklore.

Hamasyan will be joined by **Yessaï Karapetian** (keyboards), **Marc Karapetian** (bass), and **Matt Garstka** (drums).

Support for the evening will come from vocalist, violinist, songwriter and composer **Alice Zawadzki** who has established herself in the peripheries and crossovers of the classical, folk, jazz and art-pop worlds. The award-winning singer, multi-instrumentalist and composer has released three albums of her solo work, the latest her highly lauded *Za Górami*, released on the iconic ECM Records in 2024.

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Part of the Summer Jazz Series 2025 with Serious  
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**Brad Mehldau Trio**  
**Tuesday 24 June 2025, 7.30pm**  
**Barbican Hall**  
**Tickets from £32.50 plus booking fee**

One of the most lyrical and intimate voices of contemporary jazz piano, **Brad Mehldau** returns to the Barbican as part of its Summer Jazz Series 2025 with the **Brad Mehldau Trio** of **Felix Moseholm** (bass) and **Jorge Rossy** (drums) - the new trio's debut performance in London.

Across his career, Mehldau has forged a unique path which embodies the essence of jazz exploration, classical romanticism and pop allure. From critical acclaim as a bandleader to major international exposure in collaborations with Pat Metheny, Renee Fleming, and Joshua Redman, Mehldau continues to garner numerous awards and admiration from both jazz purists and music enthusiasts alike. His forays into melding musical idioms, in both trio and solo settings, has seen brilliant re-workings of songs by contemporary songwriters like The Beatles, Cole Porter, Radiohead, Paul Simon, Gershwin and Nick Drake; alongside the ever-evolving breath of his own significant catalogue of original compositions. With his self-proclaimed affection for popular music and classical training, "Mehldau is the most influential jazz pianist of the last 20 years" (The New York Times).

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### **Take Me to the River All-Stars: Memphis Soul Revue**

**Saturday 12 July 2025, 7.30pm**

**Barbican Hall**

**Tickets from £25 plus booking fee**

Following the success of their performance in EFG London Jazz Festival at the Barbican last year, **Take Me to the River All-Stars** return with *Memphis Soul Revue* – a celebration of classic Memphis music.

*Memphis Soul Revue* is a collection of legendary Memphis musical talents who have created countless classic hits that have stood the test of time. Across the celebration the performance will feature the Queen of Memphis Soul, STAX legend and GRAMMY Nominee **Carla Thomas** who collaborated with R&B star Otis Redding, the legendary **Hi Rhythm Section** (the band behind 27 Gold and Platinum Records in a row, including all of Al Green's classics, along with classics from Ann Peebles, Otis Clay, and many others) along with vocalist **Jerome Chism**, GRAMMY award-winners **Boo Mitchell** and **Martin Shore**. Expect to hear the best of Al Green, BB King, Otis Clay, along with classic songs Gee Whiz (Look at His Eyes), B-A-B-Y, and the greatest hits from STAX and Hi Records.

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### **Herbie Hancock**

**Thu 24 – Sat 26 July 2025, 8pm**

**Barbican Hall**

**Tickets from £40 plus booking fee**

GRAMMY award-winning legend **Herbie Hancock** returns with three exclusive UK shows at the Barbican to celebrate his 85th birthday, over 50 years since his first ever London show.

Herbie Hancock is a true icon of modern music. Throughout his explorations, he has transcended limitations and genres while maintaining his unmistakable voice. With an illustrious career spanning five decades and 14 GRAMMY Awards, including Album of the Year for *River: The Joni Letters*, he continues to amaze audiences across the globe.

There are few artists in the music industry who have had more influence on acoustic and electronic jazz and R&B than Herbie Hancock. As the immortal Miles Davis said in his autobiography, "Herbie

was the step after Bud Powell and Thelonious Monk, and I haven't heard anybody yet who has come after him."

This exclusive three-night residency at the Barbican will mark 51 years since his first London show and audiences can expect a thrilling journey through over five decades of Herbie Hancock's pioneering catalogue.

Presented by Serious and Marshall Arts in association with Barbican  
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## LISTINGS – BARBICAN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC PROMOTIONS COMING UP IN 2025

- JLCYO & Guildhall Ellingtonian Band (JLCO Residency) ([Fri 14 Mar 2025, Barbican Hall, 7pm](#))
- Jazz at Lincoln Centre x London Symphony Orchestra (JLCO Residency) ([Sat 15 Mar 2025, Barbican Hall, 7pm](#))
- Jazz at Lincoln Centre & Wynton Marsalis: The Democracy! Suite (JLCO Residency) ([Sun 16 Mar 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- F\*Choir ([Fri 21 Mar 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Spiritualized: Pure Phase ([Wed 26 & Thu 27 Mar 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Hania Rani & Ensemble present: Ghosts ([Sat 5 Apr 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Yann Tiersen ([Sat 19 Apr 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Liminal Chords: A Dreamscape in Verse & Sound: MA.MOYO (Belinda Zhawi) + Friends ([Wed 23 Apr 2025, Barbican Art Gallery](#))
- Daniel Brandt and Tristan Perich ([Fri 25 Apr 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Charlie Cunningham ([Sat 26 Apr 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Mustafa ([Fri 9 May 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Jason Moran ([Fri 9 May 2025, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Terry Riley 90th Birthday Tribute with Pete Townshend, Bang on a Can All-Stars, SHABAKA and special guests ([Thu 15 May 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Fatoumata Diawara ([Sat 17 May 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Actress x Suzanne Ciani present Concrète Waves ([Fri 30 May 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Moin ([Sat 31 May 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Cat Power Sings Dylan '66 ([Sun 1 Jun 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Sada (Echo): Music from Palestine ([Friday 6 June 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Naseer Shamma ([Sunday 15 June 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Tigran Hamasyan (Summer Jazz Series) ([Mon 16 Jun 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- RAMPAGE: Carnival Classics 2 ([Fri 20 Jun 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **NEW** - Brad Mehldau Trio (Summer Jazz Series) ([Tue 24 Jun 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **NEW** - Take Me To The River All-Stars: Memphis Soul Revue (Summer Jazz Series) ([Sat 12 Jul 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **NEW** - Herbie Hancock (Summer Jazz Series) ([Thu 24 – Sat 26 Jul 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Carlos Alomar presents: The D.A.M. Trilogy ([Fri 28 Nov 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))

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The Barbican is a catalyst for creativity, sparking possibilities for artists, audiences, and communities. We showcase the most exciting art from around the world, pushing traditional artistic boundaries to entertain and inspire millions of people, create connections, provoke debate, and reflect the world we live in.

We are an international arts and events centre rooted firmly in our own neighbourhood, collaborating with local communities and putting the City of London on the map as a destination for everybody. Central to our purpose is supporting emerging talent and shaping opportunities that will accelerate the next generation of creatives.

As a not-for-profit, we rely on the generosity of individuals and organisations, including our principal funder the City of London Corporation. Every ticket purchased, donation made, and pound earned supports our arts and learning programme and enables the widest possible range of people to experience the joy of the arts.

Opened in 1982, the Barbican is a unique and audacious building, recognised globally as an architectural icon. As well as our theatres, galleries, concert halls and cinemas, we have a large conservatory with over 1,500 species of plants and trees, a library, conference facilities, public and community spaces, restaurants, bars, and a picturesque lakeside oasis.

We're proud to be the home of the [London Symphony Orchestra](#), and a London base of the [Royal Shakespeare Company](#). We regularly co-commission, produce and showcase the work of our other associates and partners including the [Academy of Ancient Music](#), [BBC Symphony Orchestra](#), [Boy Blue](#), [Darbar Festival](#), [Doc'n Roll Film Festival](#), [Drum Works](#), [EFG London Jazz Festival](#), [London Palestine Film Festival](#), [Serious](#), and [Trafalgar Theatre Productions](#).

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