



**Swinging Europe and the European Broadcasting Union
present the 2009 EJO**
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The legendary big band leader Peter Herbolzheimer fronts the 2009 European Jazz Orchestra (EJO). The audience can expect an excellent musical and visual performance of delicate Latin- and Balkan-inspired jazz. Listeners will also have the chance to enjoy sovereign jazz standards performed by the 21-piece big band with two lovely singers out front. The Romanian-born jazz legend Peter Herbolzheimer has enriched the world with high-quality jazz since the 1960s, when he formed the orchestra Rhythm Combination & Brass in Germany. In this band he expanded musical borders by giving equal focus to the rhythm and brass sections - both in numbers and in quality.

Among composers and arrangers he remains to this day one of the most original and definitive figures for jazz-rock music and its transposition for big band. In the '80s he formed the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Germany - the BuJazzO. As head of this renowned big band, he has

had a major impact on German and European musicians. He has also been commissioned to compose for and work with almost all the radio big bands in Europe. Peter Herbolzheimer has worked with many good musicians, among others NHØP, Bo Stief, Alex Riel, Allan Botschinsky, Palle Mikkelborg, Andrej Wroblewski, Jan Konopasek, Jirzy Mraz, Wolfgang Dauner, Heinz von Hermann, Janczy Körössy, Milcho Leviev, Joe Zawinul, Stan Getz, Al Jarreau, Herbie Hancock, Chaka Khan and Dianne Reeves.

The EJO consists this year of 21 professional musicians, all selected by the Jazz Producers' Group of the European Broadcasting Union from all over Europe and in Canada. Enjoy an evening with tons of multinational energy and no musical boundaries.

"What the world needs now is more swinging and less skirmishing; long live Swinging Europe and the EJO!" - Jack Bowers; allaboutjazz.com

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