



Swinging Europe

European Youth Jazz Orchestra

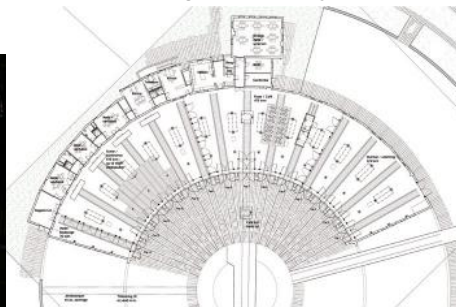
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In Brief

Every year in April/May the Danish based organisation realise a European jazz big band tour under the name of EYJO. The project started in 1998. Each year a new conductor, new compositions and a new line-up of handpicked musicians, aged 18-30 - headhunted by the **partner organisation; the Jazz Producers Network of European Broadcasting Union** - go on new adventures, holding new itineraries within Europe. Since 1998, 169 concerts have been arranged. Almost 200 musicians has participated and several successfully reviews has been published. Eight CD's has been released and several concerts have been broadcasted.

Swinging Europe is based in the roundhouse RemisenBrande in the city of Brande in Central Jutland. The old train garage was in 2006 totally renovated. Today it is a wonderful example of how industrial European heritage can be turned into a contemporary culture centre of highest quality.



In **2008** the tour has been settled. The German band leader **Niels Klein** will from 22 April – 9 May lead the EYJO 08 though concerts in Brande and Silkeborg (Denmark), Bremen, Dortmund, Bielefeld, Cologne, Saarbrücken and Moers (Germany), Luxembourg, Brussels (Belgium) and Cairo, Alexandria and Sharm El Sheik (Egypt). **Westdeutschen Rundfunks (WDR)** is co-producing.

In **2009** (19 April – 7 May) the band will follow the route from Brande in Denmark to Bucharest in Romania via Szczecin, Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Stuttgart, Germany, Munich, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Cloj and Sibiu. This band will be lead by the Romanian/German **Peter Herbolzheimer**. The Romanian **Societatea Româna de Radiodifuziune** will be co-producing.

In **2010** the Slovenian **Tadej Tomsic** creates new compositions and conducts the band. The tour starts in Brande and ends 9 May in Ljubljana. In the capital of Slovenia the **Radiotelevizija Slovenija** - the co-producer - will record and live broadcast the EYJO concerts via the EBU satellite.

The tour in 2011 - 2015 is in progress.

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For further information, please check www.swinging-europe.dk.



"If this is your introduction to the European Youth Jazz Orchestra (EYJO), don't let the name fool you. It is not a student band. The players are indeed young; they must not be over 30. However, they have a wealth of experience in their home countries."
- Bill Falconer; jazzreview.com

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

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