



Press release

## **A new star in the Hamburg jazz sky**

**star petrol stations to present international music stars at the first “star Jazz Festival”**

**Elmshorn, 5 October 2017 – On 27 and 28 October 2017, star will provide a surprise with its first jazz festival in a new format. In Hamburg, first-class international artists such as Vladyslav Sendeki, Adam Pieronczyk and Jeff Ballard will improvise together with German musicians and create a modern jazz experience for everyone in its border-crossing openness.**

Enjoy extraordinary music, lose yourself in unique worlds of sound and let your imagination run wild – jazz is pure joie de vivre. And this is precisely what the star Jazz Festival is all about. Together with the Jazz Federation Hamburg, the petrol station brand star is launching an international non-mainstream event that places the joy of improvised music at the forefront.

Over two consecutive days, the Miralles Hall at the Jugendmusikschule (Youth Music School) on Mittelweg will offer a lively, stimulating musical experience featuring artists above all from Poland and Germany, who will entertain guests with exciting encounters and improvised melodies. “Improvisation has always been an important part of jazz. I’m sure that the audience's imagination will be inspired by the creativity of the music”, says Vladyslav Sendeki, Hamburg Jazz Prize winner and artistic director of the event. In addition, the hall promises a special intimacy with the artists due to its architecture and good acoustics.

“Long-term commitment to music culture and excellent musical performance is extremely important to us”, added Wieslaw Milkiewicz, CEO (CTO) and press spokesman of star petrol stations. The company has been known for more than a decade for its strong cultural commitment and the active promotion of young musical talent. For example, in 2015 star



presented its own concert at the 25th anniversary of the jazz festival JazzBaltica.

On Friday 27 October, the multi-award winning Polish saxophonist Adam Pieronczyk will meet the bassist Miroslav Vitous, founder of the legendary fusion band Weather Report, in a duo. The saxophonist Frank Delle and his colleague from the NDR Big Band, the trumpeter Claus Stötter, will then come together as a quartet with the bassist Robert Landfermann and the drummer Jonas Burgwinkel. Both bands will play without harmony instruments and will fill the open sound spaces with spontaneity and creativity. On the evening of 28 October, Vladyslav Sendecky will sit at the grand piano and enter into a musical dialogue with the American drummer Jeff Ballard, who is a coveted companion of renowned jazz performers due to his flair for fine tonal nuances. The second formation to take the stage will be the Atom String Quartet together with Vladyslav Sendecky and the vocalist Ken Norris. The string quartet has already won the coveted Fryderyk music prize in their native Poland, and this evening will demonstrate their excellence and their willingness to transcend genre boundaries.

All four concerts will be recorded by the event's media partner, NDR Jazz, and will be broadcasted on NDR Info at a later date.

### **Event info star Jazz Festival**

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October 2017, 7:30 pm

Miralles Hall at the Jugendmusikschule Hamburg

Tickets: €18 (reduced €9) for one day, €30 (reduced €15) for two days

Advance sales: Konzertkasse Gerdes (Rothenbaumchaussee 77, 20148 Hamburg), [www.konzertkassegerdes.de](http://www.konzertkassegerdes.de) or [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de)

### **Programme**

*Friday*

Adam Pieronczyk & Miroslav Vitous

Delle Stötter Quartet

*Saturday*

Vladyslav Sendecky & Jeff Ballard

Atom String Quartet



### **star – a Strong Brand from ORLEN Deutschland GmbH**

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has been operating more than 570 petrol stations in the northern half of Germany since 2003. The company, based in Elmshorn near Hamburg, is part of the Polish mineral oil and petrochemical group PKN ORLEN SA, which is the largest Central Eastern European group, with an annual turnover of 21 billion euros in 2015.

PKN ORLEN SA is listed in Warsaw and London and is represented on the petrol station market in Eastern and Central Europe with a total of 2,700 service stations in Poland, Czech Republic, Germany and Lithuania. In recent years, major investments have been made in Lithuania and the Czech Republic to bring the group a step closer to its goal of becoming the leading oil company in Central Europe.

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