

THE HOME OF JAZZ IS MASSAROSA

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Discovering a territory through art and music. A territory full of history and culture, between Lucca and Versilia, a music born from improvisation and creativity, that has its roots in centuries of history: jazz. Massarosa Jazz Festival, now in its sixth year, shows a new look, starting from the setting, on the hills of Stiava, in Massarosa fraction.

A rich program of events, spread over three weekends from June 20th to July 12th, which includes music, dance and theater. The first to inaugurate the event will be Nico Gori with his young musicians, promoting their most recent album. 'Liberty jazz collective' will follow presenting the project Vessidia, from the ancient name of Versilia. A show that will see the talents of Italian jazz in competition with Puccini's arias as a tribute to an area so rich in art and culture. An entire evening will be dedicated to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Luca Flores's death, the pianist who committed suicide in 1995 .

Many of the musicians who have previously worked with him, will propose new and original songs, while in the cultural center of Villa Gori will be projected a film dedicated to the pianist with a debate to follow. Jazz is a mix of different sounds, sometimes apparently distant from each other as in the case of the Collettivo di Ricerca e Improvvisazione Garfagnino (crig) that offers a show of traditional music and jazz, suspended between folklore and improvisation. Musical syncretism even in the case of Max De Aloe and Dane Jesper Bodilsen, with their Melodøs, a journey between two cultures, notes of whispered music, poems and echoes of jazz.

Not only music in Massarosa though: also meetings, debates and events to promote the area, with visits to the Roman archaeological area of Massaciuccoli and a workshop on musical instruments. For the series "Jazz questo sconosciuto" maestro Riccardo Arrighini will direct a workshop dedicated to those who wish to approach this kind of music, and the event on the guitarist Django Reinhardt will trace the roots of jazz in Europe. A festival where jazz becomes a means of contamination of all arts and a fundamental part of the culture of that area.

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