

Welcome to a weekend in the 'Park Theater at Kurhaus Göggingen'...

... full of intensive, passionate Smooth Jazz and relaxed vibes set in a noble ambiance. What awaits music lovers is a sound experience until now undreamt of, which does not have too much in common with classical Jazz and will be celebrated by some of the greatest names in the international Smooth-Jazz scene.

In the side wings of the Kurhaus, our catering crew will be offering drinks, lounge-food and international tapas. The patio will be opened for our guests to enjoy the warm late-summer nights and harmoniously flowing sounds. After its premiere in Bregenz and last years' event in Munich, the Smooth Jazz Festival takes place in Augsburg this year. Visitors from all parts of Germany and fans from all over Europe meet here for a pleasant, atmospheric weekend in the beautiful ambiance of the Kurhaus in Göggingen.

Further information on www.smoothjazzfestival.de or phone **+49 (0)821 – 906 22 22**

International Artist Line-Up**RICK BRAUN** | Trumpet | Friday at 8:00 pm

The composer, arranger and producer with own record label looks back at joint performances with e. g. Sade, Tina Turner, Natalie Cole, Rod Stewart, Tom Petty. He is a two-time winner of the Gavin Report's "Smooth Jazz Artist of the Year" award and is with 15 solo albums (latest CD "All It Takes") one of the most successful US Smooth jazz musicians.

DAVID BENOIT | Piano | Friday at 9:30 pm

The versatile pianist, composer and conductor (e. g. Los Angeles Philharmonics, London Symphony Orchestra) is not only a magnificent musician, he is shaping the genre since many years. Looking back on 5 Grammy nominations and 25 solo albums (latest CD "Earthglow"), he will be honored with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the American Smooth Jazz Awards on October 29, 2010.

SHILTS | Saxophon | Saturday at 8:00 pm

Since his earliest childhood "Shilts" is playing the saxophone. 11 years leader of the popular Funk/Soul/Jazz band "Down to the Bone", now the born Londoner is a successful solo-artist. His latest CD is called "Jigsaw Life". On the stage and in the studio he has already performed with artists such as David Bowie, Beyonce, U2, Gloria Gaynor, Jamiroquai or Brand New Heavies.

CHUCK LOEB | Guitar | Saturday at 9:30 pm

For four decades he has been internationally successful as a musician, composer and producer. Chuck was in the 80s the musical director of Stan Getz's band and has performed with renown international artists such as Jim Hall and Pat Metheny as well as with the German drummer Wolfgang Haffner. After 8 solo albums his latest CD "Between 2 Worlds" is in the stores. For a few weeks he became member of the legendary Contemporary jazz quartet "Fourplay" and took over the guitar chair from the great Larry Carlton.

JOYCE COOLING | Vocals & Guitar | Sunday at 11:00 am

Along with Norah Jones and Diana Krall Joyce Cooling belongs to the current top female jazz musicians of the new generation. She stood on stage with stars like Stan Getz, Joe Henderson, Charlie Byrd or Al Jarreau and has won multiple music awards, including the Gibson Best Jazz Guitarist of the Year. Furthermore Cooling was nominated among others for the California Music Award. 8 solo albums have appeared, her latest CD: "Global Cooling".

The Latin Smooth jazz duo **AKUSTICOS** - from Costa Rica – John Odio (saxophone) and Walter Blanco (guitar) – will start the concert evening on Saturday at 7:30 pm as opening band ahead of Shilts. In addition, the duo will provide a melodic conclusion of the evening at the aftershow party from 10:30 pm.

Rick Braun, David Benoit, Shilts and Chuck Loeb will be accompanied and supported by the **HEAVY MELLOW QUARTET** – Stefan Machalitzky, Voker Meitz, Björn Werra and Kai Schönburg.

On Friday and Saturday doors will open at 7:00 pm. On Sunday for the Smooth Jazz Matinee with Joyce Cooling at 10:30 am.