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Bruno Spoerri wins Swiss Jazz Award 2017

The Swiss Jazz Award 2017 goes to Bruno Spoerri. This year – the 11th time the Award has been presented – the expert jury decided to forego a public vote and instead to recognise the life's work of one of Switzerland's premier jazz musicians. Bruno Spoerri will be honoured on 25 June 2017 as part of the JazzAscona festival.

The 81 year-old Bruno Spoerri is a fixture on the Swiss jazz scene. He is one of its most prominent figures as a jazz musician, and in particular as a saxophonist. Always ahead of his time, Spoerri was also one of the pioneers of electronic music. In a musical career that spans more than 60 years, he has played with countless important musicians in a variety of different formations, and has toured not only Europe, but also Asia and Africa. Spoerri also made a name for himself as a composer of film music, and has already received a whole raft of prizes and awards. He can now count the Swiss Jazz Award among them.

The Swiss Jazz Award was established by Radio Swiss Jazz and JazzAscona in 2007. Voted for by the audience, it is intended to promote jazz music in Switzerland. The Swiss Jazz Award is supported by Migros Culture Percentage arts sponsorship programme.

The jury for the Swiss Jazz Award comprises:

Beat Blaser (music editor, Radio SRF 2 Kultur)

Andrea Engi (President, Jazz Club Chur and swissjazzorama)

Nicolas Gilliet (Head of JazzAscona)

Markus Hauser (Hotel Hauser, Festival da Jazz, St. Moritz)

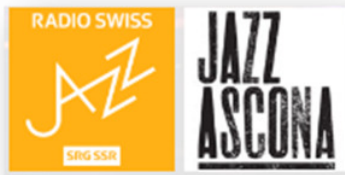
Pepe Lienhard (band leader, saxophonist and arranger)

Sai Nobel (music editor, Radio Swiss Jazz)

Mirko Vaiz (Project Leader music of Migros Culture Percentage, Federation of Migros Cooperatives)

Previous winners include:

Patrick Bianco's Cannonsoul (2016), Raphael Jost and lots of horns (2015), Nicole Herzog & Stewy von Wattenwyl (2014), Chris Conz Trio (2013), Christina Jaccard & Dave Ruosch (2012), Alexia Gardner (2011) and Dani Felber Big Band (2010). Lifetime Achievement Awards have been presented to Hazy Osterwald (2009) and Pepe Lienhard (2006).



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