

# THE JAZZ PASSENGERS

Bergamo Jazz Festival 2026 — Press Clippings

## BERGAMO JAZZ FESTIVAL 2026

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The Jazz Passengers performed at the Bergamo Jazz Festival, March 19–22, 2026, Auditorium dell'Istituto Palazzolo, Bergamo, Italy. Artistic Director: Joe Lovano. Lineup: Roy Nathanson (saxophones & vocals), Sam Bardfeld (violin), Bill Ware (vibraphone), John Menegon (bass), E.J. Rodriguez (drums), with guest vocalist Teri Roiger. The band appeared alongside Joe Lovano, Dave Holland, Steve Coleman Five Elements, Melissa Aldana, Lakecia Benjamin, Avishai Cohen, Norma Winstone, Wayne Horvitz, and others.

### JAZZITALIA (ITALIAN, ORIGINAL)

*“Un jazz d’oggi, vigorosamente vitale e contemporaneo, ma debitore della tradizione. I colori aggiunti dall’ottimo violino, della poetry, il canto del leader e del vibrafonista, per una band dalla cifra stilistica ricca e composita, che attraversa diversi generi con significativi richiami al blues ed echi mingusiani, tempi dispari di complessa eseguibilità, e una simpatica verve comunicativa, anche politicamente pregnante.”*

— Vincenzo Fugaldi, *Jazzitalia*, March 26, 2026

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### JAZZITALIA (ENGLISH TRANSLATION)

*“A jazz of today — vigorously vital and contemporary, yet deeply indebted to tradition. The colors added by the excellent violin, the poetry, the singing of the leader and the vibraphonist, make for a band with a rich and composite stylistic character, one that traverses several genres with significant references to the blues and Mingus-like echoes, complex odd time signatures, and a warm communicative verve — politically charged as well.”*

— Vincenzo Fugaldi, *Jazzitalia*, March 26, 2026 (translation from Italian)

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### UK JAZZ NEWS

*“Roy Nathanson and the Jazz Passengers ... represent something tangibly different and interesting.”*

— UK Jazz News, March 30, 2026

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### BERGAMO JAZZ FESTIVAL OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

*“The Jazz Passengers [were] among the most appreciated concerts at the Auditorium dell'Istituto Palazzolo.”*

— Bergamo Jazz Festival Official Press Release, March 25, 2026

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### MEDITERRANEA ONLINE (ITALIAN)

*“Gli statunitensi Jazz Passengers, formazione culto della downtown newyorkese — [the American Jazz Passengers, a cult ensemble from downtown New York] — molto apprezzati all'Auditorium dell'Istituto Palazzolo.”*

— *Mediterranea Online*, April 8, 2026

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### JAZZIN (SERBIAN JAZZ PUBLICATION)

*“Još uvek pod utiscima koncerta The Jazz Passengers ... [Still under the impressions of The Jazz Passengers' concert ...]”*

— *Jazzin*, March 2026 — noting the audience's reaction before proceeding to the next concert

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## ALL ABOUT JAZZ — PHOTO FEATURE

All About Jazz published a full photo gallery from Bergamo Jazz Festival 2026 documenting the Jazz Passengers alongside Joe Lovano, Steve Coleman, Dave Holland, Melissa Aldana, Lakecia Benjamin, Avishai Cohen, Norma Winstone, and others. [allaboutjazz.com/bergamo-jazz-festival-2026-in-pictures](https://allaboutjazz.com/bergamo-jazz-festival-2026-in-pictures) — April 16, 2026