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## On April 30 Was The INTERNATIONAL JAZZ Day

### Why International Jazz Day ?

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Jazz reinforces the role youth play for social change;

Jazz encourages artistic innovation, improvisation, new forms of expression, and inclusion of traditional music forms into new ones ;

Jazz stimulates intercultural dialogue and empowers young people from marginalized societies.

In November 2011, the UNESCO General Conference proclaimed 30 April as 'International Jazz Day'. The Day is intended to raise awareness in the international community of the virtues of jazz as an educational tool, and a force for peace, unity, dialogue and enhanced cooperation among people. Many governments, civil society organizations, educational institutions, and private citizens currently engaged in the promotion of jazz music will embrace the opportunity to foster greater appreciation not only for the music but also for the contribution it can make to building more inclusive societies.

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