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Christoph Grab, winner of the Swiss Jazz Award 2023

JazzAscona is delighted to host one of the most significant, versatile and creative Swiss Jazzmen of today. Some have rightly called him “a tradition-conscious modernist.” We are talking about Christoph Grab, saxophonist, composer and arranger, who for his artistic merits will be rewarded with the Swiss Jazz Award 2023, the prize that JazzAscona annually gives to outstanding personalities of the Swiss Jazz scene and which will be presented to Grab at his concert on June 24.

Christoph Grab has had Andy Scherrer, Sal Nistico, Jerry Bergonzi, Joe Lovano and Dave Liebman among his teachers and mentors. He boasts numerous radio and television recordings, countless tours, concerts, and performances around the world with the likes of Ray Anderson, Wolfgang Muthspiel, Irene Schweizer, Benny Golson, Joe Beck, Mark Egan, Danny Gottlieb, Frank Moebus, and many others.

Highly sought after as a freelancer, Grab is active internationally in various ensembles and with several of his own projects, which reinterpret the roots of Jazz in a contemporary style.

At JazzAscona he will present as many as three of his own bands: **Reflections** (his basic quintet and the music of Thelonious Monk, on June 24), **Tough Tenor** (Count Basie’s music for big band in pocket format, on June 27) and **Root Area** (on June 28).

The Swiss Jazz Award has been presented at JazzAscona since 2007. In recent years it has honored artists such as Bruno Spoerri (2017), Franco Ambrosetti (2018), Othella Dallas (2019) and Nolan Quinn (2022).



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