



The Mission

BluePort International Jazz Foundation

The Integration of European and American Jazz
with Classical, Popular and Folk Genres

Jazz encompasses what is commonly referred to as ballads, blues, and be-bop as well as classical music and the native musics of many nations and cultures. The **BluePort International Jazz Foundation (BIJF)** supports and promotes that enlarging body of truly state-of-the-art music through education, concerts, festivals and inter-national exchange among musicians.

One of the major supporting organizations is **BluePort Jazz** (<http://www.blueportjazz.com/>) an entity that has been recording and publishing the best of American jazz for more than 30 years. **BIJF** is a new dimension of artistic outreach, enhancing jazz culture throughout the world and, thus, promoting the harmony and joy that art fosters.

The heart of **BIJF's work** is its series of globe-straddling concerts and festivals. These events are designed to celebrate the musical talent of each nation hosting an event – which includes worldwide publication of CDs by local artists. Open competitions to identify the best local musicians and the most promising of the world's youth groups.

The aim of bringing classic music together with jazz resides at the core of **BIJF's global mission** and our affiliation with **Bator Tabor** (www.batortabor.hu), along with AmCham, the US Embassy in Hungary and SOKA University and BluePort Jazz in the United States.

BIJF will host events to entertain and educate children at each festival. Bator Tabor will be the co-host for those activities, since its mission is explicitly *to create a positive, life-changing recreational camp experience for children with serious illness.*

Why Budapest, Hungary?

The first **BIJF** international event is set for June, 2011 in Budapest. Aligned with Hungary's classical music tradition, its home grown gypsy tradition, its highly developed folk music and its contemporary interpretation of North American jazz. Hungarian musicians are poised to define the many ways that classical, folk and jazz overlap to create an advanced jazz culture. The **BIJF** intends to embody this distinctive culture in such ample supply in the soul and talent of so many Hungarian musicians.

In specific, the **BIJF** has already begun the cultural exchange between highly regarded American musicians and Hungarian players. In this collaboration, **BIJF** intends to expand the "internationalization" of Budapest's global musical significance.

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