

Press release

Ladysmith Black Mambazo concert in St. Moritz

St. Moritz, Switzerland – May 2019: It's over 30 years since Paul Simon's *Graceland* album introduced Ladysmith Black Mambazo to a world audience, but the group is still going strong and this summer performs an open-air concert on 28 July in St. Moritz, as part of the annual Festival da Jazz (www.festivaldajazz.ch) that is being staged for the 12th time in 2019.



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The a cappella choir, which combines different elements of African and Afro-American origin (Zulu singing, gospel, soul) with church choir hymns, always puts on a great show, but this one is likely to send shivers down guests' spine, given its stunning Engadine location beside the picturesque Lej da Staz (lake) and flanked by majestic Alpine peaks.

This year's Festival da Jazz runs from 4 July to 4 August and includes over 50 performances, encompassing the wide spectrum of jazz, with highlights such as Latin sounds from Gilberto Gil, American jazz pianist Chick Corea, eclectic violin pieces from Britain's Nigel Kennedy and the R&B/soul/funk tunes of American Aloe Blacc (best known for his vocals on Avicii's "Wake Me Up").

The Kulm Hotel St. Moritz (www.kulm.com), one of the official hosts for the Festival da Jazz, stages many of the shows within its grounds, at the legendary Dracula Club, which has always been the beating heart of the Festival. With just 150 seats, it offers a magical and very intimate setting for live performances.

Meanwhile Switzerland's oldest sports bar, the Kulm's Sunny Bar, holds free "Round Midnight Concerts" throughout the Festival. With an atmosphere as lively as an old-fashioned New York jazz club, it invites festival visitors, St. Moritz residents and musicians for a night cap while listening to some great – and often exuberant – live concerts.



Kulm Hotel St. Moritz double room; Festival da Jazz at Dracula Club; Sunny Bar "Round Midnight" concert

Double rooms at the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz start from CHF545 (approx. £400) per room per night on a half-board basis, during the summer season, which starts on 21st June and ends on 1st September 2019. Book online at www.kulm.com. Book tickets for Festival da Jazz at www.festivaldajazz.ch or through the Kulm Hotel concierge.

Notes for Editors

Kulm Hotel St. Moritz (www.kulm.com) was the first hotel to be built in St. Moritz. The Kulm Hotel opened its doors in 1856 and immediately became popular for summer spa and painting holidays, particularly among the British who comprised around 75% of the hotel guests. The then owner of the Kulm Hotel, Johannes Badrutt, initiated winter holidays to St. Moritz from 1864 and, as a result, the hotel, resort and Switzerland itself celebrated 150 years of winter tourism in the 2014/15 season.

Since the 19th century, the Kulm Hotel has changed considerably through expansion and renovation, but the fabulous location at the heart of St. Moritz with views over the Lake remains the same. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Kulm Hotel St. Moritz has 164 rooms, five restaurants (including formal dining in the Grand Restaurant, the Italian Pizzeria with 13 Gault Millau points and local Engadine specialities at Chesa al Parc), the extensive Kulm Spa St. Moritz (with a 20 m indoor pool with underwater music, various saunas and steam room, a Jacuzzi, a fully-equipped gym and treatment rooms, all with stunning views over Lake St. Moritz) and six conference rooms, with capacities ranging from 50 to 500 people.

Entertainment and summer sports facilities include the 9-hole Kulm Golf Course St. Moritz (the oldest golf course in the country), three tennis courts and the Marmotta Kids' Club for younger guests.

Recent awards for the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz include:

- 2019 A Michelin star for "the k by Tim Raue"
Connoisseur Circle – Best Hospitality Grand Hotel
TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice Award
Forbes Travel Guide Award
- 2018 GaultMillau Hotel of the Year
Bilanz Chef of the Year – Claudia Canessa
TrustYou: Award of Excellence
Top rating in the hotel rankings of *SonntagsZeitung*, the renowned Swiss newspaper
Trivago National Award
Private Luxury Hotel of the Year at The World Luxury Hotel Awards
Weltwochen Ranking No.2
- 2017 One of the top ten most welcoming luxury hotels in Switzerland at the PRIX BIENVENU awards
Traveller's Choice Awards for the last five years in a row (2014-2018 inclusive)

In May 2016, Jenny and Heinz E. Hunkeler of the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz were named "Hoteliers of the Year 2016" by

leading Swiss newspaper *SonntagsZeitung*, which publishes annual Hotel Rating Awards, the only honours sanctioned by Switzerland Tourism, the national tourist office.

Both the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz and its sister property Grand Hotel Kronenhof are owned by the Niarchos family.

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