

Jazz Big Band

Musical Ambassador of the
**Swiss Federal Institute of Technology
Zurich (ETH Zurich), Switzerland**

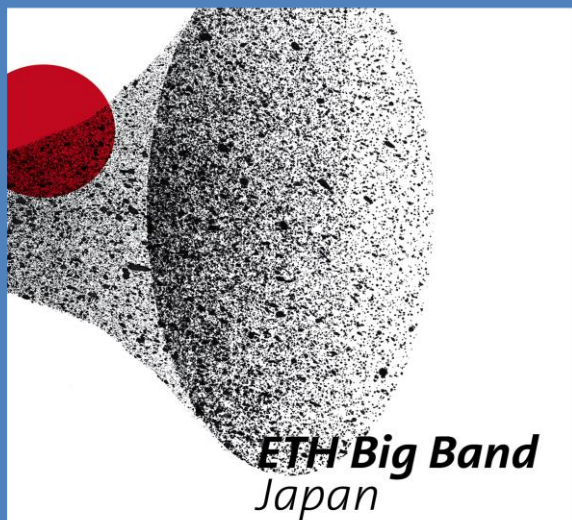
The ETH Big Band Zurich did celebrate its 25 year anniversary during 2018. The band consists of 20 musicians – an assembly of bachelor, master, doctoral and post-doctoral students of ETH Zurich and the University of Zurich, as well as musicians from the Jazz Schools Zurich and Lucerne.

The ETH Big Band is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 by former PhD student Dr. Christoph Eck, music director and conductor. The repertoire ranges from jazz and swing to latin, pop, rock and dance sound. The ETH Big Band has worked together with musicians of international fame such as Jiggs Whigham, Ray Anderson, Paz Luaces, and Adrian Mears.

In the past 25 years they have given many concerts at national and international jazz festivals, a highlight the Montreux Jazz Festival, and has toured numerous countries including China, India, Brazil and Japan, indeed the latest CD of seven, is “Japan” recorded in 2014.

As “musical ambassador” of ETH Zurich, the ETH Big Band creates platforms for establishing contacts, exchange, dialogue, joint collaboration, increases visibility and bridges communities as well as enhances and nourishes relations to international institutions.

The ETH Big Band gives musical frames to many occasions and festivities, two of many, the renowned Nobel Prize Ceremony, or the 150-year anniversary of ETH Zurich in 2005.



Further engagements include the annual ETH Zurich Polyball enjoyed by thousands, performances in jazz clubs, big band competitions, and countless other social events such as the self-organized “Jazz im Park” festival in Zurich.

The ETH Big Band performs outdoors as well and offers customized musical programs, attuned to each individual event. Depending on the occasion the ETH Big Band also engages the smaller formation, “Sextette of the ETH Big Band” for musical framework. They are also interested in joint projects and appearances with other national and international Big Bands.

Set-up and staging time for a performance typically takes in the order of an hour and the needed space is 8m x 5m, or even smaller, subject to the location and position.

A history of many concerts as well as concert images is given on the website of ETH Big Band Zurich, www.ethbigband.ch.

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