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February 22, 2017**The last matinees of BMW Welt Jazz Award 2017.  
“Amazing Bass” brings two female jazz stars to BMW Welt’s  
double-coned structure: Linda Oh and Eva Kruse.**

**Munich.** In the last two decades, female jazz musicians are significantly on the rise. Two of these successful female musicians will close the cost-free, sought after matinees of this year’s BMW Welt Jazz Award. Linda May Han Oh will present on March 5<sup>th</sup> songs of her record released in 2013, “Sun Pictures”, while Eva Kruse is playing on March 12<sup>th</sup> “On the Mo”, the first programme with her new band. The BMW Welt Jazz Award jury will pick after the sixth matinee two ensembles, which will face each other in the finale at the beginning of May, while the audience is free to decide their very own favorite’s prize in the ninth season.

In its fifth round, “Amazing Bass” will be interpreted by **Linda May Han Oh** on **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, who is no stranger to faithful members of the BMW Welt Jazz Award audience. In 2015, she supported guitarist and singer Camila Meza. The daughter of Malaysian immigrants in West-Australia has been living in New York, the Mecca of Jazz, since 2008 and has won many newcomer’s competitions (including the ASCAP Young Jazz Composer’s Award 2008) as well as scholarships in the USA. Oh will present with saxophonist Ben Wendel, guitarist Matthew Stevens and drummer Rudy Royston her third album “Sun Pictures”.

**Eva Kruse** is also returning to BMW Welt on **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Here she won the first BMW Welt Jazz Award in 2009 alongside Michael Wollny and Eric Schaefer as trio [em]. After her parental leave, Kruse moved to Sweden, played with star trombonist Nils Landgren and finally brought her very own projects to fruition. Following “In Water”, which won the ECHO Jazz, she will present her new programme “On the Mo” at BMW Welt. Arranged for a quintet, its qualities are the result of a somewhat unusual orchestration: Eric Schaefer on the drums, Christian Jormin on the piano, Uwe Steinmetz on the saxophone and Tjadina Wake-Walker on the oboe.

**Programme of BMW Welt Jazz Award 2017****Matinees: 11 am to c.1:30 pm at the double-coned structure of BMW Welt:**

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| January 22, 2017  | Chris Minh Doky & New Nordic Jazz                    |
| February 5, 2017  | Lars Danielsson plays Liberetto feat. Grégory Privat |
| February 12, 2017 | Henning Sieverts’ Symmethree                         |
| February 19, 2017 | Rauned Garcia-Fons: Revoir Paris                     |
| March 5, 2017     | Linda Oh: Sun Pictures                               |
| March 12, 2017    | Eva Kruse: On the Mo                                 |

Admission is free of charge but seating is limited. Tickets are subject to availability. Doors open at 10:30 am.

**Grand finale at the auditorium of BMW Welt at 7 pm**

May 6, 2017 Final concert featuring the two by the jury nominated finalists

Tickets for the grand finale on May 6, 2017, are available from January 22, 2017, on at BMW Welt and München Ticket.

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As in previous years, the programme will be hosted by Beate Sampson, jazz expert and editor at the German broadcasting station BR-KLASSIK.

### **Jury**

The distinguished panel of expert jurors will be headed by **Oliver Hochkeppel** (journalist for music and cultural affairs at the German daily Süddeutsche Zeitung) and will include the following members:

**Roland Spiegel**, editor at the music desk and jazz expert at the German broadcasting station Bayerischer Rundfunk BR-KLASSIK;

**Andreas Kolb**, editor-in-chief of the magazines JazzZeitung and neue musikzeitung;

**Heike Lies**, musicologist, Music and Music Theatre Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs of the state capital Munich;

**Christiane Böhnke-Geisse**, Artistic Director of the international jazz festival "Bingen swingt".

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