



**Philharmonie  
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**Jazz Currents**

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**31.01.25**

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**Vendredi / Freitag / Friday**

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**19:30** 90' without intermission

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**Espace Découverte**

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### **Tomeka Reid** cello

Cellist and composer Tomeka Reid has emerged as one of the most curious musicians in Chicago's bustling jazz and improvised music community over the last decade. She released her debut recording as a bandleader in 2015, with the Tomeka Reid Quartet. The quartet's second album, «Old New», was released in 2019 on Cuneiform Records. And, most recently, in April of 2024, what has been considered her most adventurous quartet recording to date is «3+3». A 2022 MacArthur Fellow and Herb Alpert awardee and 2021 USA Fellow, she has received awards from the Foundation of the Arts (2019), 3Arts (2016) and received her doctorate in music from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, in 2017. She has been a key member of ensembles led by reed players such as Anthony Braxton (Zim Sextet) and Roscoe Mitchell (Roscoe Mitchell Quartet, Art Ensemble Of Chicago), as well as a younger generation of visionaries including flutist Nicole Mitchell (Black Earth Ensemble, Artifacts), vocalist Dee Alexander (Evolution Ensemble), and drummer Mike Reed (Loose Assembly, Living By Lanterns, Artifacts). In 2013, she launched the first Chicago Jazz String Summit, a semi-annual three-day international festival of cutting-edge string players held in Chicago. From 2019 to 2021, Tomeka Reid had a teaching appointment at Mills College as the Darius Milhaud chair in composition.

### **Mary Halvorson** guitar

Guitarist, composer and MacArthur Fellow Mary Halvorson's most recent releases, «Amaryllis» and «Belladonna», showcase her string quartet writing interpreted by the Mivos Quartet, alongside a new sextet featuring Adam O'Farrill (trumpet), Jacob Garchik (trombone), Patricia Brennan (vibraphone), Nick Dunston (bass) and Tomas Fujiwara (drums). The two albums, released in May 2022, mark her debuts for Nonesuch Records. Collaborative projects include the longstanding collective ensemble Thumbscrew (with Michael Formanek and Fujiwara) as well as a chamber-jazz duo with violist Jessica Pavone. Over the past two decades, she has also performed in bands led by Anthony Braxton, Tim Berne, Taylor Ho Bynum, Trevor Dunn, Ingrid Laubrock, Myra Melford, Jason Moran, Joe Morris, Tom Rainey, Tomeka Reid, Marc Ribot, Ches Smith and John Zorn, among others. Mary Halvorson last performed at the Philharmonie Luxembourg during the 2023/24 season.

### **Jason Roebke** double bass

The diversity of Jason Roebke's musical associations make him one of the most sought-after bassists, composers, and educators in Chicago and beyond. He composes music that is extreme in its pairing of silence and explosive gestures. His music is rooted in jazz and takes inspiration from experimental music, noise, and improvisation. His latest recording «Four Spheres» combines jazz and musique concrète. As a double bassist, his playing is intensely physical, audacious, and sparse.

**Tomas Fujiwara** drums

Brooklyn-based Tomas Fujiwara leads the bands Triple Double, 7 Poets Trio, and Tomas Fujiwara & The Hook Up; has a collaborative duo with Taylor Ho Bynum; is a member of the collective trio Thumbscrew (with Mary Halvorson and Michael Formanek); and engages in a diversity of creative work with Anthony Braxton, John Zorn, Mary Halvorson, Tomeka Reid, Matana Roberts, Nicole Mitchell, Ben Goldberg, Amir ElSaffar, Benoît Delbecq, and many others. In 2021, he won the *Downbeat* Critics Poll for Rising Star Drummer, and premiered two suites of new music as part of his Roulette Residency: *You Don't Have to Try* (with Meshell Ndegeocello) and *Shizuko*. Tomas Fujiwara last performed at the Philharmonie Luxembourg during the 2012/13 season.

Prochain concert du cycle  
Nächstes Konzert in der Reihe  
Next concert in the series

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**22.05.25**

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**Tele-Port**

**Zhenya Strigalev** saxophone

**Jérôme Klein** keyboards

**Pol Belardi** bass

**Jeff Herr** drums

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**19:30** 90'

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**Espace Découverte**

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