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## European Music Nights Jazz Workshop & Jam Session 2019

As part of the European Music Nights, a Jazz Workshop and Jam Session in collaboration with Jazz Education Abroad took place third year in a row with the participation of 50 students between 19 - 21 June at Lefkoşa Anadolu Fine Arts High School, Nicosia. The 3-day workshop was open to music teachers, students and musicians of all ages, for all instruments and for all levels. The workshop was followed by a jam session on Friday, 21 June from 20:00 – 21.30 at Selimiye Square, Nicosia where the jazz masters and participants from the workshop gave a jazz concert to the public. More than 150 people took part in this event.

The Jazz workshop was held from 10:00 to 17:15 each day where jazz masters Dr. Gene Aitken (Music Education & Director), Marios Toumbas (Piano), Loizos Pafitis (Guitar), Cahit Kutrafalı (Bass), Gonzalo Maestre (Drums), Nihan Görgü (Vocals), and Mariano Abello (Saxophone & Flute) ran parallel workshops.

Music is one of the most popular forms of art, widely consumed, and a vibrant expression of Europe's cultural diversity. Strengthening this sector contributes to the promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, culture as a catalyst for creativity. In its efforts to promote further creativity, diversity and innovation in Europe's music sector, the Commission works with all concerned stakeholders. As part of the EU Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community a series of activities and projects to raise awareness about arts, music and cultural heritage were supported.

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