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From the Artistic director

I hope this IASJ Newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the warmer weather finally. Winters do seem to get longer as time goes on, at least so it seems.
I am very excited about our upcoming IASJ Jazz Meeting in Louisville. Mike Tracy is really taking care of business and it promises to be a lot of fun. There is a wonderful club called the Jazz Factory which will host our sessions, with good food and drink. The facility at the school is first rate and we are hoping to film some of the activities for a future DVD. One afternoon will be free and if desired, people can visit the famous Churchilll Downs where the biggest horse race in America takes place each year, the Kentucky Derby.
Because Jamey Aebersold's entire operation is centered close to Louisville, we will have the opportunity to have some participation from not only Jamey, but also a great pianist and educator Harry Pickens and the legendary David Baker. They will give lectures and be around to interact with all of us. There will be some nice music at our lunch times featuring local flavor and some international groups that will be in Louisville by coincidence at the same time.

Although I know that the distance and expense is a bit more than usual for Europeans, we have a good response so far and I think many people are taking advantage of coming to the States to also enjoy some side trips around the area and of course visit other cities. Also, remember that for a nominal fee you can stay and be part of the Aebersold Summer Camp the following week, an experience in itself.
Bring your bathing suit; there are pools around and it can be quite hot at that time of year. I look forward to seeing you all in a Louisville, the Blue Grass State!!.

Peace,

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