



Dizzy Gillespie Jazz Festival in Vienne, 1988







Lisa Simone

Jazz Festival in Vienne, 2016

I met her mother, Nina, in 1992, at a festival in Pointe-à-Pitre, French West Indies.

Not easy, her mum... And not an easy life for Lisa, her daughter. A former member of the US Air Force, she instantly empathizes with her audience, and everyone she meets. On that particular day, she gave me two short photo sessions.

The first in glamour mode, in a studio. The second here, more relaxed, for this John Lennon-style portrait. And I knew she adored him.

The portrait... just like Lennon!





John McLaughlin Nancy Jazz Pulsations Festival, 1979

One of my first jazz photos. Taken while I was gashing my fingers on a guitar, wondering how it was possible to play as fast as he did. My camera must have looked like a Zenit of Soviet origin (at that time the cheapest reflex), which did not keep a picture from that series from making the front page of the magazine Jazz Hot, in May 1994, in its original blurry form (I). Fifteen years later...