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**Jean-Michel Jarre is world’s first passenger to take off in KleinVision’s flying AirCar**

**Godfather of electronic music and innovator Jean-Michel Jarre becomes world’s first passenger to take off in KleinVision's flying** [**AirCar**](https://www.klein-vision.com/) **in preparation for** [**Starmus**](https://starmus.com/) **Opening Concert also Featuring Sir Brian May of Queen.**

**Piestany, Slovakia** – April 23, 2024 - KleinVision's AirCar took to the skies with electronic music pioneer, Jean-Michel Jarre as its first passenger this month, signaling a new era of transportation innovation. AirCar, which received the Certificate of Airworthiness in January 2022, has already logged an impressive 130 flight hours and over 520 takeoffs.

“It is like being in a Jules Verne book, but for real! One second you speak to the driver, and next, you are up there in the air – an amazing experience!” [said Jean-Michel Jarre](https://twitter.com/jeanmicheljarre/status/1780581992863801601?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Etweet) after completing two flights in the AirCar at Piestany international airport.

The artist’s excitement was palpable as he marveled at the futuristic experience, perfectly reflecting the theme of his upcoming Starmus opening concert, ['The Bridge from the Future'](https://www.jeanmicheljarre.com/), powered by ESET, global digital security leader.

“AirCar addition to Starmus is a fantastic complement to our festival experience,” said Garik Israelian, PhD, astrophysicist at the Institute of Astrophysics of the Canary Islands and co-founder of Starmus, alongside Sir Brian May. “It mirrors the exhilarating journey we embark on, starting with Jean-Michel and Brian's monumental concert that propels us to new heights, soaring alongside artists and inspiring thinkers like Jane Goodall, and coming back to Earth with the wisdom of astronaut Chris Hadfield once the festival concludes.”

“AirCar will not only be part of the Starmus opening concert, it will also be showcased at Starmus Camp, which, together with the Stephen Hawking Medal Ceremony and nine Nobelists giving lectures, will turn Bratislava into the world capital of science.”

Film director [Todd Douglas Miller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Todd_Douglas_Miller), Emmy Award-winning filmmaker of [Apollo 11](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo_11_(2019_film)), captured the historic moment as he filmed the AirCar soaring at 2500 feet. "It looks impossible. It looks like it’s doing something it should not be doing!" Miller remarked, highlighting the groundbreaking nature of AirCar.

Professor Stefan Klein, inventor, and pilot, expressed his pride as Jean-Michel became the inaugural passenger on the groundbreaking aircraft. "From dreams to reality, we have taken flight together with Jean-Michel, opening a new era of transportation with a touch of magic," said Klein, moments before completing another successful intercity flight from Piestany to Nitra.

Anton Zajac, co-founder of KleinVision and ESET, lauded the advancement the AirCar represents in blurring the lines between roads and skies. "We are bridging the gap between the road and the sky, giving cars the freedom they symbolized 50 years ago," Zajac remarked.

The flights took place in Piestany, Slovakia, and marked a momentous step towards a future where terrestrial and aerial travel seamlessly converge.

To see the short footage of the flight, [click here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEHbYGqtJp4)

**About KleinVision:**

[KleinVision](https://www.klein-vision.com/) is a leading technology innovator, and a trailblazer in mobility solutions committed to driving progress and revolutionizing the future of mobility. With a focus on innovation and sustainability, we strive to provide advanced solutions that redefine the way individuals and goods are transported.

**About** [**Jean-Michel Jarre**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Michel_Jarre)

Jean-Michel Jarre has always been a futurist in his field. Throughout his illustrious career, the composer, performer, producer, and cultural ambassador has continued to break new ground with his music and his mastery of creative innovation. From his early pioneering role in electronic music, his use of multi-channel audio technology and production, to his recent explorations into the realms of VR performance and the metaverse, technology is at the forefront of everything he does. He is quoted as claiming that “today is the most exciting time to create, to make music, and to share across so many mediums”.

Jarre is UNESCO ambassador for education, science and culture, an unconditional defender of the planet and the environment and Laureate of the Stephen Hawking Medal for scientific communication.

Jarre’s current catalog, which now includes 22 studio albums, has generated sales of more than 85 million worldwide to date, and earned him countless awards and nominations. Throughout his career, Jarre has taken as canvas, some of the most iconic landmarks and UNESCO World Heritage sites around the globe for his creative, cultural, and environmental message. He has also set new Guinness World Records for live audience attendance at concerts in several emblematic locations. He was the first western musician to be invited to perform in China and has also created and performed concert-events at the Great Pyramids in Egypt, the Sahara Desert, the Forbidden City & Tiananmen Square, the Eiffel Tower, the Dead Sea, Al Ula and more. He has consistently sold-out arena and stadium tours across the continents, as well as performing at major festivals including Coachella. In 2021, he rang in the new year with Welcome To The Other Side, a groundbreaking livestream broadcast worldwide from a virtual Notre Dame in Paris. Entertainment trade publication US Pollstar states that the livestream attracted record breaking audiences of over 75 million viewers worldwide across various platforms, television channels and VR. On 25th December 2023, Jarre performed Versailles 400: a unique hybrid artistic creation conceived specifically to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Château de Versailles, performed live in the Hall of Mirrors and in VR.

**About** [**Starmus**](https://starmus.com/)

Since the very first homo sapiens looked up at a star-filled sky, we have been awestruck by the vastness of the cosmos. Even today, we remain humbled by the sheer immensity of space, especially as progress in physics and astronomy has made us aware of the tremendous distances involved – even to our closest neighboring stars.

Created by Garik Israelian PhD, astrophysicist at the Institute of Astrophysics of the Canary Islands (IAC) and Sir Brian May PhD, astrophysicist, and the lead guitarist of the iconic rock band Queen, STARMUS is a festival of science, art and music that has featured presentations from astronauts, cosmonauts, Nobel Prize winners and prominent figures from various scientific disciplines and musical backgrounds. STARMUS brings Nobel laureates, eminent researchers, astronauts, thinkers, and artists together to share their knowledge and experiences, as we search for answers to the great questions.

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