



Information and instructions for music schools members of national music schools associations' members of the European Music School Union (EMU)

At the Watergate

13^e edition European Youth Music Festival / Sneek, 2018

Following the edition in San Sebastian, the 13th edition of the European Youth Music Festival will take place in the historic city of Sneek (the Netherlands) with its many picturesque lakes and canals! All participants will stay within the intimate city and all 49 indoor and outdoor stages are in or near Sneek. So, this is an edition you do not want to miss!

If you participate, you will be among the 250 to 500 orchestras/groups from 26 European countries that together will create almost 1,000 performances. You'll be part of the big opening ceremony, eat in groups and have time to explore the city and the surrounding areas. Sneek is always a lively city, and it will be absolutely bustling in 2018 due to Leeuwarden-Fryslân being the European Cultural Capital! www.attthewatergate.com

Location

The city of Sneek and nearby cities/villages in the municipality of South-West Fryslân (the Netherlands)

Dates

8th-11th May 2018

Participants

Groups or ensembles from European music schools: orchestras, bands, chamber orchestras, big bands, traditional groups, choirs, dance groups and so on. Members must be between 12 and 25 years old.

Itinerary

Wednesday 9th May, morning: Arrival

Wednesday 9th May, evening: Opening ceremony & concert

Thursday 10th May, 11.00 am-10.00 pm: Concerts in the different venues

Friday 11th May, 11.00 am-07.00 pm: Concerts in the different venues

Friday 11th May, evening: Closing ceremony

Saturday 12th May: Departure (or day later)

The EMU meeting and convention will take place on 8th en 9th May.



Opening & closing

The opening ceremony will introduce all countries and participants. It will take place on pontoons, in front of the renowned water gate (port) of Sneek. The official closing ceremony for all participants will take place on 11th May from 8.30-10.00 pm, on the Martiniplein (square), the heart of the festival.

A few months before the festival, you will receive more information as well as the pieces of music & lyrics to study for both the opening and closing performances.

Concerts

Each group will take part in at least three concerts, as well as the opening event. The concerts will be on in- and outdoor stages (classified by music style), in Sneek or a city/village nearby. Each performance lasts for about 30 minutes. There will be no prior rehearsals. If amplified music is performed, a short sound check will be done. Every group should bring their own instruments. A number of instruments/items will already be present (final list will follow on the basis of the registrations):

- a number of chairs depending on the stage/music style
- music stands
- (if relevant:) drum kit
- (if relevant:) keyboard with amplified auto monitor and D.I. connection
- 2 guitar amps and
- 1 for an electric bass

For certain venues front of house equipment will be provided.

Registration (first round): deadline 29th September

The associations in EMU will handle registration of member schools and groups, and will have priority in allocating the accommodation they request.

Registration (second round): deadline 30th November

From 1st October to 30th November there will be a second round to fill up any free places.

Accommodation and costs

The standard arrangement costs € 110,- per person (incl. VAT). It involves three nights, arriving on Wednesday 9th May and leaving on Saturday 12th May. It includes neat accommodation in schools, in the heart of the city of Sneek, and full board with breakfast at your own overnight location and lunch & dinner in an appealing central location (mealtimes will be set by the organisers).

You can extend your stay by one night for the additional fee of € 25,- to have the opportunity to explore the region and the nearby city of Leeuwarden, Cultural Capital of Europe 2018.

Optional

There are limited opportunities for other accommodations (prices per person):

<i>Accommodation</i>	<i>3 nights</i>	<i>4 nights</i>
Campsite (bring your own camping gear), outside the city / in the municipality, accessible by bus	€ 95,-	€ 120,-
Summer cottage for max. 6 persons, outside the city / in the municipality, accessible by bus (prices based on 6-person occupancy)	€ 135,-	€ 155,-
Cabins in a sailboat, in the city of Sneek (number of persons per boat varies)	-	€ 245,-

These options also include lunch & dinner in the central location.

Transport & bus offer

Sneek is easily accessible by public transport. The travel time from Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol) to Sneek by train is three hours. The participating orchestras themselves must arrange this trip. For travel times and costs, see <http://www.ns.nl/en>

We also offer a shuttle bus service from Amsterdam Airport to Sneek and vice versa. During the festival these buses are used to transport groups to concerts outside Sneek.

Furthermore it's possible to rent a bus (with driver) just for your group for the entire festival (airport service, transport to concerts, transport to accommodation if you are staying outside the city of Sneek and use for your own trips).

<i>Service</i>	<i>Price</i>
Shuttle bus service from and to Amsterdam Airport (Wednesday and Saturday)	€ 22,50 per person
Use of bus for concerts outside Sneek (costs per concert)	€ 15,- per person
Bus rental for own group(s) (max. 50 persons), 4 days	€ 3.000,-

At the Watergate will provide a parking space for buses, just outside Sneek.



Register? Questions?

Are you enthusiastic about participation in the festival? Then please send the following information to your national music school association:

- Name country
- Name & address of music school
- Name orchestra(s)/group(s)
- Performance Genre: classical, jazz, popular music, folk/traditional or other (including description)
- Number of orchestra/group members
- Day of arrival and day of departure
- Wishes regarding transport
- Name, e-mail address and phone number of the contact person
- Optionally: Link to online video('s) of orchestra(s)/group(s)

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See you in Sneek!