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Welt Jugend Musik Festival Zürich 2024

Young musicians from all over the world in Zurich

From 11 - 14 July 2024, young musicians from all over the world will once again be coming to Zurich. 65 youth music associations from 11 different countries have registered to take part in the World Youth Music Festival 2024. In addition to the competition performances, the festival offers a rich supporting programme.

Youth music bands from 11 different countries will compete against each other in various categories in mid-July and spend a musical weekend together in Zurich. Band from Japan, Thailand, South Korea, Bulgaria, China, El Salvador and many more will be taking part. Clubs from Switzerland are also well represented. A total of around 3,000 young people will meet in Zurich to take part in the World Youth Music Festival.

International jury

Concert competitions as well as percussion, parade music and indoor show competitions are planned. The organising committee has succeeded in engaging top-class jury members. They include experts from Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. The audience can look forward to high-class performances in the top categories as well as in the middle and lower levels.

Fulminant opening ceremony

During the opening ceremony the participating formations enter the stadium one by one - accompanied by the SWISS Band under the direction of bandleader Matt Stämpfli. The SWISS Band will perform with singer Jesse Ritch and trumpet virtuoso Thomas Gansch.

The dance network "roundabout" and "boyzaround" will bring together 100 young dancers. The audience can also look forward to exciting shows by the explosive show drum group Drumpact, BML Talents and showband.CH. The young roller skaters from Precision Team Phoenix from Estonia will impress with their fast-paced and precise choreography. A festival band was formed especially for the opening ceremony, with around 200 young musicians from Switzerland, Bulgaria and El Salvador taking part. The evening also offers plenty of interaction, surprises and emotions. Jonas Zellweger and Rubina Meixger will be the speakers of the ceremony. The opening ceremony will be livestreamed around the world.

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Many musical highlights for music enthusiasts

The supporting programme offers many other highlights for both the participating formations and the interested brass music audience. Two gala concerts are planned. To kick things off, the impressive Ryukoku University Symphonic Band from Japan will be playing together with Dai Kimoto and the Swing Kids at the Kunsthaus on Thursday 11 July. On Saturday 13 July, the Symphonic Wind Orchestra Swiss Army Play under the direction of Gaudens Bieri will perform concert wind music at its finest in the Tonhalle. The parade along the Bahnhofstrasse on Saturday morning will also be a hit.

A special meeting point of the festival will be the festival grounds on the Münsterhof with an open-air stage, food stands and a chilbi. The closing ceremony and prize-giving will also take place here, accompanied by music from the Swiss Armed Forces Brass Band. Music fans should make a note of the festival with its many musical highlights in their diaries. Further information at www.wjmf.ch

A few more helping hands needed

To ensure that the festival runs smoothly, the organising committee relies on the support of dedicated helpers. Many tasks have already been filled, but there are still some last places to be filled.

Detailed information & images

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World Youth Music Festival

The World Youth Music Festival Zurich (WJMF) was founded on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Jugendmusik Zürich 11 and has since developed into an international festival for amateur musicians between the ages of 9 and 25. Since 1985, between 2,600 and 4,500 young people from all over the world have travelled to Zurich for each festival to meet like-minded people from other associations from all over the world, to make music with them and to compete with them in various categories. Over the past 33 years, a total of 250 orchestras from around 50 countries have come together for a fascinating musical competition. The last WJMF took place in 2017. Unfortunately, the planned 2021 event had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

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