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World Youth Band Festival 2024

World Youth Music Festival 2024 in Zurich brings together young people from all over the world

From 11 - 14 July 2024, youth bands from all over the world will meet in Zurich to participate in the World Youth Music Festival. The first registrations have arrived. The organising committee is doing its utmost to fill the field of participants with bands from all continents.

The World Youth Music Festival (WJMF) offers competitions at the highest level for orchestras in harmony, brass band or big band formation. Further competition disciplines are the parade music, the hall show competition and tambour competitions in various categories. Youth music formations with members up to the age of 25 (three wildcard members who are older are allowed) can take part. Several well-known musicians from Switzerland and abroad have already agreed to serve on the jury.

Thomas Gansch as WJMF Ambassador

The name Thomas Gansch is internationally well known. The renowned trumpeter and founder of "Mnozil Brass" is musically active all over the world and is therefore an ideal ambassador for the World Youth Music Festival 2024, not least because he is always involved in various projects to promote youth. Thomas Gansch will be an international ambassador for the World Youth Music Festival. It is also planned that he will make his own musical appearance at the festival.

Gala concert in the Tonhalle

Detailed planning for the 2024 Festival is currently in full swing. We are pleased to announce that a gala concert will be held in the newly renovated Tonhalle. The opening and closing ceremonies as well as the Hall Show Competition and a Youth Music Party will take place in the impressive Hallenstadion.

Meeting place Münsterhof

The Münsterhof is to become an atmospheric meeting place for the international bands, with a concert stage, food stalls and a chilbi. The highlight of the festival will certainly be the traditional parade through Bahnhofstrasse on Saturday morning.

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Erich Zumstein as competent festival director

With Erich Zumstein, director of the Zurich Conservatory Music School (MKZ), the festival has a president with a lot of experience and a broad network. With the Swiss Youth Music Association as patron, the WJMF can count on another strong partner. In addition, the executive board has been filled with experienced people who have already been involved with the WJMF in the past.

First registrations received

The first band to register for the World Youth Music Festival 2024 was the Stadtjugendmusik Dietikon from Switzerland with its eye-catching green uniforms. Shortly afterwards, the first international application from Germany followed, from the youth orchestra of the Musikverein Waibstadt, which had already taken part in 2017. The organising committee is delighted with the first registrations and is doing everything in its power to ensure that top-class youth orchestras from every continent can be welcomed in Zurich in the summer of 2024.

Registration deadline until 31 October 2023

Bands that do not want to miss out on participation can register via the website until 31 October. This information can also be shared with other bands which might be interested in joining the competitions. We are also looking for volunteers. Among other jobs, we are looking for people to escort the bands during their stay in Zurich.

Detailed information & images

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World Youth Music Festival

The World Youth Music Festival Zurich (WJMF) originated on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Jugendmusik Zurich 11 and has since developed into an international festival for amateur musicians between the ages of 9 and 25. Since 1985, between 2600 and 4500 young people from all over the world have travelled to Zurich for each festival to meet like-minded people from other bands from all over the world, to make music with them and to compete with them in various categories. A total of 250 orchestras from around 50 countries have met in the past 33 years for a fascinating musical competition. The last WJMF took place in 2017. Unfortunately, the planned event in 2021 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

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