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Music for Everyone: Fête de la Musique Berlin 2026 Celebrates the First Sunday of Summer

- June 21, 2026: The whole Berlin celebrates the start of summer with free admission
- The city's biggest festival takes place on over 300 stages across all districts
- Partner District 2026: Reinickendorf – from Lake Tegel to the Märkisches Viertel
- We're celebrating a birthday: 125 years of the Chorverband Berlin
- Open house at the Berlin Philharmonie and the Kulturforum

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Dear members of the media, dear friends of the Fête de la Musique,

On Sunday, June 21, 2026, it's that time of year again: Berlin welcomes summer with the biggest and most musically diverse festival of the year. For the 32nd edition of Fête de la Musique in Berlin, the city is pulling out all the stops with stages, music venues, and spaces for live music. By the registration deadline, participation was already enormous and had risen significantly compared to the previous year: Numerous organizers have signed up to offer a venue for free concerts on this globally celebrated Day of Music.

“The Fête de la Musique is such a powerful symbol, yet it has retained a special lightness,” says Marie von der Heydt, the executive director of Musicboard Berlin, which is responsible for organizing and implementing the Fête de la Musique. ***“We see our most important mission as making things possible. We want to enable musicians, organizers, supporters, and the audience to take part in this celebration of music and bring their ideas to life. And we really appreciate how much creativity emerges from the city's community. This is what it can sound like and how it can work when many people come together to create something.”***

Even now, with still almost two months to go before the event, it is already becoming apparent that last year's record of over 200 venues and more than 1,000 musical events – the applications for which must ultimately pass the review of the environmental, road, and green space authorities – will at least be equaled. In doing so, the many, often voluntary participants behind and on the stages provide a tremendous value to society. Because on this day, all

citizens of the city and their guests can enjoy their favorite music without the social barrier of admission fees.

Whether amateur or professional, choir, band, or DJ – transcending all genre boundaries, thousands of musicians share their joy of music with Berliners and guests alike. For everyone, the same rule applies: It's your, my, our fête, because without an audience, the acts wouldn't be happy – and vice versa. Without a stage, there is no concert.

What is true for Berlin applies equally to over 150 other cities in Germany, and thousands of cities, villages, and municipalities worldwide. After all, the Fête de la Musique has been celebrated globally on June 21st ever since its inception in 1982. As a sign of this global connection, Berliners are once again invited this year to sing the *Ode to Joy* at 7:00 PM as a resounding message of joy. The central singalong in Berlin will be led by a birthday kid who is essentially warming up for the Fête de la Musique: The Chorverband Berlin turns 125 on June 22nd and will be celebrating this milestone on June 21st across five stages.

Reinickendorf is the Partner District for 2026

Following a successful anniversary year in Pankow, the green north of Berlin takes the spotlight in 2026: **Reinickendorf** is the official partner district. From the idyllic backdrop of Tegel Palace to the iconic Borsigturm and the Märkischen Viertel, Reinickendorf showcases its impressive cultural diversity. The Fête de la Musique invites you to rediscover the musical DNA of this district.

Sustainable Event Concepts

Together with the partner district, Fête de la Musique Berlin is continuing its path toward a more socially and ecologically sustainable development of this major event, which was initiated in 2019 with the "Greener Fête" project. Reinickendorf has taken a pioneering role among the districts, mandating the use of reusable tableware at district events on public spaces and providing information on low-waste and climate-friendly implementation. These goals address key points of the [Greener Fête](#). Together, Reinickendorf and Fête de la Musique Berlin are joining forces to promote a more sustainable event execution under the Fête de la Musique Sustainability Charter.

First Excerpt of the Stage List

Numerous locations have already registered. Highlights in Reinickendorf and throughout Berlin include, among others:

- Kulturhaus Centre Bagatelle
- Kulturrestaurant Dicke Paula
- Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Hermsdorf
- Tegeler Seeterrassen
- Alte Fasanerie Lübars
- Umspannwerk Wilhelmsruh
- Die Philharmonie Berlin mit dem Kulturforum
- Maison de France
- Badehaus Berlin
- B.L.O. Garden Stage
- Gutsgarten Hellersdorf
- Auswärtiges Amt
- Alte Dorfschule Rudow
- Freilichtbühne Weißensee
- Weinladen Spandau
- Garten des Museums Europäischer Kulturen
- Atelier Gardens
- Industriesalon Schöneweide

New Press Communications via haebmau AG

Since the beginning of 2026, the press and public relations work for the Fête de la Musique has been managed by the haebmau agency. With this move, the Musicboard Berlin is relying on a fresh communication strategy to further increase the format's visibility nationwide.

*"The Fête de la Musique is an icon of the Berlin cultural scene," says **Jule Escherhaus, Director of Hospitality** at haebmau. "We are very pleased to provide communications support for this unique blend of participation, diversity, and the joy of life, and to inspire new target audiences for this wonderful event together with the Musicboard team."*

- **Date:** June 21, 2026
- **Time:** 02:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Open Air & Indoor stages), from 10:00 PM onwards (Fête de la Nuit Indoor)
- **Admission:** Free everywhere
- **Registration for musicians & stages:** Registration period has already ended
- **Program release:** Early June 2026

Press images and further information can be found in the [press section](#).

Die Fête de la Musique ist eine Veranstaltung des Landes Berlin. Die Senatsverwaltung für Kultur und Gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalt beauftragt die landeseigene Musicboard Berlin GmbH mit der Durchführung.

The Fête de la Musique is an event of the State of Berlin. The Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion commissions the state-owned Musicboard Berlin GmbH to organise the event.

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About Fête de la Musique Berlin:

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