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Spotlight on the North: Reinickendorf is the Partner District of Fête de la Musique Berlin 2026

- **Partner District 2026: A musical journey of discovery in the green northwest between Lake Tegel and the Märkisches Viertel**

- **Decentralized & Diverse: Why Reinickendorf is the heart of this year's festival of music**

Berlin, **May 19**, 2026.

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

On June 21, 2026, Berlin will once again transform into a massive open-air festival. While the beginning of summer is celebrated on over 300 stages across the entire city, this year's focus deliberately shifts to the green northwest: **Reinickendorf is the official partner district of the 32nd Fête de la Musique.**

What does "partner district" mean? Every year, Musicboard Berlin, as the coordinator of the Fête de la Musique, joins forces with the Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion to put a different district in the spotlight, highlighting the decentralized diversity of Berlin's cultural landscape. This ensures that alongside the well-known hotspots, local neighborhoods and districts that shine with new discoveries, hidden gems, and musical variety also receive attention. In 2026, Reinickendorf takes over the baton from the previous year's partner district, Pankow, proving that Berlin's musical soul extends far beyond the S-Bahn ring.

A Powerful Statement for the District

"I am delighted that Reinickendorf will be the official partner district of the Fête de la Musique on June 21. With the Fête de la Musique, we deliberately want to inspire Berliners, as well as guests and tourists, to visit our beautiful Fox District beyond the city center. Music connects people across languages and all differences. I would like to warmly invite you all to celebrate this summer day together with us", says District Mayor Emine Demirbükten-Wegner.

More than just a Northern Neighborhood: Reinickendorf as a Resonance Space of Contrasts

The choice of the partner district follows a clear philosophy: discovering neighborhoods that sometimes fly under the radar but offer an enormous cultural bandwidth. Reinickendorf provides the perfect backdrop for this. The district's heritage is as multifaceted as its architecture, spanning an arc that reflects Berlin's musical history. Reinickendorf is a place where worlds meet. Here, the timeless elegance of Katja Ebstein, who gave German chanson an intellectual depth from this very location, meets the futuristic aesthetics of the Märkisches Viertel. It is no coincidence that Reinickendorf is considered the cradle of modern German street rap: the aesthetics of the "blocks" and the honest language of the streets have their roots here, shaping the entirety of German pop culture from these northern neighborhoods.

In Reinickendorf, music is identity. While maritime sounds set the summer mood along the Greenwichpromenade at Lake Tegel, industrial areas like the Borsigwerke awaken spaces for

new, experimental sounds. In this way, the Fête de la Musique celebrates a pulsating powerhouse in what is perceived to be the periphery.

This community spirit is also reflected in the district's deeply rooted choral tradition. Neighborhoods like Hermsdorf and Frohnau are home to ensembles that have formed the cultural backbone for decades. On the **125th anniversary of the Chorverband Berlin**, this passion for vocal music becomes particularly noticeable: all across the district, voices will come together to celebrate the Fête de la Musique for what it truly is at its core – a celebration of participation and togetherness that knows no social or geographical boundaries.

This exciting program and Reinickendorf's musical diversity will come alive at locations such as:

- Alte Fasanerie Lübars
- Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Hermsdorf
- Kulturhaus Centre Bagatelle
- Kulturrestaurant Dicke Paula
- Museum Reinickendorf
- P.A.N. Zentrum
- Stadtteilzentrum Borsigwalde
- Showfenster Theater
- Tegeler Seeterrassen

Creative Engagement and Local Expertise

In addition to its many musical facets, the district offers numerous reference points to topics that are important to the Fête de la Musique team: the spectrum ranges from a comprehensive sustainability strategy, supported by the district office and the district council, to initiatives combating loneliness, and a clear prioritization of bicycle traffic. Reinickendorf has taken on a pioneering role among the districts in these areas, requiring, among other things, that district events on public spaces use reusable tableware, and providing information on how to run low-waste and climate-friendly events.

These goals reflect central aspects of the [Greener Fête](#). Together, Reinickendorf and Fête de la Musique Berlin are pooling their commitment and advocating for more sustainable event management within the framework of the Sustainability Charter. Free offers, such as the rental of cargo bikes and picnic baskets or the option to borrow event equipment from Bibliothek der Dinge, will be prominently featured in the supporter database on the [Fête de la Musique website](#).

An exclusive collaboration with local partners will also put a special spotlight on social cohesion in the northern district:

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We warmly invite you to discover Reinickendorf on June 21 and to celebrate the longest day of the year together with us.

- **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 and for everyone
- **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.

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