



# musikfest bremen

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### Captivating music to listen to and dream about...

#### The 36th Musikfest Bremen opens on 16 August around the illuminated market square

With world-class performances of the highest quality, the **36<sup>th</sup> Musikfest Bremen** invites you to indulge and listen and be amazed on a journey of discovery into enchanting worlds full of music. From **16 August to 6 September**, famous stars and talented young musicians will make live concerts an unforgettable experience at more than **50 events** in Bremen, Bremerhaven and a selection of venues across north-west Germany.

The festivities kick off in style with the traditional opening night „Eine große Nachtmusik“ around Bremen’s market square. 18 concerts in three time slots at nine venues offer audiences a wide range of repertoire and artists, such as **Marc Minkowski & Les Musiciens du Louvre**, the **Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir**, the **Cappella Mariana**, the **Alfredo Rodriguez Quintet** and **Ida Nielsen & The Funkbots**.

Before it all begins, the **West-Eastern Divan Orchestra** will give a special concert, with **Lang Lang** as soloist. The conductor: **Daniel Barenboim**. The world famous orchestral conductors invited by the festival for the following three weeks are in the same league: From **Nicholas Collon** (with the Aurora Orchestra) and **Robin Ticciati** (with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe) and **Maxim Emelyanychev** (with Il Pomo d’Oro and the Mahler Chamber Orchestra) through to **Tarmo Peltokoski**. Together with the **Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen** he has assembled a brilliant young cast led by **Elsa Dreisig**, **Mauro Peter** and **Kathryn Lewek** for their production of Mozart’s „Magic Flute“. The list of celebrated singers goes on and on: **Pene Pati** brings Neapolitan canzoni, **Golda Schultz** introduces herself with songs by Weill, Bernstein, Gershwin & Co and **Camilla Nylund** sings the final arias of Brunnhilde and Salome. The line-up of stellar pianists is equally impressive, ranging from **Khatia Buniatishvili** and **Lucas Debargue** to **Alexander Melnikov** and **Lukas Sternath** through to **Francesco Tristano**. Young female instrumentalists are represented by the violinists **Eldbjørg Hemsing** and **Alena Baeva** as well as cellist **Anastasia Kobekina**. There is also alluring music off the beaten classical track with **Dhafer Youssef**, **Kandace Springs**, **Richard Galliano** and **Somi**, before **MEUTE** does the honours for the grand open-air finale on the market square.

In addition to the **Arp Schnitger Festival** in the organ paradise surrounding Bremen, the Musikfest will make guest appearances across north-west Germany, with concerts in places such as Barßel, Cuxhaven, Jever, Lilienthal, Meppen, Oldenburg, Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Papenburg, Verden and Worpswede.

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: 15% on all tickets until 14 April** (except extra concert on 9 August)

**TICKETS & INFO: Box Office of the Glocke** (Tel. +49 (0) 421 / 33 66 99, Mo-Fr 12-18 h, Sat 11-14 h) as well as **[www.musikfest-bremen.de](http://www.musikfest-bremen.de)** and **[www.nordwest-ticket.de](http://www.nordwest-ticket.de)**

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