

Brücken bauen über Gräben – 100 Jahre Ende des 1. Weltkrieges

Building Bridges Over Trenches – 100 Years Since The End Of First World War

During the First World War (July 1914 to November 1918) ca. 17 million people lost their lives. Its end 100 years ago will be occasion to artistically remember the confrontation of those days, to appreciate the new cooperation and to react to current centrifugal forces and national egotism. The project "Building Bridges Over Trenches" will show, in these contradictory contexts:

- Europe has a basis of shared cultural values
- Europe develops when people begin to encounter each other
- Europe comes alive thanks to the participation of its citizens

This project's cause is shared by people whose forefathers were opponents in the First World War. Musicians from many European countries will be invited – from France to Russia, from Lithuania to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Project Components

1. Memorial service with international musicians in St Nicholas Church (21 Nov 2018)
The service on the Day of Repentance and Prayer addresses the topic of "turning back and reconciliation". It will be shaped by active participation of the musicians invited.
2. Musicians visit Leipzig schools (22/23 Nov 2018)
In order to encourage encounters of people from various nations and generations, guest musicians perform in front of Leipzig pupils and tell them what they learned about the war from their grandparents, how they themselves experience Europe today and what they do to live together in harmony there.
3. European Music Trail Night of Making Music in the Home (24 Nov 2018)
A special way that citizens of Leipzig practice culture can be seen in the Music Trail Night of Making Music in the Home. Making home-music has a long tradition in Leipzig. Over 60 private homes and other unusual locations, such as lawyer's offices, hairdressers and other shops will hold small concerts. 400 voluntary musicians will take part (amateurs, music school pupils and music students, families, professional musicians). The Notenspur Leipzig holds each year a Night of Home Music. In the 4th Music Trail Night, the international guest musicians will take part as well. When citizens open up their homes to share their love for music, this is a strong message of reconciliation and the linking power of music.

Timeframe: 20.-25.11.2018

There is also a little frame program planned for the musicians, to get to know more about Leipzig:

- A guided tour through the Leipzig Music Trail along the authentic domain of Bach, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Wagner und Grieg
- Visit the motet of the Thomas Choir Leipzig
- Meet other musicians of Leipzig, the hosts of the concerts of the Night of Home Music and members of the community of the Nikolai Church Leipzig

Requirements of the musicians:

We are looking for excellent music ensembles at a time of transition between of being students to professionals or already in the first years of being professionals. The music ensembles should consist of two to three musicians. They should bring especially a love for making music in small ensembles. They should already have experiences in chamber music and should bring a program of chamber music about at least 30 minutes.

A CV in English of the ensembles and/or of the participants are required, as well as a proof of the academic performance and a reference person available for further information. The working language between the different ensembles and the organizers is English.

Terms:

The Notenspur Leipzig e.V. will take care of the costs for the travel from the home country to Leipzig and the accommodation in Leipzig (20.-25.11.2018) and will pay a per diem according to the German Travel Expenses law.

As no musicians of the Night of Making Music in the Home will be compensated for their participation, the international musicians will be also not extra payed for the concerts.

The Notenspur Leipzig e.V.:

The Notenspur Leipzig e.V. builds bridges between high culture and sub culture and continues the tradition of civic music promotion in Leipzig. The Leipzig Music Trail is a connective force and an umbrella brand for the extraordinary musical heritage of Leipzig. Leipzig Music Trail is a part of Leipzig's successful application for the European Heritage Label. <http://notenspur-leipzig.de/en/>

Please send the application until 25th of May 2018 or your request for any questions in English to: Karoline Konrad (project coordinator of the Notenspur Leipzig e.V.) konrad@notenspur-leipzig.de