



Music Biennale Zagreb

Zagreb - Croatia



Contemporary music April, every odd year

The Music Biennale Zagreb is a festival of contemporary music. During a spring week in April every other year festival gathers the best musicians, composers, music critics and arts/music lovers for more than 40 concerts and musical events.

Completely dedicated to the new music - including the "living Classics" of contemporary music and the new generation of composers from all over the world, Music Biennale programmes include projects from symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles, experimental musical theatre, contemporary dance, jazz, electronics to alternative music scene.

Different festival themes were in focus, from electronics to women composers, several countries were stressed in the festivals' programs as Sweden or Canada. There were festivals inside the main festival (popular Urbofest or World New Music Days in 2005 and 2011), numerous exhibitions, seminars and workshops etc.

Still, MBZ's main focus stays on the institution of composer's persona.

Messiaen, Stockhausen, Stravinsky, Cage, Berio, Penderecki, Lutoslawski, Maderna, Kagel, Globokar, Nono, Xenakis, Schnebel, Reich, Murail, Maxwell Davis, Schaffer, Nyman, are only some that were MBZ's guests.

In 2011 the MBZ celebrated its 50th anniversary and still after half century it continues to make a profound impression on various fields of international creative activity, always looking for new music, new interpretations and new types of multi-disciplinary performing arts.

7 April to 14 April 2013

General introduction

Having successfully hosted ISCM's World New Music Days and celebrated the festive 50th anniversary edition in 2011, Music Biennale Zagreb is preparing great program for April 2013. Composers, performers, dancers, DJs, theatre companies, ensembles, video artists from 27 countries – members of European Union – will present the best from the best in contemporary music and interdisciplinary aspects of the same. 2013 is a planning year of the admittance of Croatia in EU. 27 members of EU will in the most beautiful way – with their music and with other manifestations of their culture – welcome in that moment the youngest member of EU community.

Practical details

MBZ TEAM CAN BE FOUND AT:

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All inquiries are very welcome!
For all additional information please visit our web site www.mbz.hr

The festival takes place on various locations in the centre of Zagreb.

The main concert venue is Vatroslav Lisinski Concert Hall (www.lisinski.hr) that hosts festival events in the big (2800 seats) and the small (300 seats) hall. Other alternative locations include for ex. Zagreb Dance Centre (<http://www.plesnicentar.info>), Museum of Contemporary Art (<http://www.msu.hr>), Zagreb Youth Theatre (<http://www.zekaem.hr>), and several others. Musical theatre is mostly performed in Croatian National Theatre Zagreb (www.hnk.hr).

Moving around the city of one million citizens is very easy. Walking is the best way to feel the festival atmosphere and to get to know the town better. Use of the public transportation - trams and busses – is very practical and cheap.

You can find the map of all the lines here:

http://www.delhrv.ec.europa.eu/files/file/articles-euic_tramvaj_karta_optimizirana-1253709667.pdf

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