



The German Music Festival promises numerous programme highlights in the entire city centre. The celebrational parade through the city centre will be one of the highlights of the 4-day festival, to which all music clubs and associations throughout Germany are warmly invited.

• Musical Landscapes ...

BDMV (Confederation of German Music Associations)
Concert Competition
BDMV German Musician Championships
WAMSB Military March and Show Competition
Auditions for Wind Music Orchestra and Musicians
BDMV Brass Band Competition – 1st German Open
BDMV Traditional Wind Music Competition

• Diverse Variety of Sounds ...

Gala Concerts, Open-Air Concerts
Church Concerts, Festival Services
European and International Guests
Community Concerts
Large-scale Festival Parade

• Active Educational Exchange ...

BDMV / GEMA (German Society for Musical Performing and Mechanical Reproduction Rights) Composition Competition
Conducting Academy
Music Trade Fair
Specialist Presentations / Symposia

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■ The German Music Festival

The German Music Festival is the largest music festival in Germany with some 15,000 participating musicians and 150,000 visitors from all over Germany.

This major musical event is unique in its form and external impact in the whole of Germany. The Wind Music scene is vibrant, open to experiment and particularly popular with young musicians.

Wind Music is an inherent part of an active music culture in Germany and anchored by a long tradition existing in Central Germany. Plus, thanks to the participation of our European neighbours, the German Music Festival has, at the same time, become to represent continuation, cultural exchange and link forging in Europe.

This 5th German Music Festival remains true to a successful tradition and continual development. Since 1989, it has established itself as a meeting place of active musicians from all over Germany and become in the process a unique event. Every six years, it presents its visitors with the complete spectrum of music in Germany, ranging from traditional military march and folk music, via classic and symphonic Wind Music, through to modern jazz, rock pop and folk music.

The particular special feature of the German Music Festival is its promotion of active club work. Supported by regional amateur music clubs, musicians working on a voluntary basis as well as professional orchestras, the German Music Festival constitutes a unique symbiosis of various musical genres and formations in a common exchange.

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By its artistic and practical dialogue amongst a wide range of musical actors, the German Music Festival provides sustainable impulses for the Wind Music culture and the work in the clubs, associations and orchestras.

■ The organiser

The organiser of the German Music Festival, the Confederation of German Music Associations e.V. (BDMV), is the umbrella organisation for musicians in Germany, most of whom are active on a voluntary basis. It is, in fact, the largest music association in Germany having 1.3 million members, of whose active members over 60% are between 6 and 27 years old.

There are almost 11,000 clubs in the BDMV, organised in approx. 18,000 ensembles, distributed in 23 member associations at federal state level.

President of the BDMV is Siegfried Kauder, member of the Bundestag (Federal Parliament).

The BDMV is supported by the Wind Music Association of Saxony, which represents approx. 10,000 musicians in the whole of the Free State.

■ The city of Chemnitz

The diversity of the musical spectrum provided by the German Music Festival is even more increased by the participation of friendly clubs and associations from all over Europe. Thanks to its geographical location, Chemnitz especially offers the possibility of including musicians from the neighbouring countries of Poland and the Czech Republic in the programme. In this manner the German Music Festival is turned into a large-scale musical event spanning several countries and promoting understanding among nations.

As the "City of Modernity" hosting the music festival, Chemnitz makes an outstanding backdrop for this upcoming major musical event in 2013. The city has a framework programme rich in tradition and culture to offer participants and guests.

Chemnitz can look back on an eventful history, the fascinating combination of the industrial culture of Saxony and modern art creating unique experiences.

Musical programme highlights will be taking place in the whole of the city centre (within walking distance), as well as at open-air events, in theatres, concert halls and the exhibition grounds.

