



13th Cyprus Jazz & World Music Showcase 2026

4-6/12/2026

The Rialto Theatre, in collaboration with the Deputy Ministry of Culture, is pleased to announce the **13th Cyprus Jazz & World Music Showcase**, which will take place from **4 to 6 December 2026**.

The Showcase constitutes an important annual platform for highlighting contemporary music creation in Cyprus, with a focus on jazz, world music, and related musical genres. The event aims to provide Cypriot composers, creators, and musicians with the opportunity to present their original work in a professional and artistic environment, while also enhancing the international outreach of the local music scene and fostering connections with the wider international music ecosystem.

Interested applicants are invited to carefully read the following **Terms and Conditions of Participation** before proceeding with the completion and submission of their application:

1. Repertoire and Musical Genres

Participating bands must present **authentic and original music** within the broader fields of jazz and world music, as well as related musical genres, including ethnic, electro, blues, swing, etc.

2. Original Material

Performances consisting of cover versions or arrangements of works by other artists are not eligible for participation. The repertoire presented must consist of original compositions.

3. Musicians' Fees and Production Costs

Each participating musician will receive a **nominal fee of €200**. The organisers will cover the production costs of the event, including front-of-house (FOH) and foldback sound mixing, lighting, printed materials, and promotional activities.

4. Travel Expenses for Musicians Residing Abroad

In the event that one or more musicians of a selected band are permanently based abroad, the organisers may subsidise the total cost of the required flight tickets, up to a maximum amount of **€250 per band**. This amount will be paid together with the musicians' fees, subject to the submission of a valid receipt or invoice. No other expenses incurred in Cyprus, including accommodation, meals, local transportation, or other related costs, will be covered by the organisers.

5. Selection Committee and Number of Participating Bands

The participating bands will be selected by a three-member Review and Selection Committee comprising:

- a) one representative of the Department of Contemporary Culture of the Deputy Ministry of Culture;





- b) one representative of the Rialto Theatre; and
- c) one independent expert with knowledge and experience in the field of music.

The total number of musical ensembles participating in the Showcase will not exceed **twelve (12) ensembles** performing at the Rialto Theatre, and will not exceed **three (3) ensembles** participating in the Jam Session. The Jam Session will take place as a parallel event as part of the Showcase.

6. Composition of Bands

The composition of each selected band must remain consistent with the information provided in the application form, including the full names of the participating musicians and the musical instruments they play. Any changes to the composition of a selected band must be communicated to and approved by the organizers.

7. Participation in Multiple Bands

A musician may participate in **no more than two (2) bands** within the framework of the Showcase.

8. Additional Fee for Participation in Two Bands

A musician who participates in two (2) selected bands will receive an **additional fee of €100**.

9. Number of Applications

Each band representative may submit a maximum of **two (2) applications**.

10. Programme and Order of Appearance

The programme, including the date and order of appearance of each band, will be determined by the organisers.

11. Rehearsal Prior to the Performance

Participating groups will have the opportunity to conduct a rehearsal and sound check lasting one and a half (1.5) hours on the day of their scheduled performance. The exact date and time of the performance, as well as the corresponding rehearsal and sound check schedule, will be determined by Rialto Theatre.

12. Duration of Performance

Each band's performance **must not exceed 30 minutes**.

13. Attendance and participation in the Educational Programme

Participating bands must be available throughout the entire duration of the festival. By submitting an application, applicants confirm that they are available to perform on any of the festival dates, in accordance with the programme and schedule determined by the organisers. Bands selected to participate in the Showcase will also be expected to participate in the educational programme of the event, in accordance with the arrangements determined by the organisers.

14. Recording, Photography and Use of Material

The concerts and performances may be recorded, filmed and photographed under the responsibility of the organisers. The organisers may use the resulting audiovisual and photographic material for communication, promotional and publicity purposes relating to the



Showcase and the organisers' activities, on a non-commercial basis. Each participating band will receive a copy of the available relevant material.

15. Citizenship or Residency Requirements for Members

The leader of each group must meet one of the following requirements:

- be a Cypriot citizen; or
- be a resident of the Republic of Cyprus and have been residing in the Republic of Cyprus for at least five (5) years.

In addition, at least 50% of the members of each group must meet one of the above requirements, i.e. be Cypriot citizens or residents of the Republic of Cyprus for at least five (5) years.