



# Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Musikverbände e.V.

Dear Musicians and Board Members,

From **May 30 – June 2, 2019**, Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Musikverbände e.V. (BDMV – German association of bands) will organize the 6<sup>th</sup> German Festival of Music in the city of Osnabrück. Since 1989 the German Music Festival has been effected every 6 years and it is by far the biggest music festival of its kind in Germany. After the cities of Trier, Münster, Friedrichshafen, Würzburg and Chemnitz, now Osnabrück will be the 6<sup>th</sup> city to host this big event. We expect more than 300 to 400 bands and music schools with more than 15,000 active participants with numerous musical orientations. Among them there will be flute and fanfare bands, showbands, big bands, brass bands, traditional and symphonic wind bands as well as professional soloists and ensembles (among others the German army big band with its show truck).

We are planning ecumenical church services in the churches within the city centre, gala and entertainment concerts, marching and show performances on sports grounds in the city centre, competitions of all kinds in the big concert halls and gymnasiums, concerts of the winning ensembles, a concert of more than 3,000 musicians of the massed bands and as a final a parade of all the participants through the city centre of Osnabrück. Osnabrück furthermore is the only city all over Germany being located in a vast natural park.

**We would highly appreciate if your band took part in one the top events in the German Music festival - the marching and show competition, which will be held as Open German Championships. It will be judged by an international jury panel of the World Association of Marching Showbands (WAMSB) and will be recognised as a qualifying round for the World Championships of marching showbands in 2020 and 2021. Bands will be judged in accordance with the One World System.**

The event will also include a **drum battle** in the city center as well as a **stage entertainment contest**, and there will be various opportunities for your band to perform within the beautiful city center of Osnabrück.

Based on the experience of the previous festivals we expect about 50,000 visitors daily. At least 25 locations will be available to offer the audience a wide range of wind and flute band performances as well as show and entertainment presentations. Furthermore concert halls and gymnasiums as well as open air spaces will be used. So the event will be an excellent occasion to meet fellow musicians and perform in front of a big audience. Highlights of the festival will be broadcast by radio and TV stations.

BDMV, the city and university of Osnabrück and all the other institutions involved will work on making the event to become an unforgettable experience for your musicians.

Please follow our website <http://spieleutemusik.bdmv-online.de/> information and updates.

Please don't hesitate to contact us concerning details about competitions, performances, accomodation and possible sightseeing programs.

**We do look forward to having you and your band in Osnabrück in 2019!**

Kind regards

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