



Follow the Music - OPEN CALL February - December 2024

The music programme **Follow the Music** invites professional artists and professional music groups of Larnaka to apply for participation through the form below.

What is Follow the Music?

Follow the Music is a game of **exploration** and **co-creation**, introducing us to the hidden treasures of Larnaka through music. It is an initiative by Larnaka 2030 European Capital of Culture Candidate City, which aims to become a permanent cultural institution in the city. The idea and the need for this action emerged through the consultation process initiated by Larnaka 2030 with the city's artistic community, in view of the candidacy for the title of European Capital of Culture, and in particular, by the **musicians' Working Group**.

The aim of the action is for musicians to **illuminate unseen aspects of the city and the region**, filling mute buildings and forgotten streets with melodies. Showing us the potential of art to activate places on the periphery of social and cultural action. The people of Larnaka will participate in a game of exploration, following the clues of the musicians and meeting them at the "hidden spot" where the musical encounter will take place each time. This collective celebration of music will be the culmination of the game, the common exploration of forgotten places in Larnaka.

Performances will begin in February 2024 and will continue every last Friday of the month throughout 2024. At the beginning of the month, the cast will be announced with the exact location where they will perform still unknown. This will be followed by a Social Media game (SM) that will give some key clues as to the location of the musical encounter. Those wishing to attend will know the geographical location of the performance in advance. However, the exact location will be made known one hour in advance on the SM and via email to those who have pre-booked a seat. That is, from the beginning of the month until the time of the concert, there will be this exciting process of interaction, exploration and ultimately shared experience in music.

Conditions of Participation

- The festival is **exclusively addressed** to professional musicians and professional music groups. Applications from amateur groups will not be accepted.

- **Priority will be given** to musicians and groups who live permanently or originate from Larnaka. However, applications from musicians/groups living permanently or originating from other regions will also be accepted for evaluation.
- Applications will be accepted **for all types of music** including contemporary, classical, art, pop, rock, alternative, electronic, folk, etc.
- Any proposed music show can be performed any language, while special emphasis will be placed on works that encourage access for audiences with disabilities.

Financial terms

- Follow the Music offers all participating artists free space for general/final rehearsal, set up and presentation of their musical performance and technical support (technical staff, basic lights, sound).
- Each musician, either as a soloist or as a member of a group, will be paid for their services by Larnaka 2030.

Proposal submission

Interested musicians and groups should submit:

- The completed proposal form.
- Detailed Technical Rider (Technical Requirements Guide) of the project.
- Portfolio of the musician/group and CVs of the contributors.
- Indicative audiovisual material of the musician/group.

The Follow the Music programme is curated by Larnaka 2030 in collaboration with the Musicians' Working Group. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application **by the end of January**.

Deadline for submission of applications: Monday, 29 January 2024

Submission of applications: <https://forms.gle/xmTdsrKzYQgQSU9i8>

For further information please contact info@larnaka2030.eu