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November Music 2025 November 7–16, 2025 in 's-Hertogenbosch

November Music 2025 presents 22 premieres and 22 newcomers. The festival introduces the new music route *SoundBites*, hosts a Berio Marathon, and stages the world premiere of *CHIMP*, the latest project by Artist in Residence Diamanda La Berge Dramm. Major international names such as Arooj Aftab & Metropole Orkest, Ibrahim Maalouf, Thomas Azier, Ellis Ludwig-Leone, and Makaya McCraven enrich the line-up. The 33rd edition of November Music takes place from November 7 to 16, 2025, at various venues across 's-Hertogenbosch. Ticket sales start Monday, September 1.

Program highlights

French trumpeter **Ibrahim Maalouf** presents a new version of his masterpiece *Kalthoum*, dedicated to the Egyptian diva of the same name. Singer **Thomas Azier** unveils adventurous new songs enriched with strings and electronics. Composer **Emine Bostanci** creates a cinematic piece for a range of bowed instruments from Turkey and the Middle East. Pianists from diverse backgrounds share their own interpretations of a nocturne, while the legendary *Sequenzas* by Luciano Berio are performed in fresh and contemporary settings.

This year's featured ensemble is the **Adam Quartet**, performing with harpist **Lavinia Meijer** and composer/songwriter **Ellis Ludwig-Leone**. The program also includes *Talisker* by **I Solisti**, *HIIT*, and Berio's large-scale *Recital*, performed by **Asko|Schönberg (Het Muziek)** and **Silbersee**.

Other artists include **Charlot**, **Makaya McCraven**, **Leah Plave**, **Lisel**, **Luwten**, and **ROLROLROL** in a genre-crossing acoustic-electronic night. In *Open Spaces*, makers present their research projects. The festival hub offers fringe events, composer exhibitions, and immersive installations. Across the city, audiences can join unique sound walks.

Premieres at November Music 2025

Premieres will be presented by **Thomas Azier**, **Meriç Artaç** (with *Bosch Requiem 2025*, the ninth commission in this annual series), **Jeroen van Vliet**, **Eva Beunk**, **Emine Bostanci**, and **Christiaan Richter**.

Artistic director **Marieke Hopman** on the program

The full November Music 2025 program carries the slogan *Where sounds become stories*. 2025 marks the first edition shaped under the direction of artistic director Marieke Hopman:

"For the first time we invite audiences into our festival hub for a full evening program including combined concerts, fringe, talks, installations, and more. While November Music is a nationally (and internationally) recognized festival, we are also building stronger connections with the people of 's-Hertogenbosch, offering combination tickets that allow visitors to experience several concerts in one day.

*On October 1, 2025, the brand-new **November Music App** will launch, providing the full program and extra information on composers and makers. The festival hub will be hosted in Theater aan de Parade during the first weekend, and in Verkadefabriek during the second weekend."*

New Music Conference

On Thursday, November 13, the seventh edition of the **New Music Conference** takes place in collaboration with **Buma Cultuur**. This annual gathering is the key meeting point for professionals in new music: a day to learn, network, and explore collaborations.

New in 2025: Combination Tickets

This year, November Music introduces **combination tickets**: an affordable way to attend multiple concerts in a single day or evening. These tickets replace the former festival pass and encourage audiences to explore surprising combinations of concerts. Sometimes programs align thematically or atmospherically; other times, we deliberately create unexpected contrasts.

Examples of 2025 combinations include:

- Friday, November 7: **Bosch Requiem 2025 – Meriç Artaç // Thomas Azier**
- Saturday, November 8: **Soheil Shayesteh // Ibrahim Maalouf**
- Sunday, November 9: **Avenue Azure // Arooj Aftab & Metropole Orkest**
- Tuesday, November 11: **Adam Quartet // Jeroen van Vliet**
- Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 November: **Luciano Berio Sequenza Marathon Part 1 & 2**

With a combination ticket, audiences always pay less than for individual tickets – and gain a richer festival experience in a single evening.

November Music Festival

The **33rd edition of November Music** takes place from **November 7 to 16, 2025** in 's-Hertogenbosch. The festival is known for its adventurous programming at the crossroads of contemporary composed music, jazz, electronic music, pop, and interdisciplinary projects.

More information and tickets: www.novembermusic.net

Since 2021, November Music has been part of the Dutch national cultural infrastructure (BIS). For more details: www.novembermusic.net

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