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CONFERENCE
SCENES

CALENDAR
2017/18
GERMANY

APRIL

MUSIC | APR 4 2017 | BERLIN

MUSIC CITIES CONVENTION

Music Cities Convention is a global reaching conference exploring the relationship between music and the built environment. Join leaders and executives from across the public and private sectors to explore and define the impact of music ecosystems on our cities and urban life.

www.musiccitiesconvention.com

MUSIC | APR 5-8 2017 | FRANKFURT

MUSIKMESSE / PROLIGHT+SOUND

Musikmesse in Frankfurt is the international trade fair for musical instruments, sheet music, music production, and marketing. It also features live events and several workshops, as well as Light and Sound section.

www.musik.messefrankfurt.com

MUSIC | APR 27-30 2017 | BREMEN

JAZZAHEAD!

jazzahead! is the most important international jazz trade show, including its integrated showcase festival and conference. The showcase features top-class jazz from Germany, Europe and beyond and has become one of the most important international networking spaces for jazz musicians.

www.jazzahead.de

MAY

MUSIC | MAY 1 - OCT 3 2017 | RHINELAND-PALATINATE

SUMMER OF CULTURE

The Kultursommer Rheinland-Pfalz ("Cultural summer") is held each year from May 1 to October 3 with more than 200 projects of different parts of culture. In over 20 years the project has developed so much, one can't imagine cultural life in Rhineland-Palatinate without it.

The target: More people, especially in regions far away from the big cities, should be able to participate in cultural life.

www.kultursommer.de

FILM | MAY 3-13 2017 | MUNICH

DOK.FEST MUNICH

DOK.fest Munich brings artistic documentary film to the big screen with guests from around the world and over one hundred films in eleven of the city's screening venues. Alongside the competition sections, there are many exciting specials, such as DOK.music in Open Air, Best-of-Oscars, and DOK.network Africa, a retrospective and a guest country

www.dokfest-muenchen.de

MUSIC | MAY 3-5 2017 | BERLIN

XJAZZ BERLIN

XJAZZ incorporates already existing structures and hip venues in Berlin Kreuzberg while bringing together musicians who collaborate and perform joint projects. One specific main focus of XJAZZ is the local music scene; around 70 percent of the lineup consists of local artists, unique for a German festival.

www.xjazz.net

INTERACTIVE | MAY 8-10 2017 | BERLIN

RE:PUBLICA

re:publica is one of the world's largest and most exciting conferences about digital culture. Since its founding in 2007, it has grown from a cozy blogger meeting with 700 participants into a wide-ranging "society conference," with 8,000 visitors in 2016.

www.re-publica.de

FILM | MAY 11-16 2017 | OBERHAUSEN

INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OBERHAUSEN

One of the world's most important short film institutions. For the past fifty years around 500 films shown and over 1,100 accredited industry professionals are proof enough.

www.kurzfilmtage.de

MUSIC | MAY 25-28 2017 | WÜRZBURG

AFRICA FESTIVAL

That is the oldest and biggest festival for African music in Germany. Nonprofit.

www.africafestival.org

MUSIC | MAY 25-27 2017 | NEUSTRELITZ

IMMERGUT FESTIVAL

Always sold out, Immergut has marked the annual kick off of the German festival season for the past eighteen years. In the middle of the Great Lake District, Immergut offers the finest in German and international indie rock and pop.

www.immergutrocken.de

JUNE

MUSIC | JUNE 2-4 2017 | NÜRBURG

ROCK AM RING

After being held for two years at the Mending Air Base, the legendary and biggest German music festival Rock am Ring is returning to its initial location, the Nürburgring, a motor sports complex in the town of Nürburg.

www.rock-am-ring.com

MUSIC | JUNE 2-6 2017 | BEVERUNGEN

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

Set in the town Beverungen, OBS has a very charming, rural set-up, and its cozy atmosphere means the festival is mostly sold out in advance. The audience comes from all over Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and the UK.

www.orangeblossomspecial.de

MUSIC | JUNE 2-5 2017 | MOERS

MOERS FESTIVAL

The moers festival stands for the willingness to take risks and the courage to explore new territory, thus making it a reliable source for non-mainstream musical discoveries.

www.moers-festival.de

MUSIC | JUNE 2-5 2017 | LEIPZIG

WAVE-GOTIK-TREFFEN

Wave-Gotik-Treffen is a festival for "dark" music and arts in Leipzig. A variety of 150 bands and artists (gothic rock, industrial, noise, darkwave, gothic metal) play at several venues throughout the city. The festival also features several fairs with medieval, gothic and cultural merchandise. With 20,000 regular attendees, WGT is one of the largest goth subcultural events worldwide.

www.wave-gotik-treffen.de

MUSIC | JUN 3 2017 | MUNICH

KLANGFEST MUNICH

KLANGfest has been hosting more than thirty bands from every genre since 2010. KLANGfest, with its diverse program on different stages, appeals to every generation for a varied and musically exciting day.
www.klangfest-muenchen.de

MUSIC | JUN 15-17 2017 | AUGSBURG

MODULAR FESTIVAL

Modular Festival began in 2009 and is now the biggest non-profit youth- and pop-culture festival in Western Bavaria (Swabia) with about 10,000 attendees every day. Its main aim is to celebrate current interests, styles and the music of today's youth culture.
www.modular-festival.de

MUSIC | JUN 15-18 2017 | WÜRZBURG

UMSONST & DRAUSSEN FESTIVAL

A free festival in the middle of Würzburg with up to 100,000 visitors, there are three stages with over fifty artists plus exhibitions, coffee tastings, street art and more.
www.umsonst-und-draussen.de

MUSIC | JUN 16-18 2017 | MANNHEIM

MAIFELD DERBY

Maifeld Derby still is pretty new on Germany's indie festival calendar. The wonderfully organized open air is taking place in an equestrian stadium inside Mannheim's trade fair grounds and features rock, pop as well as electronic acts.
www.maifeld-derby.de

INTERACTIVE | JUN 20 2017 | BERLIN

HEUREKA CONFERENCE

HEUREKA is one of the main founders' conferences in the German-speaking world with a program aiming at sharing necessary knowledge about the key factors for sustainable success, particularly for early-stage start-ups.
www.heureka-conference.com

FILM | JUN 21 - JUL 9 2017 | LUDWIGSHAFEN

FESTIVAL OF GERMAN FILM

The Festival of German Film is held in a park on the banks of the Rhine in Ludwigshafen. Its aim is to promote high valuable new German films. In 2016, more than 116.000 visitors were welcomed.
www.festival-des-deutschen-films.de

FILM | JUN 22 - JUL 1 2017 | MUNICH

FILMFEST MUNICH

The Filmfest Munich is one of the biggest European summer festivals. The annual focal point for over 2,000 German and international professionals from the film, television and media industries.
www.filmfest-muenchen.de

MUSIC | JUN 23-25 2017 | SCHEESSEL

HURRICANE

Hurricane is the northern "sister event" of Southside and one of Germany's most important rock, pop & alternative festivals. Some 70,000 attendees with a mix of international stars and newcomer acts.
www.hurricane.de

MUSIC | JUN 23-25 2017 | NEUHAUSEN OB ECK

SOUTHSIDE

Hosted annually on a former air base, Southside turns Neuhausen ob Eck – a small town with 4,000 inhabitants – into a 60,000 pax rock, independent, and electro open air.
www.southside.de

MUSIC | JUN 30 - JUL 2 2017 | COLOGNE

SUMMER JAM

One of the biggest European reggae festivals since 1985 with up to 30,000 visitors, this year's festival motto is "The Everlasting".
www.summerjam.de

JULY

MUSIC | JUL 6-9 2017 | RUDOLSTADT

RUDOLSTADT FESTIVAL

Whether you are a newcomer or a repeat offender, almost everyone will find the Rudolstadt festival's variety simply overwhelming, as it is one of the largest and most prestigious world music festivals in Europe. Over 4 days, there are about 300 performances by 150 bands and solo artists, and the range of concerts, workshops and talks which attract up to 25,000 visitors a day.
www.rudolstadt-festival.de

MUSIC | JUL 6-10 2017 | BERGHEIDER SEE

FEEL FESTIVAL

Set next to a lake, Feel Festival combines camping and bathing with music, cinema, theater, circus, readings and workshops – all sustainable and regional. The musical acts feature indie, alternative, electro and house, hip-hop, drum'n'bass, grime and jungle beats.
www.feel-festival.de

MUSIC | JUL 7-9 2017 | FERROPOLIS

SPLASH!

Splash! is the hip-hop-equivalent to Melt! that is set in the same location – the impressive Ferropolis with its huge industrial machines. The different stages and tents showcase hip-hop, drum'n'bass, dancehall and reggae.
www.splash-festival.de

INTERACTIVE | JUL 12-14 2017 | BERLIN

TECH OPEN AIR

Tech Open Air Berlin is Europe's leading interdisciplinary technology festival. Experience inspirational storytelling, interactive forums, art installations, live music, food, drinks and fresh air.
www.toa.berlin

MUSIC | JUL 14-16 2017 | FERROPOLIS

MELT! FESTIVAL

A flickering sea of lights, pulsating beats, and beaming faces as far as the eye can see – the City of Iron awakens again. Hot newcomers and international heroes grace the stages below the breathtaking coal mining equipment of yesteryear. In 2017 Melt! celebrates its twentieth anniversary.

www.meltfestival.de

MUSIC | JUN 15-17 2017 | KARLSRUHE

DAS FEST

DAS FEST, with its 255,000 visitors, is one of the biggest open-air events in Germany and has been held annually since 1985 on the last weekend before the summer break in Baden-Württemberg.

www.dasfest.de

MUSIC | JUL 21-23 2017 | WEEZE

PAROOKAVILLE

Germany's biggest dance festival – with 80,000 visitors, 200 DJs, 11 stages all in one unique city comes to life once a year to commemorate its founding father, Bill Parooka.

www.parookaville.com

MUSIC | JUL 21-23 2017 | TRAMPE

SACRED GROUND

Curated by Ry X and Frank Wiedemann, Sacred Ground was born to create an intimate space with a focus on art and music as well as an environment supporting togetherness. Artists will come together, share their music and there won't be a fixed timetable, leaving space for improvisation and collaboration.

www.sacredground.de

AUGUST

FILM | AUG 2-5 2017 | LUHMÜHLEN

A SUMMER'S TALE

The idea behind this event is to create a world of its own, where visitors can experience their own spectacular and memorable summer tale. It offers a diverse program of cultural, active, and creative programs accompanied by local and international artists of all genres amidst deep forests, earthy moors and airy birch groves.

www.asummerstale.de

MUSIC | AUG 3-5 2017 | DIEPHOLZ

APPLETREE GARDEN

Taking place on a meadow surrounded by apple trees, Appletree Garden Festival offers the most hip national and international discoveries in rock, indie pop and electro. Having space for about 5,000 visitors, it's been sold out for the last couple of years.

www.appletreegarden.de

INTERACTIVE | AUG 3-5 2017 | WACKEN

WACKEN OPEN AIR

With over 80,000 annual attendees, W.O.A is the world's largest heavy metal festival. Year after year, the small village of Wacken in northern Germany turns into the "Holy Land of Metal" over the course of a weekend.

www.wacken.com

FILM | AUG 10-12 2017 | HALDERN

HALDERN POP

With 33 editions so far, Haldern Pop has established itself as **the** newcomer festival, repeatedly winning awards for its lineup. This non-profit event is also dedicated to promoting the region, taking place in a former industrial area afflicted by population loss.

www.haldernpop.com

MUSIC | AUG 10-13 2017 | DREBKAU

WILDE MÖHRE FESTIVAL

The "wild carrot" strives to be a holistic, fair and climate-neutral festival, combining bands and DJs with lectures, spoken word performances, art, film, theater and workshops.

www.wildemoehrefestival.de

MUSIC | AUGUST 2017 | LEHRTE

FUCHSBAU FESTIVAL

Fuchsbau Festival devotes itself to exploring contemporary issues, structures, art and music. From performance art, to electronic music and progressive pop, the festival defies the limits of genre, boldly putting forward new and exciting ideas. Open discussions and workshops offer you the chance to get involved in the debate.

www.fuchsbau-festival.de

MUSIC | AUG 14-16 2017 | GROSSPÖSNA

HIGHFIELD

This three-day festival features live performances by national and international acts, and enough available camping space to accommodate the 25,000 Highfield fans of the recent years and more.

www.highfield.de

MUSIC | AUG 16-19 2017 | DINKELSBÜHL

SUMMER BREEZE

OPEN AIR

Summer Breeze Open celebrates its twentieth anniversary in 2017 with a merciless display of hard music on two open-air stages with no simultaneous performances, the Party Tent and a fourth stage.

www.summer-breeze.de

MUSIC | AUG 16-19 2017 | BAVARIA

CHIEMSEE SUMMER

Evolved from Chiemsee Reggae Summer and Chiemsee Rocks, CHIEMSEE SUMMER takes place in Germany's most stunning and beautiful landscapes. This four-day festival is packed with reggae, hip-hop, alternative rock and electro.

www.chiemsee-summer.de

MUSIC | AUG 16-20 2017 | COLOGNE

C/O POP FESTIVAL

Five days, over 30,000 visitors, 60 concerts and parties in 30 different locations and around 100 artists from 20 countries: urban and diverse!

www.c-o-pop.de/festival

MUSIC | AUG 17-18 2017 | COLOGNE

C/O POP CONVENTION

International experts and decision-makers share and discuss with industry visitors ways in which the music industry can successfully be linked with other business sectors.

www.c-o-pop.de/convention

FILM | AUG 18-20 2017 | HAMBURG

MS DOCKVILLE

MS Dockville is Hamburg's famous annual festival for music and art: unique in setting, atmosphere, and border-breaking acts. With its incomparable location near the banks of the Elbe river with its ports and dike scenery, the festival has become a home for up to 25,000 visitors each day who rediscover old loves and discover soon to be new favorite bands.

www.msdockville.de

MUSIC | AUG 18 - SEP 30 2017 | RUHR DISTRICT

RUHRTRIENNALE

Music, dance, theater, performance and fine arts in the former industrial buildings of the Ruhr Area: that's the Ruhrtriennale. Over 50,000 visitors, 200 different events and around 900 artists from all over the world – make this an incomparable event in a region that was once better known for coal and steel. www.ruhrtriennale.de

MUSIC | AUG 22-26 2017 | COLOGNE

GAMESCOM

The world's largest event for computer and video games attracted 345,000 attendees from 97 countries in 2016. More than 800 companies present myriad novelties to trade visitors and gaming fans. www.gamescom.de

MUSIC | FILM | AUG 23-28 2017 | COLOGNE

SOUNDTRACK_COLOGNE

This is the largest German congress for music and sound in film, games and media, and a source of inspiration on the growing landscape of festivals and congresses across Europe. www.soundtrackcologne.de

MUSIC | AUG 23-25 2017 | BERLIN

POP-KULTUR

With its program of live concerts, performances, talks and readings Pop-Kultur shines a light on Berlin's busy pop scene. It advocates interdisciplinary exchange, including contemporary scientific discourse on music, society and urban development. www.pop-kultur.berlin

INTERACTIVE · FILM | AUG 24-25 2017 | COLOGNE

VIDEODAYS

Europe's largest YouTuber event sees 15,000 fans gathering in Cologne to take part in workshops and presentations of the best web videos as well as the PlayAwards to honor the best YouTube producers. www.videodays.eu

SEPTEMBER

INTERACTIVE | SEP 6-7 2017 | COLOGNE

EUROPEAN PIRATE SUMMIT

Now in its seventh year it is Europe's biggest invitation-only gathering of early-stage startups and investors. The summit represents true grassroots entrepreneurship: authentic, crazy & real. www.piratesummit.com

MUSIC | SEP 9-10 2017 | BERLIN

LOLLAPALOOZA BERLIN

Berlin got it in 2015: one of the most established and reputable festival brands worldwide. Lollapalooza Berlin has grown into the biggest German inner-city open-air festival with over 70,000 visitors a day. www.lollapaloozade.com

INTERACTIVE | SEP 13-14 2017 | COLOGNE

DMEXCO

dmexco is the global business and innovation platform for the digital economy with more than 50,000 visitors and over 1,000 exhibitors from all over the world who came to Cologne in September 2016. www.dmexco.de

MUSIC | SEP 20-23 2017 | HAMBURG

REEPERBAHN FESTIVAL

Reeperbahn Festival is Germany's largest club festival and one of the most important meeting places for the music and creative digital industries in Europe. A special format named "Wunderkinder" introduces special emerging German talents. www.reeperbahnfestival.de

INTERACTIVE | SEP 21-22 2017 | HAMBURG

NEXT CONFERENCE

NEXT is the event for those who actively participate in shaping the digital transformation. Marketing and product leaders, digital economy executives, innovative corporations and startups join NEXT for inspiration and networking. www.nextconf.eu

INTERACTIVE | SEP 24-26 2017 | MUNICH

BITS & PRETZELS

Bits & Pretzels has rapidly grown into the biggest international start-up event in Germany with participants from all over the world. Under the theme "from founders for founders," famous entrepreneurs and young ambitious start-up and tech enthusiasts meet in Munich to share and discuss experiences and trends. www.bitsandpretzels.com

FILM | SEP 29 - OCT 6 2017 | COLOGNE

FILM FESTIVAL COLOGNE

Since 1991 this has been one of Europe's leading festivals for extraordinary television and independent film culture, offering screenings, workshops and lectures by internationally renowned guest speakers. www.filmfestival.cologne

OCTOBER

MUSIC | OCT 27-28 2017 | MUNICH

MANIC STREET PARADE

Just like the other big media cities, Munich now also has its own club festival. Manic Street Parade took place for the first time in 2016 in the city's Schlachthofviertel, offering a well-chosen line-up of German and international indie acts.

www.manic-street-parade.com

FILM | OCT 30 - NOV 5 2017 | LEIPZIG

DOK LEIPZIG

The International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film is one of the leading international festivals for artistic documentary and animated film as well as interactive storytelling. Founded in 1955, DOK Leipzig is the oldest documentary festival in the world and this year celebrates its sixtieth anniversary.

www.dok-leipzig.de

FILM | OCTOBER 2017 | BAD WÖRRISHOFEN

GAY SUMMIT CLUB ALLGÄU

GSC-Filmfest is showing gay-themed films at two historic cinemas in the Bavarian countryside. It might be not the biggest, but it's one of the oldest festivals of its kind in Germany. It's usually sold out within a few days.

www.gsc-allgaeu.de

NOVEMBER

MUSIC | NOV 3-4 2017 | WANGELS

ROLLING STONE WEEKENDER

Set in the beautiful surroundings of a holiday resort at the Baltic coast with apartments, hotel rooms, restaurants and bars, Rolling Stone Weekender combines the fun part of a festival with the recreational pleasures of a short vacation. The shows take place indoors on three stages and several unexpected floors.

www.rollingstone-weekender.de

INTERACTIVE | NOV 28 2017 | BERLIN

HUB CONFERENCE

The digital avant-garde is coming to the hub conference: visionary masterminds, global players, start-ups, hidden champions, CEOs and CIOs. The hub conference program offers keynote addresses, panels, interviews and interactive sessions with all the impulses for an entire year in a single day.

www.hub.berlin

INTERACTIVE | NOVEMBER 2017 | POTSDAM

CHANGING THE PICTURE

This conference, taking place in Germany's capital region at the renowned Babelsberg Studios in Potsdam showcases the newest applications and expertise for technologies shaping content production and distribution for TV, cinema and the internet.

www.changingthepicture.de

FILM | NOVEMBER 2017 | MUNICH

THE QUEER FILM FESTIVAL MUNICH (QFFM)

QFFM is a five-day event that presents the wide range of "queer" cinema to Munich audiences. Open to films of all lengths and genres, for QFFM it's essential to actively partner with local associations and to reach out to the extensive Munich-based film and media industry, to cultural institutions and also to film enthusiasts.

www.qffm.de

JANUARY

MUSIC | JAN 26 - FEB 4 2018 | BERLIN

CTM FESTIVAL – FESTIVAL FOR ADVENTUROUS MUSIC AND ART

CTM is an international festival dedicated to contemporary electronic, digital and experimental music as well as a diverse range of artistic activities in the context of sound and club cultures.

www.ctm-festival.de

FEBRUARY

INTERACTIVE | FEBRUARY 2018 | BERLIN

TRANSMEDIALE

transmediale is a Berlin-based festival and year-round project that draws new connections between art, culture and technology. The event's activities aim to foster a critical understanding of contemporary culture and politics that are saturated by media technologies.

www.transmediale.de

INTERACTIVE | FEBRUARY 2018 | MUNICH

MUST – THE MUNICH SUMMIT

MUST, initiated by Munich's top university centers for entrepreneurship, puts the spotlight on the Bavarian entrepreneurial ecosystem by offering different events and connecting the key players, bringing together cutting-edge science and technology start-ups with industrial leaders and investors.

www.must-munich.com

INTERACTIVE | FEB 27 - MAR 3 2018 | HAMBURG

SOCIAL MEDIA WEEK

SMW hosts annual conferences on six continents, one of which is in Hamburg, curating and sharing insights into how social media is changing business, society and culture.

www.socialmediaweek.org/hamburg

INTERACTIVE | FEBRUARY 2018 | POTSDAM

VR NOW CON

Explore exciting tech developments, passionate art projects and bold business ideas. VR Now showcases a mix of regional and international projects, allowing a deep dive into this new technology and celebrating its greatest advantages with a new VR award.

www.vrnowcon.io

FILM | FEBRUARY 2018 | BERLIN

INTERNATIONALE FILMFESTSPIELE BERLIN – BERLINALE

The Berlinale is a great cultural event for both the international film industry and cineasts, with more than 330,000 tickets sold. Over 20,000 industry visitors and 3,700 journalists from 128 countries focus on art, glamour, parties, and business which are all inextricably linked at the Berlinale.

www.berlinale.de

MARCH

INTERACTIVE | MARCH 2018 | HAMBURG

ONLINE MARKETING ROCKSTARS

This conference brings speakers from the international online marketing scene on stage where makers, founders and researchers can tell their stories.

www.onlinemarketingrockstars.de/festival

INTERACTIVE | MARCH 2018 | HANNOVER

CEBIT

CeBIT is the largest, most international event for the digital industry. Its unique combination of exhibitions, conferences, keynotes, corporate events and lounges, make CeBIT the ideal environment for doing business and sealing deals.

www.cebit.de

MUSIC | MARCH 2018 | BERLIN

MAERZMUSIK – FESTIVAL FOR TIME ISSUES

MaerzMusik – Festival for Time Issues commits itself to exploring the phenomenon of time in its sociopolitical, philosophical and artistic dimensions. In spite of the prevailing logic of the event, the goal is to deepen experiences, to ask questions anew, to develop ideas and to facilitate re-encounters across the years.

www.berlinerfestspiele.de/maerzmusik
