

Call for artists Museum Night Fever 2026

Brussels Museums is the federation that connects more than 120 museums across the Brussels-Capital Region.

Since the creation of the non-profit organization in 1995, our role has evolved to better meet the needs of museums.

Today, the missions of Brussels Museums are to:

- Connect museums through networking events, exchanges of best practices, and the sharing of sector-related information.
- Represent and defend the sector's interests by being a key spokesperson, studying its impact and challenges.
- Increase the visibility of museums through public events and communication campaigns, such as [Museum Night Fever](#) and [Nocturnes](#).
- Support museums in becoming more accessible, inclusive, and sustainable with projects like [Open Museum](#) and [Green Museum](#).

Museum Night Fever in a few words

Museum Night Fever is Brussels' museum night: around 30 museums open their doors from 7 PM to 1 AM, offering a festive and eclectic program in collaboration with young Brussels-based artists.

Museum Night Fever is an event by and for young people:

The programming is designed for people aged 16 to 35. It is created by Brussels-based artists from the same age group.

A single ticket grants access to all participating museums for the night. This ticket is also valid for one daytime visit to any participating museum in the month following the event.

In 2025, more than 16,000 people attended Museum Night Fever. Each visitor attended an average of 2 to 3 museums, totaling over 65,000 visits. More than 100 artists and collectives were involved across 33 participating museums.

The event is organized by Brussels Museums, the non-profit federation representing 120+ museums in Brussels, in collaboration with museums and numerous partners.

Museum Night Fever will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, in about thirty Brussels museums. Brussels Museums, in collaboration with the participating museums, is looking for young Brussels-based artists, collectives, students, and art schools from all backgrounds and disciplines to contribute to the event's program in partnership with a museum.

All artistic disciplines are accepted: visual and plastic arts, dramatic arts, dance, performance, music, circus arts, slam poetry, VJs, DJs, etc.

Who can participate?

- Any individual (artist, student, etc.) or organization (collective, cultural association, youth center, art school) based or active in Brussels.
- Anyone between 16 and 35 years old (or producing artists within this age range).
- Anyone or any organization wishing to co-create an artistic project with a participating museum (Museum Night Fever programming is based on artist-museum partnerships).
- Anyone or any organization able to provide supporting financial documentation (see budget section below).

Brussels Museums aims to reflect the diversity of Brussels' artistic scene in Museum Night Fever's programming. The event gives space to underrepresented voices, artists, and artistic proposals in museums. Museum Night Fever focuses on accessibility and inclusion.

How does it work?

1. **[Complete the application form](#) before April 03, 2026.**
2. Brussels Museums will centralize all submissions and select artists/collectives based on the pre-defined criteria mentioned above.
3. Once your application has been reviewed, we will get back to you with confirmation of your participation in the Meet & Greet. You will then receive details about the time and exact location of the event.
4. Your application form responses, along with your CV and/or video presentation (or any other relevant material) will be shared with participating museums before the Meet & Greet.

The Meet & Greet will take place on April 21, 2026, in Brussels (8:30 AM to 12 PM @Botanique – further information later). During this morning, you will have the chance to meet the museums participating in Museum Night Fever. This meet & greet will proceed as follows: each museum will present its institution and artistic vision for Museum Night Fever. After the presentations of the museums, each artist/collective will be able to meet the museums one by one for a set time.

What kind of artistic proposals are we looking for?

REMARK: The list of participating museums will only be revealed during the Meet & Greet.

- All artistic disciplines are welcome : visual and plastic arts, dramatic arts, dance, performance, music, circus arts, slam poetry, VJs, DJs, etc.
- Proposals must be suitable for a large audience, and either be performed multiple times throughout the evening or continuously.
- The audience is very diverse: artistic proposals should be multilingual, non-verbal, or universally accessible.
- The programming is created in partnership with the museum. Artistic proposals should be inspired by the museum's space, collections, exhibitions, or a theme that the museum wants to explore with the public.
- The goal is to present something unique, specially designed or adapted for Museum Night Fever 2026 in that museum.
- Intimate performances, requiring a small audience, preparation, or specific reservations are not suitable for this event.

- The final selection of artists is made by the museums. Brussels Museums facilitates the connection between artists and museums but does not make the final programming decisions.

Find photos and videos from the last Museum Night Fever on our social media: @musuemnightfever.

Budget & Compensation

All performances are paid. The rates are negotiated directly with the museum.

Brussels Museums allocates a budget to each participating museum, which can cover all or part of the expenses of its partners. The museum may distribute this budget among multiple partners.

Fees/reimbursements are confirmed by Brussels Museums through an official purchase order. The agreed-upon amount is paid after the performance, upon receipt of a valid financial document, such as:

- An invoice issued by the partner.
- An invoice from an intermediary service (e.g., Smart, Amplo, Merveille).
- A volunteer reimbursement declaration.
- A receipt for material purchases related to the activity.

Questions?

Feel free to contact us at mnf@brusselsmuseums.be.