



FAQ **Rasteder Musiktage / European Open Championship**

When is the event?

- In the end of June or begin of July every year

Where will the Championship be held?

- All Festival events, including the Championship, will take place in Germany, in the City of Rastede.

What is the program for the Championship?

- The following is a preliminary program and subject to change.

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| Thursday | Opening Party with Bands |
| Friday | Opening ceremony - Concert |
| Saturday | Concert competitions - Show/tattoo competition prelims - Parade competitions |
| Sunday | Concert competitions - Show/tattoo competition finals Parade competitions, including Street and March Parades - Closing ceremony |

Additional Festival highlights:

- Party for Bands on Friday - Oktoberfest on Friday - Fireworks on Saturday - Disco and Oktoberfest on Saturday - Demonstrations & clinics by the Music Fair

When should we plan to arrive and depart?

- The opening ceremony will be in the morning on Friday, with the closing ceremony projected to be in the late afternoon/early evening on Sunday. The first judging is on Saturday morning.

What if we cannot stay for the entire event?

- Naturally, we hope that all participating bands will be present for the entire event, but should school schedules or other conflicts necessitate a late arrival or early departure, we will do our best to schedule your band's performances accordingly to ensure that your experience is worthwhile.



Will it be possible to extend our stay?

- If you are interested in extending your stay beyond the event to experience all that Germany and Rastede have to offer, our event team will be more than happy to work with you to accommodate any special requests.

Who's the local host organization in Rastede?

- The local host is Rasteder Musiktage e.V. - A organization from Germany of "WamsB" World Association of Marching Show Bands, "DCE" Drum Corps Europe and "BDMV" Germany Organization of Music Bands

When will registration open?

- Shortly after the last event an e-mail communication will be sent out, announcing and outlining the registration process.

Will there be a band registration fee?

- No, Band will not start in competition and will present.
- Yes, each participating band will be required to pay a registration fee every start of EUR 100 to participate by the Concert Contest. EUR 50 each participate by the Show prelims, EUR 50 each participate by the March Contest and EUR 50 each participate by the Marching Parade Contest.

What is included in the band registration fee?

- The opportunity to perform and compete at super event facilities. Evaluation from an international professional judging panel with recorded feedback on your performance(s) . A participation award for your band. Complimentary general admission for bus drivers. Free general admission to all Championship competitions for all band members, including the Championship Finals

Will the local host arrange accommodations and meals for my band and support staff?

- Yes, our event team will organize accommodation and meal packages for participating bands.



What is the projected cost per participant for the accommodations and meals that will be offered?

- The accommodation is free and you will sleep in school or sports hall. Also you can arrange your own accommodation in Hotel/Hostel but you pay as self.
- The cost per participant for Breakfast is EUR 3.00, for Lunch EUR 5.00 and for Dinner EUR 3.00 per participant per day. Also you can arrange your own meals.

Should we bring our own sleeping gear?

- Yes, participants staying in a school setting should plan to bring their own sleeping gear, i.e. foam mattress, sleeping bag, pillow, etc.

Will kitchen facilities be available at the schools?

- Unfortunately not. However, three meals will provided per day, as stated above.

Will special arrangements be made for international bands arriving by air?

- Our team will work with each participating band arriving by air. Please contact us for arrangements.

How will event updates and pertinent information be communicated?

- Once you are on the mailing list, you will receive consistent updates via e-mail communications - before, during, and after the big event in Rastede - to ensure that all expectations are aligned, sealed and delivered.

What if we have additional questions?

- If you have additional questions, please contact our event team at info@rastedermusiktage.de

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