Contact warmly welcomed!

Densely packed between the Rhine, Ruhr and Lippe, we find a great variety of different cultural forms flourishing in amongst one another, more than in any other part of Germany. North-Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) is not only the most populous German state, it was also shaped by decades of immigration, long before its incorporation as a state in 1946. Today, immigration remains a hallmark of the region’s development.

So it is that the musical life of people here is determined by diverse cultures of origin. Thousands of artists work in a ‘Melting Pot’ of music: bands and ensembles, agencies and labels, music schools and cultural centers, clubs, associations, foundations and research institutions. International networking is the elixir of life for many people. There are so many organisations that this booklet cannot be exhaustive, nor can it necessarily claim to mention the most important institutions.

In the following pages we present a selection of institutions and groups that deal with musical diversity from Nordrhein-Westfalen: innovative and intertwining, open minded and curious. We welcome further contact!

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Acoustic Guitar Academy

The Internationalen Gitarrentage Wuppertal (International Guitar Days in Wuppertal) are organized by the association Compás e.V. The guitar concerts at Café Esperanza take place in the small, intimate setting of the rooms of the oldest building in Wuppertal-Elberfeld, which offer good acoustics and do not need amplification. Musicians who have performed here include Joscho Stephan Trio, fingerstyle guitarist Richard Smith, Australia’s Got Talent winner, the Cegoria Guitar Duo, Michiel Wiesenekker with Maxim Lysov, the Brazilian Choro guitarist Marcelo Rosário and Kai Heumann (Latin American music, jazz). During these events, the Guitar Center also showcases its exclusive collection of exceptional acoustic guitars.

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Festivals

Bonn’s ‘Global Club Culture’ meets the World

For the last ten years in Bonn, the former federal capital, there has been a lively, semi-professional, ‘Global Club’ scene, dedicated to the presentation and production of ethnic music: partly analog, and partly mixed with modern club sounds. From late October to March 2016 the Global Club Music Network will collaborate with “Taxi MunDJal MusiX” and “Engagement Global”. Together, on the culture ship called “TOWNSHIP”, moored on the Rhine, they will create a space for international and intercultural encounters: combining the local scene (DJs, Producers, organizers), with influences and contacts from the Global Music scene and other cities ‘twinned’ with Bonn, building networks and synergies together.

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c/o pop  

The music festival c/o pop (Cologne On Pop) has been running in Cologne since 2004. c/o pop sees itself as a focal point for the industry of Electronic Music and Electronic Media, and Global Music plays a particularly important role. With artists of the Cologne area, from Kompact, A-music and other record labels, the c/o pop festival presents a cross-section of the ‘Sound of Cologne’. The wide-ranging program includes numerous musical and artistic events, label parties, and exhibitions, with a VJ Festival as well as a ‘Convention’ with lectures, panels and discussions on the subject of music and media.

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Invocation—International Voice Festival  

Invocation fulfills the long-cherished desire of three musicians and organizers Thomas Gläßer, Maria Jonas and Alexandra Kalka to explore the power and depth of the human voice in different cultural, historical and social contexts in an interdisciplinary festival with high-caliber international contributions. In the former Carthusian monastery in Cologne, a multifaceted concert program awaits the audience, with food also provided.

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BinG—Barbershop in Germany e.V.  

The German Association for the promotion of barbershop music organizes and coordinates barbershop events, training, information exchange, regular meetings for quartets and choirs, as well as the contact with European barbershop organizations and the American barbershop Association BHS (Barbershop Harmony Society). Since 2004, the association has organized the biennial German Barbershop Music Festival (BMF), which takes place at the Konzerthaus Dortmund and attracts about 5,000 international visitors. Here, concerts and competitions take place, including the German Championships for barbershop quartets and choirs as well as the World Championship of mixed barbershop quartets. Concerts are given by winning ensembles as well as renowned barbershop groups from around the world.

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Festival all’Italiana  

This festival offers alongside a photographic exhibition, a variety of events with music, films, literature, and theatre, to build bridges between the arts and to present another side of Italy. The concert program brings important Italian musicians to Cologne, such as the singer Elena Ledda, the Sardinian jazz musician Antonello Salis and various Italian folk bands that move beyond common Italian clichés. In addition, there is a program of current films that reflect Italy’s culture and society.

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Festivals
Every summer the Road Festival rolls through the Ruhr region and offers the fans of global music twelve concerts open air and for free. The organizers (Bahnhof Langendreer, Ringlokschuppen Ruhr, Altstadtschmiede Recklinghausen and Pelmke Hagen) provide together with WDR Funkhaus Europe a platform for high-profile concerts. Funkhaus Europa: Odyssee is one of the most prestigious festivals in the country.

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GrevenGrass e.V.
This music festival offers free admission concerts over two days with artists from all over Europe and overseas. In addition, there is a big camp with more than 500 visitors and many active musicians who stay several days in Greven. GrevenGrass is a member of the European Bluegrass Music Association (EBMA) and the German Bluegrass Music Association.

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Initiative Folklorefest Krefeld e.V.
Initiative festival of Folk Music and Customs
This Folk and World Music festival was created in 1978 out of the Krefelder Kulturtagen and offers, alongside Folk music, also Jazz, Rock, Hip Hop and Singer-Songwriters, as well as the theme evening that includes international dance. Local culture associations and ‘Ausländervereine’ organise music and dance from the countries of origin of their members. This is accompanied by culinary specialities from these countries. The square “An der Alten Kirche” was from its earliest history a venue for local entertainment, and on the last summer holiday weekend in NRW it again becomes the venue for free accessible open-air festivals.

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Initiativkreis Freie Musik Köln (IFM)
The IFM is a cultural-political association of ensembles, associations, initiatives, organizers and venues that has existed since 1999 to serve the interests of free-lance musicians in Cologne. The Cologne folk music scene is made up of a variety of musicians who came from all over the world to Cologne either to study with renowned performers and composers at the Music Academy or to work for the Westdeutschen Rundfunk. Many settled permanently in Cologne and founded their own ensembles, venues, clubs, studios, labels, publishers and concert series. In the area of Global Music, the international character of the Cologne music scene is particularly colourful, and has been organized by the IFM since 1999. Cologne is home to people from over 150 different countries, some of whom maintain the music of their former homelands, or connect with other music styles.

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Jugend & Kulturzentrum Tempel

For almost twenty years, the Jugend & Kulturzentrum Tempel has organized NRW’s best-loved open-air Folk Festival whose reputation goes beyond the boundaries of Duisburg-Rheinhausen. It takes place on the Saturday after Pentecost with free admission. With 5,000 to 8,000 visitors a year, it is one of the largest regular music events in Duisburg and one of the largest folk festivals in the region. The main attraction are the musical groups, which come from not just from classic Folk music but also genres beyond. There are children’s programs, coffee and cake, Guinness and barbecue, raffle and lots of interesting stalls, where initiatives such as Robin Wood, Amnesty International, ARIC, Greenpeace, BUND and AIDS-aid organisations inform the public about their work. The income from the volunteer-organized festival is donated to charity.

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KLANGVOKAL—Music Festival Dortmund

This festival presents a variety of vocal music from all over the world, from opera and classical vocal music through jazz and World Music to pop. It brings together the full range of vocal expression, promotes the artistic dialogue between different genres, and caters to diverse audience interests. The festival was launched as a contribution of the city of Dortmund to the “Kulturhauptstadtjahr” (Capital of Culture Year) in 2010 in the Ruhr region, to combine the international atmosphere with characteristic features of the Dortmund music scene. The starting point was the unique enthusiasm of Dortmunders for singing. This is reflected in some 300 choirs and vocal ensembles with around 10,000 active singers, the “Chorakademie” (Choir Academy) with more than 1,300 members and many bands.

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MICRO!FESTIVAL

The international MICRO! FESTIVAL is organized by the cultural office ("Kulturbüro"), which is part of the Dortmund city administration. It was found 22 years ago and presents in a three day long open-air festival international world music and street theatre performances. The MICRO!FESTIVAL is located directly in the Dortmund City Centre and traditionally takes place at the last weekend of the summer holidays, mostly August. It offers a very multifarious program with high artistic quality and suitable acts for all ages. In the last decades the festival became one of the most popular open air events in the region.

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Musica Sacra,
Stadt Paderborn

At the Festival “Musica Sacra”, World Music is always on the program, especially music from Islamic countries as well as from East Asia, India, Jewish, and Eastern Orthodox influenced cultures. The festival is organized by the exhibition company Paderborn mbH, whose partner is the city of Paderborn.

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Ruhr International

The Festival of Cultures: In cooperation with the city of Bochum and the Jahrhunderthalle Bochum the Bahnhof Langendreer organizes the festival Ruhr International. It is a free admission festival in the Jahrhunderthalle Bochum and a global celebration of meeting international and regional artists of music, cabaret, theater, and literature. It is supported by a variety of organizations and associations.

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Stadt Hamm
City of Hamm

For many years, the Cultural Summer Program of the Cultural Office of the city of Hamm has been an integral part of the urban events calendar. During the summer months of July and/or August you can experience street theatre and World Music every Wednesday at the Kurhaus garden Kurpark Bad Hamm and in the marketplace at the Pauluskirche international. All outdoor events are free. The evening concerts take place in an atmospheric twilight, giving the music a special charm.

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BRÜCKENKLANG – ein Projekt des Landesmusikrates NRW e.V.

BRÜCKENKLANG brings together traditional music associations and musicians from the immigration cultures of Nordrhein-Westfalen. Within the framework of symposia, workshops, and training, sponsored festivals and event series, the diverse musical cultures of the amateur music scene meet one another. BRÜCKENKLANG wants to initiate new event formats and content to strengthen the music cultural diversity and intercultural exchange in North Rhine-Westphalia.

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BürgerBahnhof Vohwinkel Citizens Railway Station, Vohwinkel

The Folk & World Music series “Around the world in 80 sounds” is the folk club element of the project BürgerBahnhof: the revitalisation of rooms inside the Vohwinkel Train Station for cultural events. Scandinavian and Celtic traditions are just as much at home here as sounds from South America and Africa. The series “sound journey” invites curious travelers and passers-by to hear and marvel at music in the open ticket hall of the station.

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Initiative Bürgerzentrum Schuhfabrik e.V.

During the summer holidays the Initiative organises a “Fernweh-Reihe” (“wanderlust” series) of concerts, with music that has its cultural roots in other countries. In addition, the Initiative also holds at least one concert of World Music and Global Music every six months. The rest of the yearly program offers Folk, Rock, Metal, Tributes and Songs, also parties, theatre and cabaret.

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Klangkosmos NRW—network of Global Music in NRW

The network of Global Music Klangkosmos NRW is aimed at sustainable systematic and nationwide engagement with World Music: 1. by organizing concerts and workshops; 2. by creating a common platform for exchange of international music ensembles and dialogue with the audience; 3. by informing audiences about the historical, geographical, religious, and political meanings and social functions of music. The work of the network sees itself as a practical contribution to the implementation of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. The concert series is recognised by UNESCO as an intangible heritage project, presenting protected forms of music. Our partners are culture and one-world associations, also municipal institutions, cultural offices, municipal theatres, schools, retirement homes, and Protestant and Catholic parishes.

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Kultur ohne Grenzen e.V.

This association, founded in 1999, organizes year-round concerts and promotes professional artists in exile within the genre of World Music. In cooperation with cultural institutes, cultural associations, city libraries, community colleges and Protestant parishes as well as the Social Service of the parish Jülich and the rail station cultural organisation of Jülich, the association offers the musicians platforms for their performances and cultural identity, to promote cultural exchanges. The association has been honoured on many occasions for its social and cultural commitment.

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Mittwochskonzerte

The Chamber Music Hall of the Rudolf-Oetker-Halle Bielefeld, the Westdeutsche Rundfunk (West German Broadcasting Corporation; curated until 2015 by WDR3 editor Werner Fuhr) and the Kulturamt Bielefeld (Office for Cultural Affairs Bielefeld; Ulrich Laustroer) organize the “Wednesday Concerts.” These concerts represent different musical cultures alongside European classical music. In contrast to the trend of presenting so-called World Music in a party setting, this series provides another perspective: a different kind of listening, a growing understanding of the music, focussed attention. The outwardly conventional environment of the concert hall is thus filled with unconventional content, which is recorded and broadcast by Kulturradio WDR3.

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Musikkulturen

Hardly any music captures the spirit of today's society better than World Music. Yet World Music is seldom found in the repertoire of many venues and cultural events. This is why the performance network Musikkulturen was founded in 2010, supported by the Kultursekretariate (cultural offices) of Wuppertal and Gütersloh, to encourage promoters and concert organisers to include a higher diversity of musical styles into their repertoire for events. With this vision in mind, an Advisory Board, consisting of various organisers with wide-ranging experience in World Music matters, selects a number of exceptional groups per year and promotes them.

During the selection process, special consideration is given to outstanding participants in the national competition “Creole-Globale Musik aus Deutschland”. Musikkulturen thus provides musicians from NRW with the opportunity for intensive cultural exchange, and of developing common approaches with international World Musicians, which are then presented in several final concerts.

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Held twice a year over two months in autumn and spring, PLURIVERSALE, consisting of site-specific projects, exhibitions, concerts, discussions, film screenings, and performative symposia, proposes an alternative to the usual rhythms of biennials and their narration of unquiet times, too often universalist and relativist at once.

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Struppig Tanzen

Struppig Tanzen has presented an events series in Leverkusen since 2009, featuring little-known and young artists from all over the world, from Japan, Canada, Turkey, USA, Argentina, Sicily, Brazil, and Australia to date. The sounds Struppig Tanzen bring to the public range from post-rock to experimental music. The focus is on interfaces between professional and amateur compositions as well as the exchange of international musicians and local bands to promote intercultural contacts between musicians and audience.

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WKM—Factory Circle of Culture, Meschede

The association was founded in 1979 as the first concert promoter in the Sauerland region involved in World Music and sees itself as a platform for local artists of the South Westphalia region. Following the legendary performance of Inti Illimani in 1980, there followed concerts with a crossover mix of Folk and World Music. Until in 2010 the WKM joined the network Klangkosmos—World Music in NRW. Since then, every year WKM had a concert in the Klangkosmos concert series. WKM’s favorite venue is the Bürgerzentrum Alte Synagoge (Civic Center Old Synagogue) in Meschede.

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The label Jigit! Records was founded in connection with the FolkHipPop band “Lecker Sachen” in 1999, and is now linked to both the publishing house Be Publishing and the Tonstudio Be in Cologne-Deutz. Areas of particular expertise areas are Singer-Songwriter, Ethno-Electro-Fusion, and musical cross-overs. The online sales platform finetunes offers the artist the possibility of professional representation on the internet. The studio engages musician and multi-instrumentalist Mark Brachtendorf, a professional producer, who can also supply various instruments or sounds such as drums, bass guitar, mandolin, tenor banjo, backing vocals, synthesizer-programmings, Irish Flute, and Tin Whistles. The studio provides a Fender Rhodes, a Hohner Clavinet, a Kwai Piano, and Hohner accordion, and various guitars, basses and amps are available.

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### Heaven and Earth—Publishing and Production

This label grew out of the artist management group alba Kultur, with an emphasis on contemporary music and ethnic acoustic non-European classical music. All albums are produced in studios in the countries of origin of the artists or in Germany. The choice of a few productions per year allows for a full focus on release of each record. Recordings of the Mongolian ensemble “Egschiglen”, the “Galata Mevlevi Ensemble” from Istanbul, and the German-Iraqi Quartet “Ahoar” are amongst the label’s catalogue. The publisher is responsible for the rights of approximately 1,000 songs of African, Mongolian, Indian, and European composers for concert, stage, film, or other uses.

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### Lola’s World Records

This compilation label releases Global Beats: modern World Music combined with contemporary grooves, collected by various DJs. It produces various different series such as African Garden and Asian Garden with a total of twenty different topics.

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### Westpark Music & Publishing

Priorities of this label and publisher are Folk, Folk-Rock, Folk-Metal, Ethno-Rock, Singer-Songwriter, Ethno, Celtic, Fusion, Ambient, Electronic, and Jazz-oriented music. Westpark Music emphasizes a high audiophile quality and has so far released more than 250 CDs, DVDs, music, film and television music, music books, and sheet music.

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AKM—Aga KULTUR Management

Since 1997, the AKM has undertaken year-round planning and organisation of cultural events, projects and concepts, as well as promotion and advice for young bands of the genre Folk and World Music. Cooperation partner is “WKM—Werkkreis Kultur Meschede e.V.” Founded in 1979, the WKM is a volunteer organisation for cultural promotion in Meschede, and one of the oldest surviving cabaret and jazz promoters in the Sauerland, with concerts of World Music, Rock, Jazz, Blues and Cabaret/Comedy, readings, festivals, children’s and youth theatre.

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Aktivraum

The agency of Markus Stockhausen and Tara Bouman works both for and with artists in the areas of Jazz, World Music, classical and contemporary music. Aktivraum has developed special software for Artist agencies, realised concerts and from 2000 to 2010 organised their own concert series with international artists. A particular speciality includes concerts in unusual places, from overall concept development to scene lighting.

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This international office for Global Music has, since 1989, worked in consulting, organization, and production in the field of contemporary and ethnic, traditional, classical, and non-European and hybrid music, in collaboration with various institutions, organizations, associations and artists. As a professional organization for diverse musical genres, alba Kultur curates pilot projects for the state of NRW, section Inter-cultural Cultural Work (music of imaginary Turkey, competition creole NRW. Heimatmelodien, Globalflux Conference etc.).

Starting in 2000, alba Kultur has built the NRW Global Music network Klangkosmos into the largest of its kind in Europe, with more than 200 concerts per year. In addition, the office maintains contacts and cooperation with the music industry within the World Music genre, as well as with musical creative centers in Asia, Africa, South America and the Arab world.

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Anubhab-Academy
Indian Music & More

Promoting Indian music in Germany, the Anubhab-Academy is open year-round for audiences to experience live classical Indian music (Ragas, Ghazals, Qawwali) and Indian Light Music, World Music, Fusion, Jazz Ethno-Folk and Indian Dance. For events, festivals and concert series, the agency promotes musicians, dancers, storytellers and other artists with Indian or Afghan flair, and has done since 2008. The "Anubhab Ensemble" takes part in international festivals, fusion, and crossover projects. With changing Indian guest musicians and experienced music teachers, the members of the ensemble make up the Anubhab Academy Cologne, giving music lessons in classical Indian music led by Debasish Bhattacharjee, particularlyTabla, Sitar, and Vocals. Cooperation partners are the Deutsch-Indische Gesellschaft e.V. and Freunde und Förderer der indischen Musik und Kultur e.V.

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Project Office
Lale Konuk

This Agency works in Press and Public Relations as well as presenting concerts and festivals. Their projects include the series “Arkadas World Grooves” with World Music concerts on the “Bühne der Kulturen” (stage of Culture) of Cologne, the Cologne “Sommerblut Kulturfestivals” 2011 (an ethno-electro festival in the community college forum of the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum), and the festival “Frühling der Kulturen” (Springtime of Culture) Cologne.

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Sesli Booking

This Agency provides Turkish-language rock musicians and bands to German event organizers of various sizes, from youth centers and pubs through various clubs and festivals. The aim is to show the German promoters and audiences that Turkish music is varied, and can be quite different from how it is often imagined. The bands represented by Sesli Booking are mostly from Germany, and not every musician is Turkish. "Sesli" in Turkish can mean "loud", but also "voiced" "full", "sonorous".

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Soulfire Artists

“Soulfire Artists” was founded in 2003 to nurture young, creative musicians and bands from the fields of Reggae, Soul, Ska and World Music, and help to promote them. In addition to focusing on booking and organizing concerts, the agency also handles music sales, public relations, and tour management.

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Taxi MunDJal MusiX
TMM

This Bonn-based cultural organization was founded by Darius Darek Roncoszek—a cultural geographer, DJ, and musician—in 2005 and has contributed to numerous local and national cultural projects with different partners in the genre of Global (Club-) Music. An example is the “creole-Preis für Weltmusik aus Deutschland“ (creole-prize for World Music in Germany). TMM works with a network of local and international artists, organizers, anthropologists, music and social scientists, as well as institutions involved in international development cooperation. In addition, TMM is a founding member of the international “Global Networks Music Club”.

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Terpsichore e.V.

This German-Greek cultural association working in the field of Greek music and dance, connects professional Greek artists and amateur musicians. The association is a member of the Association of German-Greek companies and the Stadt-Musik-Verband (City Music Association) of Cologne. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month there are workshops for Greek music. Terpsichore also organises travel packages to Rhodes with local music workshops and concerts.

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Academy of the Arts of the World

Founded in 2012 by the city of Cologne, the Academy of the Arts of the World is a loose virtual collective of art practitioners—visual artists, musicians, writers, dancers, curators—from different backgrounds and continents, as well as a cultural institution and a production platform. Based in Cologne, a city of migrants, the Academy seeks to move beyond eurocentrist doctrines of cultural history, while attending to the global conditions of post- and neo-colonialism, and avoiding the romance of multiculturalism, globalism, and identity politics.

Facing a social and political environment deeply affected by the overwhelming logic of global finance and neoliberal force, the Academy enables and supports practices that address and challenge these very conditions. As a nomadic institution, the Academy initiates events and discussions at different locations in Cologne, and elsewhere.

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Bahnhof Langendreer e.V.
The Bahnhof Langendreer presents in cooperation with numerous partners concerts from all areas of world music every month. In addition, the association organizes in cooperation with the city of Bochum and a large number of migrant organizations the two-day festival Ruhr International in Jahrhunderthalle Bochum with music, dance, cabaret, theater, literature.

European Musikbörse
This project of the Deutsche Musikrat (German Music Council) is an interactive internet platform for information, announcements, contacts, networking and exchange of musicians, organizers and cultural organizations in Europe. All those interested can sign up on the website under “Join In” and create a custom profile to publish artist profiles, events, concerts, courses and competitions or to seek cooperation projects. The European Musical Exchange Program is a pan-European network for musicians of all musical genres, including Global Music, looking for inter-regional connections and contacts.

Future Academy NRW
Zukunftsaakademie NRW (Future Academy NRW) examines crossculturally the sectors of cultural and artistic practice, cultural education and the future of urban society with the aim to unite them. It is a platform for the development, implementation and monitoring of projects and processes. Zukunftsaakademie NRW initiates networks and platforms for the purpose of exchange between the various cultural stakeholders. It organizes discussions and lectures, it realizes projects and it provides qualifications and further education too. That way Zukunftsaakademie NRW wants to contribute in practice to the development of the cultural and educational landscape in NRW.

German-French Cultural Institute Aachen
DFKI Aachen, founded in 1952, represents an important element of French cultural presence in the region around Aachen. As an institutional link between Germany and France, it contributes to the spread of the French language and culture in Aachen and the surrounding area. An extensive cultural program with up to 100 events a year (concerts, recitals, lectures, exhibitions, film screenings) informs visitors and members of the Association about the current affairs of France in the fields of society, politics, economy, language, music, art, film and literature. The events take place mainly in the garden room of Hauses Matthéy, where the DFKI is located, and in collaboration with theatres, concert halls, cinemas, museums, galleries, universities and schools.

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Istituto Italiano di Cultura Colonia

The Italian Cultural Institute is funded by the Italian government to promote Italian language and culture abroad. It offers Italian language courses, organizes film series, concerts, theatre performances, art exhibitions, literary readings and lectures and provides access to its library for all interested parties. Admission to the events and the use of the library are usually free. In the genre of Global Music, the Institute organizes concerts with traditional and modern Italian folk music. It is an integral partner of the Festival all’italiana.

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Kulturbüro und Kulturhistorische Museen der Stadt Bochum

The Kulturbüro is the central contact point for ensuring there is a diverse cultural offer in Bochum. The fourteen-member team encourages, advises, and supports the creative artists of the independent scene in Bochum, and local cultural institutions, through consultation and service for culture lovers and culture producers. It achieves this through the networking of cultural activities and cultural institutions as well as the promotion of regional cooperation. The program director of the Kulturbüro promotes culture and artists, develops new offers and event concepts, runs the cultural history museums Haus Kemnade and Helfs Hof as well as organising international cultural exchanges and undertaking wider cultural work. Particular areas of focus and promotion are Jazz, Worldmusic and Popular Music.

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Kultursekretariat NRW Gütersloh

The Kultursekretariat NRW Gütersloh is an association of 74 cities and communities in North Rhine-Westphalia, the Regional Association of Westphalia-Lippe and the Landesverband Lippe. Funded by the state of NRW, its cultural policy objective is to strengthen cooperation between the member cities in all practical areas of municipal cultural activities, to improve the efficiency and quality of cultural activities. Together with the NRW Culture Secretariat (Wuppertal) the Culture NRW Gütersloh has lead the development project “Treffpunkt musical cultures” since 2010. This project helps organisers to enrich their repertoire with little-known groups and musical styles, or a new musical color. In addition, the series promotes bands that tour in NRW.

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Kulturverein Kalle

For lovers of acoustic live music, Singer-Songwriters and Folk, Lüdenscheid has recently become a stronghold with a trans-regional reputation. Since 1999, the Cultural Association Kalle e.V. has organised the concert series “Folk Pack” with international soloists, duos, and bands from the Singer-Songwriter tradition, Folk, Blues, Folk-Rock and World Music. The concert series frequently features exclusive artists from England, Scotland, Ireland and the USA. Since 2008, the association has been in partnership with the Culture House Lüdenscheid, which provides a perfect concert environment.

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NRW KULTURsekretariat, Wuppertal

The NRW KULTURsekretariat (Wuppertal) is a public, intercommunal cultural grants initiative of the 21 major cities and a regional association in North Rhine-Westphalia. As a local promoter of culture, the NRWKS facilitates a wide spectrum of both intercultural and international activities. The World Music program “Das 3. Ohr” (The 3rd ear) is particularly intercultural, with various projects, including “Musikkulturen” and “Klanglandschaften”. The NRWKS has promoted the teaching of the Turkish Bağlama at music schools of numerous cities for years, offering a curriculum of its own. In cooperation with municipal partners, an ambitious musical project with refugees is currently under way.

The exchange and cooperation program “Transfer”, the “Impulse Theater Festival”, and the “Dance Research NRW” speak of a broad international perspective. Together with the county of NRW, the NRWKS annually invites about 100 curators, cultural managers, and journalists from around the world as part of the “International Visitors Program”.

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Ringlokschuppen Ruhr

Ringlokschuppen Ruhr is a co-production venue for contemporary theatre, performance, dance and music. Artists from various disciplines, current society discourses and diverse resources meet here to work cooperatively towards a “Theatre of the Future”. Built around 1900, the building comprises three stages and an art and exhibition room with small catering space. The Ringlokschuppen Ruhr also connects international artists' collectives with a variety of urban and regional institutions, municipal theatres and co-production houses nationwide. It also regularly initiates participatory art projects in the social space, currently the “Silent University Ruhr” and previously the festivals Mülheimer Fatzer Tage and Shiny Toys. Ringlokschuppen Ruhr organises in cooperation with WDR Funkhaus Europa the festival “Funkhaus Europa: Odyssee”, “Funkhaus Europa-Lokalmatador”, as well as particular concerts.

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Theater an der Ruhr

Theater an der Ruhr was founded in 1981 by Roberto Ciulli, Helmut Schäfer and Gralf-Edzard Habben. It was the first cultural institution in Germany which has already been established in a spirit of interculturalism. It toured as a cultural ambassador of Germany and the State of NRW to more than 40 countries. Theater an der Ruhr invites guest performances from its partner countries to the festival “Theater Landscapes” and the Turkish season “Istanbul Stages”, which runs throughout the year. Both projects are complemented by an ambitious musical program, the “Soundscapes Africa & the Orient” and musical theater projects in the musical traditions of the partner countries. The projects are cooperations of NRW Culture Secretariat, the broadcasting WDR 3 and Theater an der Ruhr. The international program of Theater an der Ruhr is directed by Rolf C. Hemke since 2006.

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Be Music Production & Publishing

Under the label sCOOL-HITs—Musik- & Medienprojekte, the company Be designs projects on songwriting, composition and music production for children, adolescents, adults, and the disabled for all types of schools and educational institutions. Be aims to promote creative musical expression, the promotion of voice and communication, the strengthening of identification and self-esteem, team-building and artistic development. The content design focuses on the needs of mixed-experience groups and aims to include the various ethnic and cultural roots, ideas, and skills of the participants.

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Academy of Music and Dance (HfMT) Cologne

As part of the Institut für Weltmusik und transkulturelle Musikforschung (IWTM) (Institute for World Music and transcultural research) and also beyond this context, the HfMT Cologne offers musicological, music pedagogical, and ethnomusicological courses, workshops and artistic projects in the fields of interculture and transculture. Global Music, global pop culture, and local World Music scenes.

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The Institute explores vocal and instrumental genres of Folk music or amateur music in both its current and historical forms, as well as their function, tradition, mediation, and reception. It focuses on regional ethnomusicological research, and the foundations of ethnomusicology and sociomusicology. Both traditional and newly arising songs are examined in their relations to existing social or political systems, which means exploring the extent to which these songs are used deliberately as a means of ideological indoctrination, or in contrast how songs have facilitated political resistance. This independent research institute is associated with the Institute of Music Pedagogy—a unique constellation in Germany which, in addition to students’ training as music teachers, provides a more profound theory-based education in the subjects of European ethnomusicology and popular music.

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Landesmusikakademie NRW e.V.

For the entire county of NRW, the Landesmusikakademie NRW offers advanced courses in musical training, functions as an educational institution, and facilitates networking and project opportunities. Funded by the Ministry of Family, Youth, Culture, and Sport—and offering courses, traineeships, conferences, concerts, and projects—it is a hub for musical work in NRW. A particularly notable project is the “World Percussion Academy”. Under the artistic direction of Prof. José J. Cortijo, participants can take master classes in all kinds of drums and percussion instruments from India, Brazil, Afro-Cuba, Spain, Africa and the Mediterranean. Since the Accordion Congress 2015 (a similar Violin congress is also planned), the Landesmusikakademie has put instruments in their world musical context, and also offers short courses on percussion of other cultures and non-European musical traditions.

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Landesmusikrat NRW

Compared to other European states, Northrhine-Westfalia (NRW), the land around Rhine and Ruhr, around Münsterland and Lippe, is known for a musical life with a unique density. Between early music, the sounds of cultural diversity and the electro-avantgarde there exists a kaleidoscope of stylistic varieties. Thousands of people make music in NRW. Many of them are organized in societies and associations. As the umbrella organization the Landesmusikrat NRW represents their interests relating to politics and media. Additionally, the Landesmusikrat NRW promotes musicians by means of music competitions. Two of them are “Folk + World Music NRW” for junior bands and “creole —global Music in NRW” for semi-professional and professional bands. Among the other six contests “Jugend musiziert” is the most well-known in NRW. The Landesmusikrat contributes to the critical, innovative and integrative power of music in NRW.

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Musicological Institute of the University of Cologne

The Ethnomusicology section of the Musicological Institute of the University of Cologne engages with and teaches culturally oriented Music research, dealing with forms of music in their respective cultural and social contexts. The Institute not only engages with the study of traditional music from around the world, but also with popular music and media-theoretical approaches, supported by empirical research methods.

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Folker

Germany’s largest magazine for Folk, Song, and World Music is published bimonthly with current information on traditional, acoustic, alternative, and ethnic music. It incorporates news from the folk scene: portraits, interviews, concert reviews and CD reviews. The magazine covers Cajun, Zydeco, Chansons, Country, Grupos, Fado, Flamenco, Country, Klezmer, medieval music, overtone singing, World, Roots, Pop, Jazz, World Jazz, Afrobeat, singer/songwriter, Weltmusik, Celtic, World Music, Balkan, German Folk, Song, Folk Dance, Folk Music, Cabaret, and Instruments.

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Jazz thing

This Journal of Jazz and related topics, including World Music, is published in five issues per year. The multiple page column “Blue Rhythm” features current sound recordings from the areas of Roots, World Music, and Singer/Songwriter.

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Jazzthetik is a music magazine centered on Jazz, but which also frequently publishes reports and reviews about musicians, trends and production in Global Music. In each issue, there is a round up of new releases: CDs and DVDs from jazz, World Music, electronic and blues.

Radio Weltklang
Radio Sounds of the World
Weltklang has been on air since 1997. Initially broadcast via antenna in the area of Höxter and Paderborn, and attracting about 9,000 listeners, “Radio Weltklang” is now online and broadcasts three Weltklang shows a month via Radio Flora in Hannover. These fall on the first Sunday and the second and fourth Friday of the month, and are each repeated once. Broadcasting six shows, Weltklang fills twelve hours of programming per month with a focus on World Music.

Westdeutscher Rundfunk Köln (WDR)
The Kulturradio WDR3 provides programs incorporating Global Music in three broadcasting slots: “WDR3 Musikkulturen” and “WDR3 open SoundWorld” feature World Music exclusively, with “WDR3 Konzert” more occasionally focussing on Global Music. Online, Genreseiten Musikkulturen shows the schedules of individual shows in calendar form, and in addition it also publishes information on editorial program planning and an overview of future musical productions, concerts, and shows (events and recordings), as well as descriptions of, and links to, other major projects.

These include the regular concert series “Bielefelder Mittwochskonzerte” (Bielefeld Wednesday concerts), “Klanglandschaften Afrika-Orient” (soundscapes of Afrika-Orient) with the Theater an der Ruhr, and “Klangkosmos—Weltmusik in NRW”, as well as cooperation at major festivals such as “TFFRudolstadt” and the competition “creole—Globale Musik aus Germany”.

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Artscenico is a non-profit organisation for the promotion of international cultural encounters. Since 1991, both in Germany and abroad, it has focussed on activities that confront aspects of the performing arts, putting them in new contexts, and internationalizing the artistic dialogue. Within this context, artscenico’s interdisciplinary work often includes musicians from the genre of Global Music.

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domicil Dortmund

The domicil is a venue for contemporary music in Dortmund focused on jazz and world music. It ideally combines music and culture, civic commitment, catering, and architecture. Since 1969 the club has made a name for itself far beyond the region. It’s a non-profit organization with professionals and volunteers working for the cultural programme taking place in a concert hall and a smaller club right in the city center. Besides hosting more than 300 events a year, including concerts, sessions, workshops, and festivals like the Jazztage Dortmund the venue cooperates with a wide range of creative artists, festivals and cultural organisations like the Creole Global Music Contest, Transorient Orchestra, ProJazz, Jazzwerk Ruhr, WDR and many others. It has been nominated for the 2010 LEA-Award as one of the 3 best German live clubs and received state-funded awards for outstanding live music programming annually from 2010 on.

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Folk Music Association, Münster

The Folk-Treff Münster has offered a stage for various kinds of folk music from around the world, for more than 35 years. This music can only rarely be heard on the radio or seen on TV. The association promotes German and international folk music and traditions through the organization of concerts, dances, and musicians meetings.

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German Commission for UNESCO e.V.

The Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission (DUK) is Germany’s intermediary organization for multilateral policy in education, science, culture, and communication as well as the national point of contact for the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. DUK is part of the foreign cultural and educational policy of the Federal Republic of Germany, and one of more than 190 National Commissions for UNESCO worldwide. DUK brings expertise from Germany to the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and conversely promotes goals and projects of UNESCO in German politics, academia, and the public domain. It coordinates the civic platform “Bundesweite Koalition Kulturelle Vielfalt” (Nationwide Coalition for Cultural Diversity), and the international young expert network “U40—Kulturelle Vielfalt 2030” (Under 40—Cultural Diversity 2030).

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Society of the Ringing Bridge

For more than 60 years, the Society has promoted engagement with the songs of the peoples of Europe, North America, and South America in their original languages, to foster intercultural understanding. Founded by Josef Gregor in 1949 in Essen, the Die Klingende Brücke today has a thousand participants in 21 separate song studios in Germany, Belgium, and France. There are regular weekend events and workshops featuring European folksong repertoire, as well as meetings and travel both within the home countries and abroad. The Archive and the Research Centre in the Sepp-Gregor-Haus in Bonn contains more than 20,000 songs. The Klingende Brücke is part of the German Music Council and of the State Council of Music NRW.

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This association organizes concerts and festivals beyond the musical mainstream, promotes intercultural artistic projects, and provides information on music and dance cultures both from within Europe and from outside Europe. These concerts do not follow any particular musical style but focus on original folk music and the modern musical elements that the respective groups introduce to their compositions. Supported and funded by the city of Düsseldorf and the state of NRW, the association organizes concerts, festivals, and regional projects on the topic of musical scenes from individual countries and cultures. Globalklang e.V. is also a collaboration partner for the Düsseldorf-based concert series organised by the network Klangkosmos NRW.

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International Cultural Foundation Şivan Perwer

The Foundation was established in 2004 by the Kurdish musician Şivan Perwer to promote the vivid Kurdish culture and tradition, and—in the spirit of peaceful cohabitation—to bring it into international cultural exchange and dialogue with other musical cultures. The foundation promotes concerts with Kurdish music, Kurdish young talents, the exchange between Kurdish and international musicians and artists, as well as the enrichment of Kurdish music and its integration into the Global Music landscape. Currently, the Foundation is setting up a music library with Kurdish and Middle Eastern music. It also lends financial support to the promotion of Kurdish art, language and literature, education and social development.

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Landesverband der Musikschulen in NRW

Founded in 1967, the Landesverband (LVDM NRW) represents the interests of cities, counties, municipalities, registered associations that are either providers of non-profit music schools or hold a majority interest in a music school. At the 159 member schools of the Landesverband, more than 8,000 teachers train about 280,000 students of all ages. In close cooperation with other institutions in the country, the Landesverband aims to equip local music schools for the future. Its goals include the promotion of a nationwide musical education of high quality, both in school contexts and extracurricular contexts, as well as a reliable financing of music schools at municipal and provincial levels.

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Landschaftsverband Rheinland (LVR)

The LVR collaborates with the Office for Repräsentanz des Landschaftsverbands Rheinland (Representation of the Regional Association of the Rhineland), and with the national and international cultural institutions Jazz am Rhein and KulturHören. The LVR has organized concerts that have featured Iranian musicians, a Mongolian Ensemble, a Ukrainian Children’s Choir and a German-French choir. In addition, the LVR organises award ceremonies with national and international artists.

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Liz Mohn Culture and Music Foundation

This charitable foundation was established in November 2005 to promote art and culture, particularly in the field of music, as well as education and the improvement of relations between different cultures and peoples. It also exists to underline the importance of culture and music for the development of both an individual personality and society.

With these aims in mind, the Foundation focuses on the promotion of young operatic singers and music education. In addition, since 2008, the Foundation has funded the initiative Kulturelle Vielfalt mit Musik (Cultural diversity with music), furthering the understanding between children and young adults from different cultural backgrounds. This has been achieved through an annual funding process for the development and implementation of musical project ideas.

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