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Promotion of Dialogue with our Neighbours Launch of New Interactive Forum “The European Musical Exchange Platform”

The German Music Council’s Project Company has initiated the “European Musical Platform” as a way of stimulating dialogue between the regions in Europe. The Platform is an interactive information and exchange forum for music and musicians from the regions of Europe.

Under www.music-connects.eu the website supplies its visitors and users with information on current musical activities, passes on useful information on music cultures in the regions and offers opportunities for trans-border exchanges.

Those involved in the music world are invited to use the European Musical Exchange Platform website to display their profiles, publicise forthcoming events and showcase details on those offering and seeking cooperation opportunities.

As a European information and exchange forum on music, the platform will begin with current information on the music scenes in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. More countries will follow.

The European Musical Exchange Platform is a further development of the bilateral “German-Polish Music Exchange”. Since 2006, this forum has been supplying information in two languages on the music culture and developments in the 16 German states and the 16 Polish voivodeships. The success of this portal has encouraged the German Music Council to include more partner countries from the young EU member states in the system in addition to Poland.

It is the aim of the Music Council to link up as many European regions as possible over the next few years and thus promote musical exchanges and cooperation in Europe.

The European Musical Exchange Platform is sponsored by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media. Cooperation partners are the Goethe Institute and the European Music Council.

Background

The German Music Council is the world’s largest umbrella organisation for music lovers and professional musicians and represents over 8 million people. Its non-profit project company runs several eminent music projects with national and international impact. These include such well-known programmes as “Youth Makes Music”, the “National Youth Orchestra” or the “German Music Competition”.

Further information: www.music-connects.eu

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