

Mediterranean Music and Dance Festival

The İzmir Metropolitan Municipality's İzmir Mediterranean Academy plans to bring together dance and music communities and artists inspired by the Mediterranean culture at the Mediterranean Music and Dance Festival from May 16-19, 2025. The festival, to be held in İzmir, will be open to artists from different cities, cultures, and languages.

What Awaits You at the Festival?

The Mediterranean Music and Dance Festival aims to enhance intercultural interaction through the lens of Mediterranean identity. Over four days, free events will take place in the city's public spaces, offering everyone attending the festival the opportunity to experience unique performances. Stages will be set up at İzmir's most prominent outdoor concert venues for music and dance performances. Moreover, musicians, music groups, and artists can showcase their performances at the Ahmed Adnan Saygun Art Center, one of the few concert halls in the world-renowned for their acoustic excellence. Alongside the performances, the program plans to organize workshops and talks, bringing together artists from İzmir and the Mediterranean region.

Who Can Participate in the Festival?

This festival, which aims to convey the rhythm and energy of the Mediterranean through music and dance, is open to all artists who define their works and performances as "Mediterranean." Therefore, our open call invites dance and performance artists, as well as music and dance groups, who are engaged with Mediterranean music, dance on a local, national, or international scale, and have no travel restrictions.

Artists wishing to perform at the festival must complete the application form and send it to izmirmedfest@izmir.bel.tr by the application deadline of **February 10, 2025**. An independent evaluation committee will review submissions, and the evaluation results will be announced in February.

What Can We Do for You at the Festival?

Artists whose applications are accepted through the evaluation process will have the opportunity to perform at various venues across İzmir. The İzmir Metropolitan Municipality will provide the sound systems and equipment needed for performances, as well as accommodation, local transportation, promotional and visibility activities, and interpretation services. Additionally, participating artists will be treated to a guided tour of İzmir, designed to introduce the city and strengthen intercultural interaction. International and out-of-town artists are expected to cover their own travel expenses to İzmir.

About the İzmir Mediterranean Academy

The İzmir Mediterranean Academy, established in 2012 by the İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, is a think tank and democratic platform. Since its establishment, it has been working to contribute to creating a "Mediterranean Cultural Network" where cities and cultural initiatives in the Mediterranean geography interact through collaborative efforts and partnerships with national and international institutions and individuals, aiming to enhance the cultural mobility of the Mediterranean.