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## Press release

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## Workshop programme

There will be an accompanying workshop programme on all three days of the fair. Workshop topics include improving embouchure and stamina for all brass players, miking wind, plucked and string instruments, learning to improvise with a system, "The perfect fit – equipment talk" and an introduction to beatbox saxophone playing.

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**akustika Nuremberg 2024 – The trade fair for music**

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## Facts and figures

### akustika Nuremberg 2024 - The trade fair for music

**Date:**

Friday, 8 March to Sunday, 10 March

**Opening hours:**

Fri. + Sat.: 10 am – 6 pm (admission until 5 pm)

Sun.: 10 am – 4 pm (admission until 3 pm)

**First event:**

2023 (under the name „Musik-Messe Nürnberg“)

**Venue:**

Messe Nürnberg, NCC Ost

**Parallel event:**

- **Whisk(e)y-Messe THE VILLAGE** and **R(h)um-Messe PUEBLO DEL RON**  
 9 and 10 March (admission only from 18 years),  
 pre-opening 8 March,  
 (separate tickets required)

**Range of products:**

- Handcrafted, acoustic instruments
- Brass and woodwind instruments
- Plucked and stringed instruments
- Pianos, grand pianos and organs
- Sheet music and accessories
- Schools, universities, academies, associations and clubs

**Supporting programme:**

- **Trade fair: around 200 exhibitors from 17 countries**  
 from small craft businesses and medium-sized industrial companies to suppliers of materials and tools, manufacturers of accessories, music publishers and wholesalers.
- **Over 80 concerts on four stages**  
**Atrium Stage** (Level 0), **String Stage** (Level 1), **Akustik Stage** (Level 2), **Center Stage** (Level 3)  
 from classical music and folk music to jazz, modern sounds and pop.
- **Workshops**

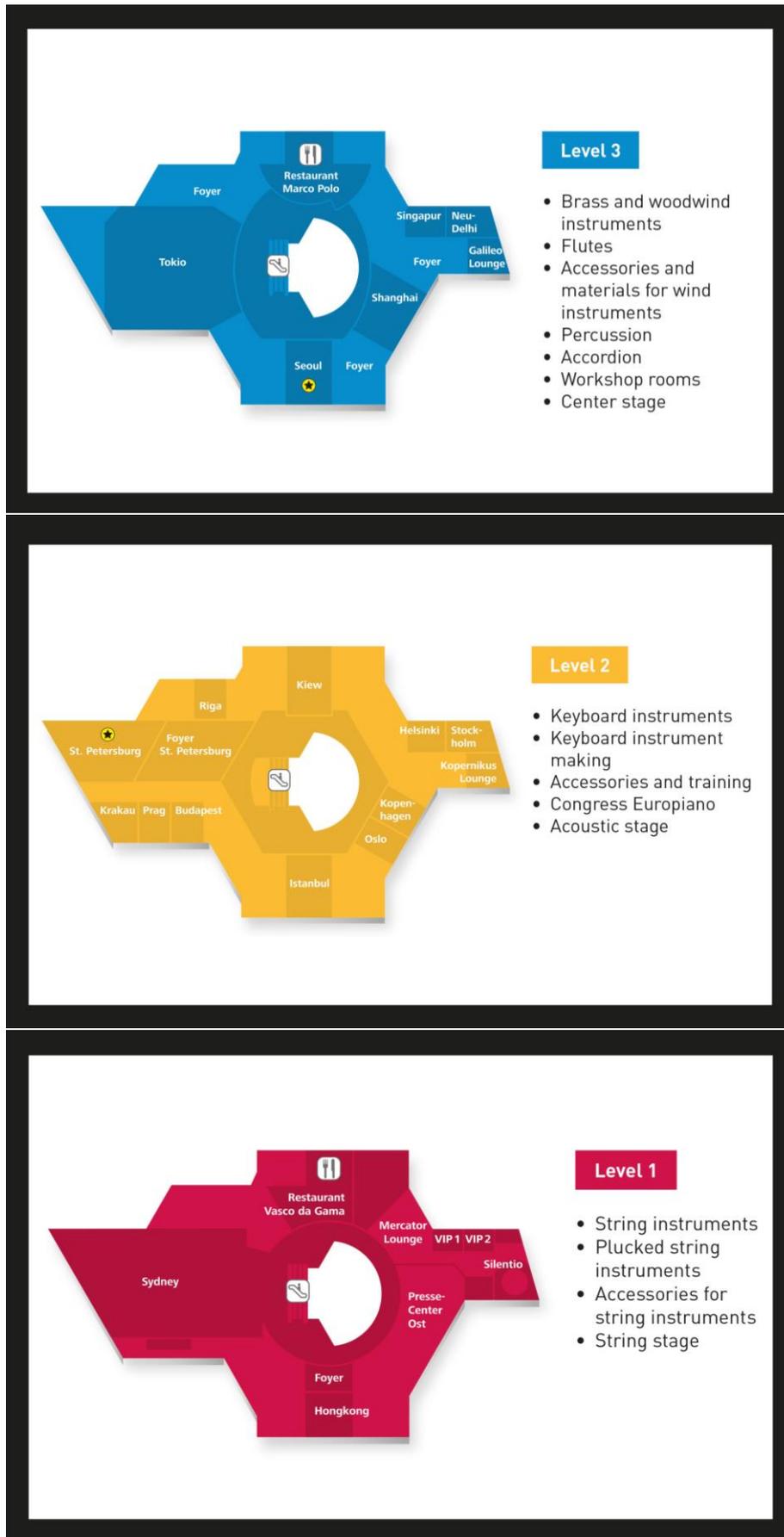
**Audience/Visitors:**

Musicians, from beginners to professionals.

**Exhibitor and product overview:**

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## Stage programme



## Atrium Stage

### Level 0



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- 10:00 - 11:00 Höfner Gitarren (Höfner guitars)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Markus Arnold Buzzr
- 11:30 - 12:30 Orchestra of Lebenshilfe Augsburg
- 12:30 - 14:00 Army Music Corps Veitshöchheim
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- 15:00 - 15:30 Markus Arnold Buzzr
- 16:00 - 17:30 Army Music Corps Veitshöchheim

#### Saturday, 9 March 2024

- 10:00 - 11:00 Symphonic wind orchestra
- 11:00 - 12:00 Protestant Trombone Choir Association
- 12:00 - 13:00 Bad Kissingen NBMB District Orchestra
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Windstärke 12**  
Wind ensemble of the Nuremberg Music School, which emerged from the adult wind classes of the last 11 years.
- 14:00 - 15:00 Würzburg NBMB District Orchestra
- 15:00 - 16:30 NBMB Wibraphon
- 16:30 - 18:00 NBMB North Bavarian Youth Wind Orchestra

#### Sunday, 10 March 2024

- 10:00 - 11:00 NBMB District Orchestra Ansbach
- 11:00 - 12:15 NBMB District Orchestra Upper Palatinate
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- 13:30 - 14:45 NBMB Wibraphon
- 14:45 - 16:00 NBMB District Orchestra Upper Franconia

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- 12:30 - 13:30 String ensemble vocational school Musication**
- 14:30 - 15:00 Gergely Szurgyi**
- 15:30 - 16:30 Alex Boldin - Acoustic Fingerstyle Guitar**  
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- 11:30 - 12:30 STRANGER HERE MYSELF**  
Homage To The Great American Songwriters: No covers, but interpretations full of intensity and depth
- 13:00 - 14:00 Studio 49 - Orff-Instruments**
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- 09:00 - 10:30** **Opening Europiano Congress**  
separate registration necessary
- 12:00 - 13:00** **Official opening akustik  
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- 14:00 - 15:00** **VeeHarp Orchestra**
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- 11:00 - 12:00** **Ear UserHearing protection  
for piano tuners**
- 12:00 - 13:30** **Individual duos and soloists -  
Association for the support of  
young musicians**
- 13:30 - 14:00** **Markus Arnold Buzzr**
- 14:00 - 14:30** **NBMB Clarinet Orchestra**
- 15:00 - 16:00** **Transducer Steingraeber**
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Ensemble of the employees

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- 10:30 - 11:30** **Sofia Khorobrykh**  
Concert pianist and piano  
teacher from Würzburg, winner  
of international competitions  
with a wide range of classical  
and modern repertoire.
- 12:30 - 13:30** **Trump Steinway Spirio  
Session**
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- 10:00 - 11:30** **Opening concert BIGBAND Nuremberg University of Music**
- 12:00 - 13:00** **Dr. Päng, Groovetrax with Bastian Fiebig**
- 13:30 - 15:00** **Alle Neune INKLUSION Robert Wagner**
- 15:30 - 16:30** **Vollgas Connected FÜ**
- 16:30 - 18:00** **Giga Ohm Band - The Big Band of the TH-Nuremberg**  
The Big Band consists of students, teachers and employees of the Technical University. The band plays classic big band jazz.

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- 11:00 - 11:30** **Markus Arnold Buzzr**
- 11:30 - 12:30** **Profs Night Big Band Erlangen**
- 13:00 - 14:00** **Time Bandits FÜ**
- 14:00 - 15:00** **BlechMafia**
- 15:00 - 16:30** **Hauptstadtblech**
- 17:00 - 18:00** **Big Band Langwasser e.V.**  
In 2024, the band can already look back on 35 years of band history. The band is dedicated to classic big band swing à la Count Basie, peppered with a few groovy jazz-rock and funk numbers.

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- 10:00 - 11:00** **King-Size Juniors**  
The King-Size Juniors are one of the youngest big bands in Bavaria with an average age of just 15 years! The children / teen big band consists of 28 musicians who present rock and swing songs in big band style with great fun and energy.
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- 11:30 - 13:00** **Hauptstadtblech**
- 13:00 - 14:00** **Big Wabbits**
- 14:30 - 16:00** **Blech-Buam-Musi**

## Save the date

Friday, 8 March, 12 noon

### **Official opening of akustika 2024**

Akustik Stage (Hall St. Petersburg), Level 2,  
NCC Ost, Messe Nürnberg

Patron: Prof. Dr Julia Lehner, 2nd Mayor of the City of Nuremberg  
(Mayor of Culture).

**The opening will be followed by a guided tour of akustika 2024.**

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## Accreditation

Please apply for accreditation in advance of the event at the following link:

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You will find us on the mezzanine level in NCC Ost.  
Only accessible via the lift ("ZE").

The press parking spaces are signposted.

***We look forward to seeing you at akustika 2024 in  
Nuremberg!***