

Bardentreffen

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Two hundred thousand people experiencing world music in the city center?
Sounds like Nuremberg!

When Nuremberg transforms into the city of world music one weekend in summer, it's Bardentreffen time! It is one of the largest free music festivals in Germany and attracts over 200,000 visitors from near and far every year. Eight music stages with around 90 concerts and hundreds of street musicians in the alleyways give Nuremberg's city center an absolute open-air festival feeling - once you've experienced it, you'll keep coming back!

Story

- date: every year on a weekend in summer
- first launched in 1976 as a songwriting competition in honor of the poet Hans Sachs
- Thomas Gottschalk, a famous German talk show master, hosted the opening event in 1976
- since 2003, the Bardentreffen has been organized by the City of Nuremberg
- today it is a festival of the current international world music scene and singer-songwriting

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Music

- official stage programme with international, national and regional groups on eight stages in the city centre
- annually changing cultural motto
- hundreds of spontaneous street musicians in Nuremberg's alleyways and squares

Good to know

- special family concerts in the afternoon
- supporting programme with panel discussions
- collector's cult: annually changing Bardentreffen pins on a donation basis

