

# REIE FESTIVAL

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## REIEFESTIVAL 2026 LAUNCHES OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

After a successful first edition in 2023, the Reiefestival will return to Bruges in 2026. This triennial arts festival, which connects performing arts with the city's rich heritage, will take place from 28 to 30 August 2026. To shape the programme, the organisation is launching an open call for artists who want to create new work around the central theme.



# THEME 2026: FLOW

Flow is movement, energy and transformation. It refers to the power of water, the impact of electrical energy, the flow of people and ideas, as well as invisible forces that shape the world and history. Bruges is a city with a deep-rooted heritage, but heritage is only truly alive when it enters into dialogue with the present and the future. The Reiefestival is therefore looking for artists who will work with the theme 'Flow' and Bruges' heritage sources and give them an innovative interpretation.

**Mayor Dirk De fauw, also chairman of Brugge Plus:**

*'Bruges and the people of Bruges are proud of their heritage, but a city on the move should not enclose its history in a diorama. Reiefestival offers artists the chance to breathe new life into heritage and make surprising connections.'*

**Nico Blontrock, Alderman for Culture:**

*'Art has the power to move people. We challenge artists to push the limits of their creativity and make the public look at Bruges in a new way. Reiefestival offers an opportunity to both emerging and established talent. Artists of all ages, nationalities and backgrounds are invited to share their artistic practice.'*



More information about this image can be found in the inspiration box at [www.reiefestival.be](http://www.reiefestival.be)

# A STAGE FOR CREATION

Reiefestival offers an opportunity to both emerging and established talent. Both individual creators and collectives can submit a proposal, as long as they are artists active in the wider art field in one or more performing disciplines: theatre, musical theatre, performance, dance, music, sound art, cabaret, transdisciplinary, spoken word ...

The festival program is a mix of six recent productions and six performances yet to be created. With this open call, we are looking for interesting creative proposals that can be performed during the festival. To this end, we provide a co-production budget as well as substantive, technical and production support.



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# HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Artists and collectives can submit their project proposal until 15 May 2025 via [www.reiefestival.be](http://www.reiefestival.be). The website contains an inspiration box with numerous ideas on how to link the theme of flow to Bruges' tangible and intangible heritage and a participation form. The final selection will be announced at the end of June 2025.

# PRACTICAL

The open call runs from 25 February to 15 May 2025. Artists wishing to participate in the open call can find all information and inspiration at [www.reiefestival.be](http://www.reiefestival.be)

The second edition of the Reiefestival will take place from 28 to 30 August 2026.

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