

Selection announcement

The Associazione Progetto Musica of Udine (Italy), in collaboration with Ictus Ensemble of Brussels (Belgium) and with the support of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, announces a call for applications for young musicians to form a new contemporary music ensemble.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The main objective of this call is to create an ensemble dedicated to contemporary music, with a particular focus on performing the works of the Gorizian composer Fausto Romitelli. The ensemble will be based in Friuli Venezia Giulia and will be primarily composed of young Italian and Slovenian musicians. **The ensemble will be coordinated, trained, and supervised by Ictus Ensemble**, one of the most renowned groups in the international contemporary music scene. **The call provides for a music training program spread over three years for the selected musicians**, during which they will have the opportunity to participate in masterclasses conducted by members of Ictus Ensemble, who will guide them in preparing a specific contemporary music repertoire. They will also be invited to perform with Ictus Ensemble, creating opportunities for artistic exchange and growth. Through this call, the aim is to strengthen the study of contemporary music among young musicians, offering them learning and musical growth opportunities, while also promoting the figure of Fausto Romitelli by encouraging the performance of his works. The ultimate goal is to create a stable contemporary music ensemble in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region, with the participation and collaboration of some Ictus musicians, contributing to greater cultural vitality in the region. Additionally, the project aims to support the participation of the new ensemble in contemporary music festivals both in Italy and abroad.

ENSEMBLE ICTUS

Ictus is a contemporary music ensemble based in Brussels, founded in 1994 as the live band for the Rosas dance company. Today, Ictus stands out as a collective of creative musicians engaged in a wide range of artistic activities: from written music to sound art, from improvisation to electronics. With about 30 members from different generations, Ictus regularly collaborates with various curators, choreographers, and prestigious groups, such as the Brussels Philharmonic. The ensemble also runs an advanced master's program for young musicians in collaboration with the School of Arts Gent.

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

The call is open to **young Italian and Slovenian musicians, aged 30 or under**, who have attended or are currently attending an Academy, Conservatory, or advanced music training school in the following instruments:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Saxophone
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Piano
- Accordion
- Keyboard
- Percussion
- Classical Guitar
- Electric Guitar

- Electric Bass/Double bass
- Voice
- Electronics

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To participate, send the following documents to info@associazioneprogettomusica.org **no later than February 17, 2025:**

1. Completed "Application form" (downloadable from the website: www.neisuonideiluoghi.it)
2. Copy of identification document
3. Two high-definition photographs
4. Artistic curriculum
5. Audition program with contemporary music repertoire (we encourage candidates to include a piece by Fausto Romitelli in their audition repertoire)
6. Audio-video recording of a maximum duration of 15 minutes containing one or more pieces of contemporary music (solo or chamber music), each recorded live (without editing or pauses), sent using one of the following methods:
 - Providing the link to the video uploaded as "unlisted" on YouTube
 - Uploading the video via WeTransfer and sending it to info@associazioneprogettomusica.org

SELECTION

The selection will be based on the submitted curriculum and recordings and will be carried out by a special committee formed by the artistic direction of Associazione Progetto Musica and musicians from Ictus Ensemble. **During the 2025-2027 period**, the selected young musicians will have the opportunity to participate in three annual masterclasses in Friuli Venezia Giulia and Brussels, supported by members of Ictus Ensemble, to prepare a contemporary music repertoire. They may also be invited as additional performers for certain concerts with Ictus Ensemble. In 2027, the young musicians will form the new contemporary music ensemble, which will perform in various concerts, with the participation of some Ictus musicians.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Associazione Progetto Musica reserves the right to define any scholarships that will be awarded annually to the selected young musicians to support their participation in the masterclasses and concerts related to the project.

MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENT

The selected **musicians must commit to the activities scheduled during the 2025-2027 period**; otherwise, their application will not be considered.

PRIVACY AND DATA PROCESSING

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), the personal data provided by the applicants will be processed by Associazione Progetto Musica solely for purposes related to this call.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For further details contact info@associazioneprogettomusica.org