



Goetheanum, 19 June, 2025

Dear friends of the lyre from around the world,

Many of you are already starting planning to take part in the Lyre Festival.

We have learnt this both from your suggestions, for which we are very grateful, as well as from your feedback and enquiries. This letter is intended to answer some of these questions.

It is also intended to update you on the status of the preparations.

Please help to ensure that this letter reaches all lyre-playing people round the world!

1. Information about the festival

An **information card**, which can be distributed and displayed in appropriate places inviting to the festivities is now available in German and English. This card will invite people to the festivities.

The full program will then be published in a **flyer**, which we are planning to release at the beginning of December.

Until then, the conference website will be the main source of information. It will be activated immediately and can be found at

srmk.goetheanum.org/konferenzen/leier

Here you will find:

- the current conference letter; and the invitation card to print out.
- all registration information, as well as details of the festival program:
- Workshops, concerts, plenary sessions, open stage, etc., as soon as they are available.

2. Registration

Registration will be possible online from **20 February 2026** via the conference website (see above).

3. Conference fee

This includes: Attendance at all events during the five-day conference, joint lunch on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, as well as morning coffee breaks at the Goetheanum

- Regular fee: CHF 400.
- Reduced fee: CHF 300 (for students, pensioners, unemployed people, etc.).
- Sponsoring contribution: CHF 600 (For all who would like to enable others to participate or help make this conference financially viable.).
- Childrens' fee: CHF 50 (without meals)

Special discounts are available on request to: srmk@goetheanum.ch

We ask all regional lyre societies to help finance the costs* so that as many people as possible can attend.

4. Travel and accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation. A list of hotels and private rooms (from CHF 45/night) can be found online at:

<https://goetheanum.ch/en/campus/accommodation>

There is also group accommodation between CHF 15 and CHF 45 per night. You will need to bring your own sleeping bags. (Limited number of places.)

If you are interested, please enquire via the address: srmk@goetheanum.ch, you will then be sent a registration form.

With the help of donations, we are in the process of building up a travel fund. Anyone who needs financial support for the trip can get in touch via the address: srmk@goetheanum.ch. These funds will be allocated upon request and subject to availability.

5. Conference activities

- **Workshops:** We already have very interesting submissions for lyre group workshops of all kinds, but are still open to offers!
- **Open stage:** If you already know that you would like to present something, you can register as from now at the following address: leier26@goetheanum.ch. We want to give as many people as possible this opportunity, so we ask you not to plan for more than 10 minutes of music.

To help the coordination of the program, we need your detailed registration for 'open stage' by May 2026, i.e. next year.

- **Free initiatives:** On Thursday, Friday and Saturday there will be 45 minutes available for participants to share their own initiatives to play, sing, speak, dance etc. with others. If you would like to make an offer here, please contact the address: leier26@goetheanum.ch

There will be a contact person /coordinator for this during the festival.

- **Concerts:** We are in active negotiations with several international groups and ensembles for a series of concerts of high artistic quality. Especially nice: There will also be contributions with eurythmy to the lyre.

- **Plenum:** There is already a piece that can be practised - see attachment and explanation. It will be embedded in some improvisational elements in the plenum, and a second short piece will follow.

6 Children's and youth program

We expressly invite children from the age of 9 and teenagers to the festival. Experienced teachers will create a special program for them. You will find the detailed invitation attached: Children's and youth program.

We wish you a good preparation and hope that some of your questions have been answered here. Please contact the preparation group with any questions you may have at the following address: leier26@goetheanum.ch

For the section: Stefan Hasler, Hanna Koskinen

For the preparatory group: Christian Giersch, Viola Heckel, Susann Temperli

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