

LUCERNE FESTIVAL FRIENDS

The Lucerne Festival Friends Foundation is a charitable foundation established in 1966 with the aim of ensuring the sustainable financing of Lucerne Festival.

Lucerne Festival Friends is a Circle of Friends and Sponsors comprising around 400 members, mostly private individuals, who support Lucerne Festival through their annual contributions. The members come both from Switzerland and from abroad (mainly Europe, the USA, Japan, and Israel).

Their annual contributions are grouped into the following categories:

- Gold: starting at CHF 25,000
- Platin: CHF 12,000
- Silver: CHF 2,500 | Silver Plus: CHF 5,000
- Bronze: CHF 1,750
- Starter: CHF 750 (entry-level option, limited to 2 years)
- Young: CHF 200 (up to age 35)

The Friends' annual contributions add up to more than CHF 1,400,000, plus project-related and general donations.

The benefits of a commitment to become a Friend depend on the category. These include the right to pre-book tickets, invitations to rehearsals and events, personal meetings with Festival artists, access to the Friends Lounge during the Summer Festival, and the opportunity to participate in exclusive music and cultural trips (Hamburg in 2022, Berlin in 2023).

Lucerne Festival is particularly eager to make the Circle of Friends accessible to young adults. The Young Friends are a community of around 30 music-loving young people between the ages of 20 and 35 who each pay an annual contribution of CHF 200. The activities of the Young Friends include joint concert visits (they have access to tickets discounted to CHF 50 for a selection of these concerts) as well as a Young Friends event during the Summer Festival. Young Friends are also invited to all Friends events in order to promote encounters and exchanges between the different generations of Friends.

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