

Yiddish Summer Weimar 2026 – Conditions of participation

Dear Participant! Please read this carefully from start to finish. It contains essential information that you need to know.

Yiddish Summer Weimar (YSW) is one of the world's leading summer programs for the study, creation, and presentation of traditional and contemporary Yiddish and related culture. For five weeks each summer, we offer workshops, concerts, and jam sessions in Weimar and other places in Thuringia. We're delighted to welcome you to the 26th Yiddish Summer Weimar! Together, we want to make Yiddish Summer an unforgettable time for everyone – including you!

We are a learning community in which the diversity of our participants isn't just respected but celebrated: our differences are our strengths! Learning means trying new things and taking risks. To be able to do that, we must be able to feel safe. In our work and in all our workshops and joint activities, we strive for a safe and respectful environment. As part of this process, we've developed an awareness concept. You can find more information about this at the end of the conditions of participation (under 14.).

1. Presenter

Other Music Academy e.V. is the official presenter of Yiddish Summer Weimar. The content and staffing of workshops are subject to change if necessary.

2. Registration / Workshop fee

Online registration will start in March/April, 2026. Your registration will be confirmed once the entire workshop fee has been received by Other Music Academy e.V.'s bank account.

Payment options include:

- direct debit payment via SEPA
- credit card
- Paypal

In certain exceptional cases, other payment options may be requested by sending an email to registration@othermusicacademy.eu. The organizer will send you a written confirmation upon receiving your payment. If you're unable to register online, please contact us either by **phone at +49 (0) 3643-858310** or by **email at registration@othermusicacademy.eu**.

2.1. Right to cancel this contract

You have the right to cancel this contract within fourteen days without giving any reason. The cancellation period is fourteen days from the day the contract was concluded.

To exercise this right, you must notify us (Other Music Academy e.V.) of your decision to cancel the contract by submitting a clear statement sent by email or by post. In order to cancel the contract, it is sufficient that you send your written notification before the cancellation period has ended.

Consequences of the cancellation

If you cancel this contract, we will reimburse you for all payments we have received from you without delay, no later than fourteen days from the day on which we received the notification of your cancellation. For the reimbursement, we will generally use the same means of payment that you used for the original transaction, unless expressly agreed otherwise with you; in no case will you be charged for this reimbursement. If the workshop has already started during the contract cancellation period and you exercise your right to cancel within that period, we will retain the fees for the workshop days that have already elapsed up to the moment of your revocation.

3. Tuition

3.1. Languages of Instruction

The workshops will be taught primarily in English, German, and Yiddish, according to each teacher's preference and ability.

3.2. Changes

The content and staffing of workshops are subject to change if necessary.

3.3. Daily schedule

Please refer to the specific workshop descriptions for the daily schedule. Concerts, jam sessions, and other events that supplement the workshops take place in the evenings. You'll get more information about how the workshop is organized in advance. Changes to the daily schedule may occur during the workshop itself.

3.4. Workshop levels

Please read the workshop descriptions carefully before deciding whether to register for an introductory, intermediate, or advanced workshop. If you find yourself in a workshop that is too advanced for your actual level, the teachers may recommend an alternative workshop in which you would have a better learning experience, if such an alternative is practical.

3.5. Your children in the workshop

Yiddish Summer Weimar workshops are "serious fun" – meaning that they are relaxed and friendly, but they also require serious concentration and focus from the participants. Parents and guardians are welcome to bring younger children to the workshops to observe, but they may not create distractions. Otherwise, we will ask the adults to move to another space with the child. Thank you for your understanding!

3.6. Infectious diseases

The well-being of everyone in our YSW community remains a high priority for us. We therefore respectfully request that anyone who suspects that they may have a contagious illness use common sense and avoid contact with other participants until they feel well again. Thank you for your understanding!

4. Concerts

YSW 2026 concerts in Weimar will take place at different venues. You are entitled to one free ticket per workshop you take for a YSW concert in Weimar. You can pick it up at the Infopoint. Please note that the number of tickets is limited, so we advise you to get your ticket as soon as you arrive in Weimar. Please also pay attention to the opening hours of the Infopoint. For all other concerts that take place in Weimar during the time of your workshop, you may purchase a discounted ticket.

5. Accommodations

Each participant is responsible for their own accommodation and meal expenses. For more information, including a list of hotels, hostels and pensions with whom we have partnerships, see the link "[Accommodations](#)".

6. Registration Cancellation

Registrations may be canceled only **until June 1, 2026**. In such cases, Other Music Academy e.V. will refund the fee paid minus 150 €. The remaining sum will be transferred to your account within 4 weeks. Cancellations after June 1, 2026 will not receive a refund.

PLEASE NOTE! We strongly urge you to purchase travel and seminar cancellation insurance in order to be reimbursed by the insurance company for travel and course costs in the event that you are unable to attend the workshop (please pay close attention to the different conditions offered by different insurers).

For a workshop to take place, a minimum number of registrations must be received by June 1, 2026. If this number is not reached, Other Music Academy e.V. reserves the right to cancel the workshop. In such a case, the entire registration fee will be transferred back to your account within 4 weeks.

7. Tuition Scholarships

Other Music Academy e.V. offers a number of full and partial scholarships based on financial need as well as merit. We take into consideration factors like the cost of travel, social and economic conditions in the applicant's home country, and individual circumstances. The number and size of scholarships that we can offer in any given year depends on our own financial situation. In most cases, scholarship holders will be asked to assist with photocopying, setup, and other basic functions in their workshop.

Scholarships are given exclusively for the time period of the workshop in which the recipient is registered. Receiving a scholarship for one workshop does not entitle that participant to scholarships for any additional workshops. Anyone is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Since the scholarship is intended for participants with financial need, Other Music Academy e.V. requires some knowledge of the financial situation of the applicant. Therefore, please send us an explanatory letter of motivation (max. 1 page, approx. 1800 characters incl. spaces) in which you describe your reasons for applying and also include a section describing your financial situation (we do not require proof of income, bank statements, or other sensitive data).

Scholarships are awarded according to the budget of Other Music Academy e.V. and the financial situation of the applicant. The application must be received in the Other Music Academy e.V. office no later than **June 1st, 2026**.

A submitted scholarship application entails no legal claim to a scholarship award. The board of Other Music Academy e.V. makes all decisions concerning scholarships. Applicants will be notified by **June 10th, 2026**. Your application, as well as all questions concerning scholarship awards, can be sent to registration@othermusicacademy.eu.

7.1 Other opportunities for discounted participation in YSW events

The Other Music Academy e.V. offers the following additional opportunities to take part in certain YSW events free of charge.

If you are an instrumentalist or singer between the ages of 18 and 30, you can apply for the YSW youth exchange projects. You can find more information on our website (yiddishsummer.eu) under the tab "Youth projects".

If you register for our volunteering program for two or three workshop blocks during YSW, we offer you the opportunity to participate in a workshop of your choice free of charge, as a thank you. You can find more information in the Volunteering FAQs on yiddishsummer.eu. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please send us an email at volunteers@othermusicacademy.eu.

8. Documentation

There will be multimedia documentation of all workshops. By registering, you grant permission to Other Music Academy e.V. to use such documentation for archival and promotional purposes.

9. Accessibility

Many of our workshops and events take place in buildings that are unfortunately not yet fully accessible for people with mobility needs. We are working hard to remedy this situation for the future. In the meantime, if accessibility is a concern for you, please call + 49 (0) 3643 85 83 10 or send an email to registration@othermusicacademy.eu so that we can discuss your individual needs and how we may be able to meet them.

10. Privacy statement

Data security is a high priority for us. For this reason, we adhere strictly to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into force in May 2018. Below, you'll find information about the type of data you will be asked to provide and the reasons why that data is collected during your participation in Yiddish Summer Weimar and while visiting our websites, www.othermusicacademy.eu and www.yiddishsummer.eu

10.1. Registration for Yiddish Summer Weimar

The personal data you provide when registering for Yiddish Summer Weimar 2026 (name, address, email) will be used by Other Music Academy e.V. exclusively for internal purposes: to process your registration and for internal statistical evaluation. The data is collected and processed automatically on Excel spreadsheets and databases on our PCs at the Other Music Academy e.V. office in Weimar. The processing takes place on a local server as well as in a cloud database. You may revoke your authorization to process personal data at any time and with immediate effect, provided your data is not necessary to process a transaction linked to your registration, by sending an email to management@othermusicacademy.eu. Your data will not be disclosed to third parties unless required by law or unless necessary to process a transaction linked to your registration. We employ other companies and individuals, specifically for contact information processing for our newsletter, data analysis for advertising and marketing purposes, and processing payments (donations, membership fees, and workshop registration fees) via credit card, direct debit, and Paypal. We will share your personal data with your workshop instructor(s) only with your consent, and only if this information is relevant to the planning and implementation of the workshop(s). While all the service providers, employees, and credit institutions mentioned above have access to necessary personal data, they may not share or use this information for any other purpose, and they are contractually bound to handle it in accordance with this privacy statement and the GDPR.

10.2. Links to other websites

We cannot guarantee the accuracy and completeness of information found on third-party websites that we provide links to on our website, nor can we assume liability for the data security of these websites, as we have no influence on third parties' compliance with data protection regulations. We recommend that you check the respective privacy statements of each web site separately.

10.3. Newsletter

Should you choose to subscribe to the Other Music Academy e.V. newsletter when registering, we will save and process your name and email address, both on our PCs at the Other Music Academy e.V. office in Weimar and in a cloud database. The newsletter, which we send out intermittently, contains information about the activity of Other Music Academy e.V. and its partner associations. Should you choose to discontinue your subscription by clicking on "unsubscribe," your personal data will be deleted immediately.

10.4. Storage duration

We will store your personal information until the purpose for which you entrusted it to us is reached, and not any longer. In cases in which a retention period is required by commercial and tax law, certain data may be stored for a maximum of 10 years.

10.5. Your rights

Should you choose to revoke your consent to the storage of personal data, or should your data become inaccurate, we will delete, correct or block your data in accordance with the statutory provisions. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the collection, processing or use of your personal data, as well as its correction, blocking or deletion. Please contact us at: Other Music Academy e.V., Ernst-Kohl-Str. 23, 99423 Weimar; Tel.: +49 (0)3643-858310, Email: management@othermusicacademy.eu

11. Liability

Other Music Academy e.V. assumes no liability for damage to property or personal injury.

11.1 Workshop participation by under-18s

For participants under the age of 18, the guidelines concerning workshop level (please see 3.3 above) apply in the same way as for all other participants. Those under 18 can participate if they are able to work independently in the workshop and if their parents or legal guardians provide a written release from liability.

12. Place of jurisdiction

The place of jurisdiction is Weimar.

13. Severability clause

Should one or more regulations in the conditions of participation become ineffective, all other regulations remain unaffected.

14. The Yiddish Summer Weimar Awareness Concept

Awareness means consciousness. All people who participate in our events are invited to familiarize themselves with and become aware of our basic interpersonal rules.

As mentioned above, we are a learning community in which the diversity of our participants isn't just respected but celebrated: our differences are our strengths! Learning means trying new things and taking risks. To be able to do that, we must be able to feel safe. In the YSW environment, all kinds of people can learn from each other by doing things together that are both serious and fun. It's all of our differences that make that experience so rich and fascinating. But only if we feel safe showing each other who we are. So, when you engage with someone, always try to recognize and respect their boundaries. Try to be aware of how they communicate those boundaries and try to communicate your own boundaries as clearly as you can.

The same diversity that we welcome can also lead to misunderstandings. Creating a space where we all feel safe to be ourselves isn't as easy as it might seem. If you feel that you've been disrespected or threatened, intentionally or not, or if someone else feels that you've acted that way towards them, we have a team of people ready to try to resolve the conflict. If you experience a harmful interaction and/or discrimination within the OMA and you would like support, please contact us!

We have set up an Awareness Structure to support you in those cases. This structure has three parts:

- there is an Awareness room (in the Other Music Academy, Ernst-Kohl-Str. 23, 99423 Weimar, and in our workshop venues). Here, you can find a calm space to breathe, relax, and drink a cup of tea. If you want, you can bring a friend to talk things through or just to keep you company.
- at our larger events, you'll see people who are recognizable as members of the Awareness Team. You can talk to them about what's happened. They will listen to you and offer their support.
- you can contact our Awareness team via awareness@othermusicacademy.eu at all times. We will support you in further conversations and aim for conflict resolution.

PLEASE NOTE:

The abuse of legal or illegal substances, including alcohol and drugs, is not permitted. YSW does not tolerate behavior influenced by alcohol or drugs that result in harm to the consumer or to others.

The German legal code applies to legal uses of alcohol, drugs, and other controlled substances.

If an incident has been reported to the police, the case is subject to local jurisdiction, over which YSW has no influence.

Thank you for entering the OMA community! And thank you for helping create an open and caring space for all of us to expand the horizons of our knowledge and life experiences!