

YMTE Annual Conference 2026

Oslo, 30 September – 2 October 2026

Hosted by the **Barratt Due Institute of Music, Oslo, Norway**



Invitation

Dear colleagues,

The **Young Music Talents in Europe (YMTE)** network is pleased to invite you to attend the **YMTE Annual Conference 2026**, taking place in Oslo from **30 September to 2 October 2026**.

YMTE is a European network of specialised institutions dedicated to pre-college music education and the development of highly talented young musicians. Through collaboration, knowledge exchange, and joint projects, the network supports artistic excellence, pedagogical innovation, and international cooperation across Europe.

The annual conference is a key European meeting point for institutions and professionals working in this field, offering a platform for exchange, collaboration, and strategic dialogue.



Who should attend

The conference is open to:

Schools, organisations, and professionals working with or interested in pre-college music education and talent development

Why attend

By attending, you will:

- Gain insight into European best practices in talent development
- Connect with a wide network of specialised institutions
- Explore opportunities for collaboration and Erasmus+ partnerships
- Engage in strategic discussions shaping the future of the field
- Experience a programme combining professional exchange with high-level artistic performance

Programme Highlights

Join colleagues from across Europe for three days of discussion, collaboration, and inspiration. The programme includes keynote presentations, interactive workshops, consultation forums, networking opportunities, and artistic events designed to connect policy, pedagogy, and practice.

Topics Include

- Building stronger bridges between pre-college and higher music education
- Learning outcomes, quality frameworks and excellence in talent development
- New insights from educational research, consequences of AI and the future of music education
- European collaboration, advocacy, and the evolving role of specialised music education institutions

During the conference period, Barratt Due will also host:

- A student ensemble project (YMTE Wind Orchestra and chamber ensembles)
- A collaborative teacher exchange project involving YMTE member institutions

These activities are an integral part of YMTE's work but are reserved for member institutions only.

Conference Artistic programme

All conference participants will experience high-level artistic performances, including:

- **Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra & Young Philharmonic**
(1 October 2026, Oslo Concert Hall)
- **YMTE Wind Orchestra at the Nobel Peace Centre**
(2 October 2026)
Featuring talented young musicians from across Europe, this concert is part of the official programme of the Nobel Peace Centre and marks the UN International Day of Non-Violence.

Practical information

- **Dates:** 30 September – 2 October 2026
- **Location:** Barratt Due Institute of Music, Oslo
- **Conference fee:** Members: 175 EUR/Non-members: 225 EUR
(Includes participation, meals, and concert tickets)
- **Recommended hotels:** [Thon Gyldenløve](#), [Other Thon Hotels](#), [Strawberry Hotels](#)

Registration

If you haven't registered already - **Go to:** [*Conference Registration Form*](#)



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Contact

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We warmly welcome you to Oslo and look forward to engaging with you at the YMTE Annual Conference 2026.

With kind regards,
YMTE Management Board
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