



Art Music Scotland

Call for Delegates to Ung Nordisk Musik Denmark in Copenhagen, 10 – 15 August 2026

As part of Scotland's involvement in the 2024 edition of Nordic Music Days, a connection was established with Ung Nordisk Musik (UNM), which is the region's network of composers and creative musicians under the age of 30.

Four composers travelled to Örebro, Sweden, as delegates to the UNM festival in August 2024. They attended workshops, talks, and concerts, got to know delegates and music from throughout the Nordic region, and explored opportunities to work together in the future. In 2025, two Scottish composers travelled to Helsinki to spend a week at the UNM festival in Finland.

The next UNM festival will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 10 until 15 August, 2026. As well as performances and workshops, there will also be a professional development programme with panel discussions, talks, and career advice sessions. Once again, a small number of delegates will be supported by the Scottish Government's Nordic Office and Art Music Scotland to travel in order to take part in the festival.

Composers, sound artists, improvisers, and creative musicians working with art music, who are under the age of 30 on 30 August 2026 and have been resident in Scotland for at least 18 months at the date of application, are invited to apply to participate.

Applicants must be available to spend at least 3 nights in Copenhagen during the festival dates, with the intention of attending events in the festival programme and representing Scotland at this international event. Travel, accommodation and per diems will be covered. Individuals from traditionally under-represented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

The final number of delegates will depend on travel costs at the time of selection, but the intention is for 4-6 delegates to be able to attend. Please note that the intention is

for accommodation to be in twin rooms in order to allow as many people as possible to participate.

Applications will close on 16th June at midnight, and applicants will be notified by the middle of the following week. To apply please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/ZNJD9PnSbUtV87xL8>

If you have any questions then please email andy@artmusicscotland.org

Selection process

Art Music Scotland is committed to working with and supporting composers and creative musicians from throughout Scotland, and from all backgrounds and demographics. We are particularly keen to encourage applications from under-represented communities.

This opportunity is likely to interest a large number of applicants, many of whom work at a high level and would be valuable delegates to include. The aim will be to assemble a varied delegation – artistically, demographically, and in terms of experience - who will advocate for their colleagues in Scotland’s new music scene, and who are well positioned to make the most of the opportunity to make connections across the Nordic and Baltic regions.

The reality of budget constraints means that difficult decisions will be necessary, and the panel recognise the responsibility of making fair choices. The panel will be made up of one of the Art Music Scotland team, one of the UNM committee, one of the Scottish Government’s Nordic Office team, and two other established musicians, and will be varied in its demographic make-up.