

# CHARTER DE CONCERT!

#### **Preamble**

Created in October 2008, the De Concert! Federation is a network of international festivals with rich and unique histories, which come together and make their voices heard around various issues specific to their sector. Mainly musical, these festivals are nevertheless open to all aesthetics.

Creation and support for emerging artists, thematic workshops, study of the sector, defense of political or economic issues are some of the activities carried out by the Federation.

All member festivals share common values and objectives and thus recognise themselves in this charter.

### Values defended

- National and transnational cooperation is at the heart of the Federation's values and objectives.
- The Federation and its members are cultural actors who are part of the cultural and economic landscape of their respective territories. They defend the values of sharing, equality, fraternity, citizenship and environmental respect.
- The Federation and its members support artistic discovery, emergence and innovation as well as artistic development and creation.
- In all actions undertaken, and particularly in the artistic sector, the Federation and its members defend diversity, parity and plurality of cultural forms and practices.
- The Federation shares the values and objectives of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

### **Objectives**

- In keeping with an approach based on solidarity and supporting initiatives taken by its
  members, the association is particularly attached to the idea of promoting exchanges
  sharing both organisational and promotional experience, pooling means of
  communication etc
- The Federation and its members encourage the creation, promotion and circulation of common artistic projects. They also support the development and diffusion of regional and national artists from the regions and countries represented.
- The Fedration intends to organise meeting to offer the opportunity to share ideas and experiences (2 or 3 a year). It intends to help and encourage professionals to travel around and to make them welcome in the countries and regions represented.
- The Federation is committed to studying the evolution of the festival sector and participates actively in the structuring of the sector. It also organises their representation in various French and European institutions and professional organisations.
- The Federation and its members act in accordance with all of the above values, encouraging artists and audiences to embrace them.

#### **Membership conditions**

- To subscribe unreservedly to the present charter and to all the values and objectives defended by the Federation
- Commit to participate actively in the Federation's collective approach and in meetings, workshops, working groups and artistic projects
- Defending an independent artistic and cultural project
- Be concerned about the welcome conditions for the public and the artists
- Commit to promoting parity and diversity within the teams and in the programming
- Commit to implementing measures to limit the ecological impact of its events
- To scrupulously respect the current regulations, including: possessing the required licences, authorisations and insurance, employing and remunerating the professionals and artists as required, respecting the safety regulations and the authorised audience capacity, and paying the royalties.

## **Membership process**

The Federation is open by co-option to other festivals sharing its values. Membership requests (form + presentation of the festival and motivations) are examined by the board, then submitted to a vote at the annual General Assembly.

Among its analysis criteria, the Federation will make sure to respect a certain territorial balance with regard to the regions where its members come from.