

Open Calls – Sounds Nice 2026

Sound Art at Gare du Nord, Basel

Gare du Nord is launching an open call for sound art projects. The selected projects will form the exhibition «Sounds Nice».

During Art Basel, «Sounds Nice» transforms the concert hall into a walk-in soundscape featuring installations, sound objects, and performative and self-playing setups.

Following the opening, the works will be open to the public daily from 12 noon to 6 pm. The opening date will be announced shortly. The closing event will take place on 21 June 2026 as part of the Gare du Nord Summer Festival.

We are looking for

Works that explore sound, space, the body and perception, and which can be integrated into a shared exhibition setting:

- Sound installations
- Sound sculptures and sound-based objects
- Visual works relating to sound (e.g. painting, video, light installations)
- Experimental and intermedia formats with a focus on sound

Concept

The concert hall will be used as a collective exhibition space in which several works will be presented simultaneously.

- The selected works will engage in a spatial and sonic dialogue.
- Overlaps, sequences or deliberate interactions between the works are possible (by arrangement).

Technical information & general conditions

- Works that are loud or fill the room with sound should not exceed 10 minutes in duration. Works that can be experienced via headphones are not subject to any time limit.
- The works will be on display in the concert hall daily from 12 noon to 6 pm.
- Set-up and dismantling must be achievable within a maximum of half a day per work.
- Expenses allowance: CHF 400 per selected work.
- Basic technical infrastructure is available on site; any further requirements must be discussed in good time.
- The open call is aimed at artists from the greater Basel area. The selected artists are responsible for setting up and dismantling their works and must be present on site for this purpose.

Application

We look forward to receiving your online application, which should include:

- A brief description of the project (concept).
- Details of the technical requirements.
- A brief portfolio of your previous work.

Please send your application documents as a single PDF file by 15 April 2026 at the latest to info@garedunord.ch.