

# 10th International Festival of Town Pipers

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Dear friends,

*We will meet again! But when?*

First of all we want to confirm the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> Festival:  
Friday September 6<sup>TH</sup> - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Why this confirmation? Because we made a terrible mistake connecting this weekend with the Open Monuments Days. These Monument days are one week later. We were informed that that weekend another event was already planned in the UK. This could mean that we lose participants. So, we will stick to the above date; the first weekend of September. 's-Hertogenbosch will be as busy as always in the weekend. So many people will enjoy our music.

At this moment we noted 64 interested participants of which 53 musicians. The international character of the Festival is growing. We expect groups from the UK, USA, Italy, Germany and of course the only Dutch group, us 😊.

**But we do miss some groups that joined the festivals before. So please, if you forgot to notify us your interest, send an email to [info@stadspijpers.nl](mailto:info@stadspijpers.nl).**

Another request we have: Please let us know which instruments you most probably will bring (and play)? This will help selecting the right music for the Great Noyze. For people who do not know this Great Noyze: It is the last part of the festival where we will play all together. And we hope we can celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival with the largest renaissance music group ever!

Some questions came to us and we want to share the answers with you.

## 1. Lodging

For you, as our guests, we asked again Hotel Central at the Market Place to offer the best possible price for Friday and Saturday night. Upfront we opted for enough rooms to host you all. We did get, for such a location, a good price but are trying to get it down. For this moment there is no need to reserve rooms yourself anywhere else in the city. For the organization of the Festival it is much easier to have you all at one location.

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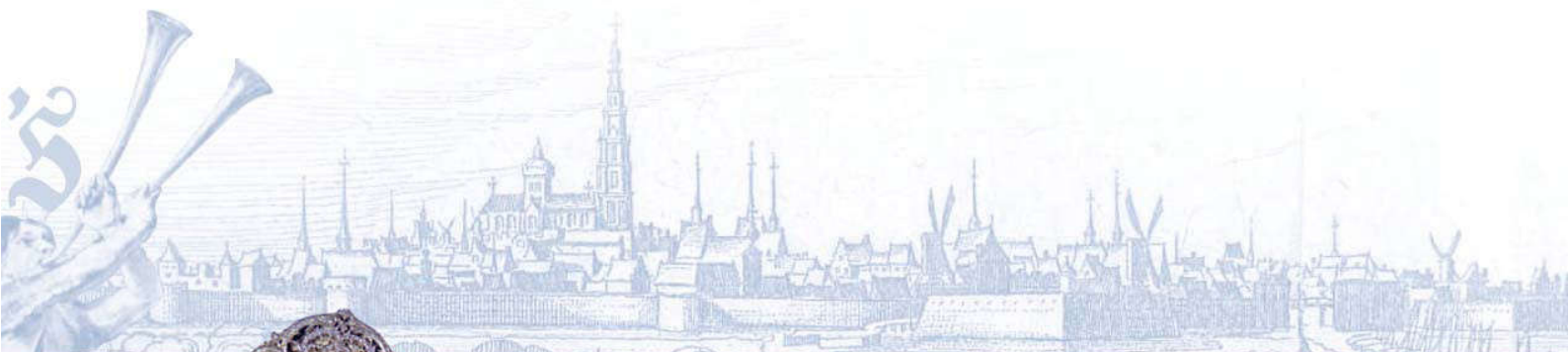
## 2. Customs and instruments

Bringing instruments from outside the EU into the Netherlands is subject to certain rules. Please make sure you prepare the transport. But take in account that for musicians performing abroad, you are not exporting/importing these instruments. If you will be checked by customs? Nobody knows and it is very much depending on the way you will come into the Netherlands. If you need any assistance from us, please let us know by mail.

The next info bulletin will come soon and contain more information about the program and what we will do during the weekend. We expect the groups to arrive at Friday in the afternoon. A reception of all groups by or on behalf of our mayor early this evening, will hopefully be the first official part of the Festival.

On behalf of  
De Stadspijpers van 's-Hertogenbosch

The Festival Committee



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