



# music meeting festival

## **Martyna van Nieuwland to leave Music Meeting**

Martyna van Nieuwland steps down as artistic director of Music Meeting on October 1, 2024.

Martyna was important for innovative programming in the field of global music and musical encounters in Nijmegen with regard to recent festival editions. From contemporary music to centuries-old music traditions and interdisciplinary programs characterized the festivals she programmed in 2023 and 2024. Both editions were appreciated by musicians, audience, press and the professional world. During WOMEX in Manchester – the trade fair for professionals in global music – Music Meeting will receive the ‘Future Festival Award’ on 25 October. A prize for our steps in the field of sustainability, social inclusion and cultural heritage. Martyna and the team of Music Meeting have worked hard for this.

Nevertheless, as the board of Stichting Music Meeting, we have found that our ambitions and those of Martyna differ. Unfortunately, there is insufficient match for the implementation of the new multi-year plans of Music Meeting and all the opportunities and (financial) challenges that come with it. Martyna will remain remotely involved in the programming of the edition of Music Meeting Festival for next year, which will take place from 7 to 9 June 2025. This edition will still largely bear her signature.

The board of the Music Meeting Foundation and the team would like to thank Martyna van Nieuwland for her efforts in recent years and her valuable musical ideas for future festivals. With director Sophie Blussé we will be looking for reinforcements for the team.

*For any questions about the departure of Martyna van Nieuwland, please contact [Pieter van Ree](#), chairman of Stichting Music Meeting; questions about the future of the festival can be answered by [Sophie Blussé](#), general director of Music Meeting.*