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When	Sat, 24. October 2026, 21:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

BaBa ZuLa celebrates its 30th anniversary at Grounds with a theatrical mix of Turkish psychedelic music, rock, folk and dub. The Istanbul group calls its distinctive sound ‘Istanbul psychedelia’, combining traditional instruments with electronics, unconventional percussion and free-flowing improvisation.

The band formed in 1996 and began experimenting with everyday objects such as spoons, toys and machines. These sit alongside instruments including darbuka, electric saz and a modern Turkish drum machine, creating music that connects old traditions with contemporary sounds.

No two BaBa ZuLa concerts are quite the same. Costumes, belly dancers, poetry and theatrical elements turn the performance into a colourful audiovisual ritual that moves between East and West, past and present.

Details
Event: BaBa ZuLa
Date: Saturday 24 October 2026
Doors open: 20:00
Start: 21:00
Location: Grounds
Address: Pieter de Hoochweg 125, 3024 BG Rotterdam
Tickets: Early bird €18.50, sold out; regular €21; €22.50 at the door
Genre: Turkish psychedelia, rock, folk and dub
Occasion: 30th anniversary tour

After the concert, Deejay Fevelina keeps the night going with an afterparty at Grounds.

Venue - Podium Grounds

Location	Podium Grounds
Street	Pieter de Hoochweg 125
Postcode	3024 BG

City	Rotterdam
Country	NL
Website	https://www.grounds.nu/

Description

Grounds is a vibrant platform where audiences can experience groundbreaking music from emerging and renowned international artists across diverse genres. The venue hosts weekly concerts featuring styles ranging from Turkish folk to Afro beats, Latin to Sahara blues, providing a rich tapestry of global sounds.

Beyond live performances, Grounds actively contributes to the cultural climate of Rotterdam West by offering a stage for local talents and organising community events. They are also developing a second stage, Lab Grounds, in the historic HBS building in the city centre's Oude Westen district, aiming to transform it into a significant creative hub for musicians and dancers.