

Songhoy Blues

Event - Songhoy Blues ♡

When	Fri, 9. October 2026, 21:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Malian band Songhoy Blues comes to Grounds with a new chapter in its distinctive desert blues sound, combining rock energy with traditions from across Mali.

The band emerged in 2013 with a raw style sometimes described as ‘Timbuktu Punk’, built around gritty vocals, bright guitar lines, rock rhythms and the musical traditions of northern Mali. Based in Bamako after being displaced from the north of the country, Songhoy Blues has since taken its music to major stages around the world.

Latest album Héritage takes a more acoustic and reflective direction. New compositions sit alongside reworkings of older material, with kora, soku, kamalengoni, flute, Senufo xylophone and calabash percussion expanding the band’s familiar desert blues palette. The album also explores migration, displacement and the meaning of cultural heritage.

The result still carries Songhoy Blues’ rock-driven energy, but with more space for the musical traditions and instruments that shaped the group’s roots in Mali.

Details

Event: Songhoy Blues

Date: Friday 9 October 2026

Doors open: 20:00

Start: 21:00

Location: Grounds, Rotterdam

Address: Pieter de Hoochweg 125, 3024 BG Rotterdam

Early bird: €20

Advance: €22.50 + €1 service fee

Door: €25

Rotterdampas: €12.50

Genre: Desert blues, blues rock and Malian music

Latest album: Héritage

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.