Cem Yıldız

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When	Fri, 19. March 2027, 21:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Turkish musician Cem Yıldız brings his hypnotic fusion of Anatolian folk music, psychedelic sounds and electronic beats to Grounds in Rotterdam on Friday 19 March 2027. Armed with an electrified saz, expressive vocals and electronic equipment, the Istanbul-based artist presents music from his 2026 album Alemane**.**

Sometimes described as the Shaman of Modern Times, Cem Yıldız has developed a distinctive approach to traditional Anatolian music. His sound combines centuries-old musical traditions with contemporary electronic production, creating an adventurous mixture of folk, acid techno and psychedelic experimentation.

From Anatolian traditions to electronic dancefloors

Yıldız draws inspiration from the aşık tradition of Anatolian troubadours, musicians and poets who have used music to communicate stories, social commentary and spiritual ideas for generations.

His musical journey began with HÜ, an album drawing on Alevi musical traditions, before developing through collaborations with groups including Orient Expressions and Insanlar.

International audiences may also recognise his contributions to the music of French electronic collective Acid Arab, including tracks such as Stil, Ejma and Atlas.

On stage, Yıldız combines traditional saz melodies, electronic rhythms and improvisation to create performances that move between atmospheric passages and danceable grooves. His music has taken him to international festivals including Montreux Jazz Festival and Sónar Barcelona.

His Rotterdam concert offers an opportunity to experience the meeting point between Anatolian musical heritage and contemporary club culture in an intimate live setting.

Tickets and practical information

Cem Yıldız performs at Grounds, Pieter de Hoochweg 125, Rotterdam, on Friday 19 March 2027. Doors open at 20:00, with the concert starting at 21:00.

Early bird tickets cost €17.50, regular advance tickets €20 plus €1 in service charges, and tickets at the door €22.50, subject to availability.

For tickets and further information, visit the official Grounds event page.

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.