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When	Fri, 20. November 2026
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Rotterdam rock band DI-RECT return to Rotterdam Ahoy for six arena concerts in November 2026. Following their spectacular stadium performances at De Kuip, the band are bringing their unmistakable live energy back to a venue they consider their second home. Expect powerful rock songs, emotional ballads, impressive production and thousands of fans singing along.

Since forming in The Hague in 1999, DI-RECT have grown into one of the Netherlands' most successful live rock bands. Their music combines melodic alternative rock with energetic performances and emotionally charged songwriting.

Following the arrival of vocalist Marcel Veenendaal in 2009, the group developed a new musical identity, producing hits including Times Are Changing, Soldier On and Through the Looking Glass.

DI-RECT have developed a particularly strong connection with Rotterdam Ahoy. In 2021, 2022 and 2023, the band performed six sold-out concerts at the venue. Their return in November 2026 continues that tradition following their major performances at Rotterdam's De Kuip stadium.

Six nights with special guests

The band perform six concerts across two weekends, with a different support programme on selected evenings:

- Friday 13 November: DI-RECT + Bazart
- Saturday 14 November: DI-RECT + Bazart
- Sunday 15 November: DI-RECT + WIES
- Thursday 19 November: DI-RECT + Hiqpy
- Friday 20 November: DI-RECT + Elephant
- Saturday 21 November: DI-RECT + Elephant

Belgian indie pop band Bazart open the first two evenings. Dutch alternative rock trio WIES perform on Sunday 15 November, while Amsterdam-based Hiqpy provide support on Thursday 19 November. The final two concerts feature Rotterdam indie rock band Elephant.

Tickets and practical information

DI-RECT perform at Rotterdam Ahoy, Ahoyweg 10, Rotterdam, on 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21 November 2026.

Doors open at 18:30 each evening. The support acts begin at 19:30, followed by DI-RECT at 20:30. Concerts are scheduled to finish at approximately 22:45.

Tickets are advertised from €46, including service charges, although availability varies by performance. Some dates have only a limited number of tickets remaining.

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

Venue - Rotterdam Ahoy

Location	Rotterdam Ahoy
Street	Ahoyweg 10
Postcode	3084 BA
City	Rotterdam
Website	https://www.ahoy.nl

Description

Rotterdam Ahoy is a multi-purpose arena known for hosting large-scale concerts, sports events, and exhibitions. With a capacity of up to 16,000, it’s celebrated for its excellent acoustics and modern design, attracting top international artists and audiences from around the world. Located in Rotterdam Zuid, the venue is easily accessible and a major hub for entertainment in the Netherlands.