Bombino

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When	Sun, 23. May 2027, 21:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Nigerien guitarist and desert blues musician Bombino returns to Grounds in Rotterdam on Sunday 23 May 2027. Known for his hypnotic guitar playing and powerful blend of Tuareg musical traditions and rock, Bombino brings the rhythms of the Sahara to the stage with songs about peace, freedom and cultural identity.

Born Omara Moctar in Niger, Bombino grew up surrounded by the musical traditions of the Tuareg people. He taught himself guitar by listening to traditional Ishumar music and studying recordings of artists including Jimi Hendrix, Mark Knopfler and Jimmy Page. Over time, he developed a distinctive playing style that combines intricate guitar melodies, driving rhythms and the hypnotic repetition associated with desert blues.

His music shares a cultural background with Saharan artists such as Tinariwen and Ali Farka Touré, although Bombino has established an unmistakable sound of his own. His performances move between reflective melodies and electrifying guitar passages, combining traditional musical influences with the energy of a rock concert.

A new chapter after Sahel

Bombino's 2023 album Sahel explored the cultural and political experiences of the region through richly layered arrangements and expressive guitar work. His return to Grounds follows the postponement of a planned November 2026 performance after the release of his next album was delayed.

The May 2027 concert offers another opportunity to experience one of the leading figures in contemporary Tuareg music, with a performance built around his distinctive guitar sound and powerful live band.

Tickets and practical information

Bombino performs at Grounds, Pieter de Hoochweg 125, Rotterdam, on Sunday 23 May 2027. Doors open at 19:30, with the concert starting at 20:30.

Early bird tickets cost €20, regular advance tickets €22.50 plus €1 in service charges, and tickets at the door €25, 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.