

Ayanna Witter-Johnson

Event - Ayanna Witter-Johnson

When	Sat, 29. August 2026, 21:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Ayanna Witter-Johnson returns to Grounds with a performance that moves between classical, jazz, reggae, soul and R&B. The British-Jamaican singer, songwriter, pianist, cellist and composer is often described as a one-woman orchestra, using cello, voice and storytelling to create a sound that feels both grounded and wide open.

Her work celebrates heritage, identity and culture, while giving plenty of space to personal reflection and musical risk. Witter-Johnson has collaborated with artists including Anoushka Shankar, Nitin Sawhney, Peter Gabriel, Andrea Bocelli and Jools Holland, yet her own live shows remain intimate, direct and unmistakably personal.

In 2026, she is set to release her second album *New Roots*, a project shaped by themes of identity, belonging and rebirth. At Grounds in Rotterdam, expect rich vocals, lush cello arrangements and a performance that moves with quiet power.

Details

Event: Ayanna Witter-Johnson
Date: Saturday 29 August 2026
Doors open: 20:00
Start: 21:00
Location: Grounds, Pieter de Hoochweg 125, Rotterdam
Tickets: Early bird €20, regular €22.50, at the door €25
Current listing price: Regular ticket €23.50
Music: Classical, jazz, reggae, soul and R&B

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.