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When	Sat, 17. October 2026, 21:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Samba Touré returns to Grounds with a special tribute to his mentor, Ali Farka Touré, marking twenty years since the Malian desert blues legend's death. After his previous show at the Rotterdam venue in 2025, Touré comes back with a concert that looks directly at the music and influence of one of West Africa's most important artists.

Touré began his career as lead singer of Farafina Lolo, where his talent caught the attention of Ali Farka Touré. Under his guidance, he moved from more traditional music towards a sound that helped establish him as a leading voice in West African blues.

For this tribute, Samba Touré is joined by Djimé Sissoko on ngoni and tamani, and Souleymane Kane on calabash. Together, they revisit Ali Farka Touré's legacy without turning it into a museum piece. Expect classics, lesser-known gems and a warm, deeply rooted sound that gives the king of desert blues fresh life on stage.

Details

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Date: Saturday 17 October 2026

Doors open: 20:00

Start: 21:00

Location: Grounds, Pieter de Hoochweg 125, Rotterdam

Tickets: Early bird €17.50, regular €20, at the door €22.50

Current listing price: Early bird €18.50, regular €21

Music: Malian blues, desert blues and West African music

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.