



31 juillet – 4 août 2019

Dear Musicians and Bluegrass Acts from across Europe

We are opening applications to play at La Roche Bluegrass Festival 2019. *Deadline February 10th*

Please read the following information about the festival before deciding if you want to apply and which part of the festival you wish to play.

You are receiving this letter because, either you have played at the festival in the past, or you have applied to play in the past, or you have asked to be included this year.

If you do not wish to receive this letter again, please let us know and we will remove you from the list.

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MUSICAL COMPONENTS OF THE FESTIVAL

Workshop – Monday July 29th (evening) thru Thursday August 1st

Banjo, Mandolin, Guitar, Fiddle, Dobro, Bass, Vocals

Teachers are musicians of Mile Twelve (USA) and an experienced team of French teachers.

Street Festival – Wednesday July 31st (evening) and Friday August 2nd (lunchtime)

Bands play unplugged on café and bar terraces. The bars provide food and drinks for musicians.

Headline Acts – Thursday August 1st thru Sunday August 4th

Bands from Europe and USA invited directly by La Roche Bluegrass Festival to play the main stage

Band Contest – Thursday August 1st thru Sunday August 4th

8 bands selected by the jury in February from submitted MP3 tracks play in the final of the contest.

2 finalist bands will play each day of the festival from Thursday to Sunday.

Main Stage – Thursday August 1st thru Sunday August 4th

European bands not in competition play the main stage.

Lunchtime Sessions – Saturday August 3rd and Sunday August 4th

8 acts (including 2 US headliners) play the lunchtime stage in front of the food court.

One European act (at least) will be invited back in 2020 to play on the main stage.

Band Contest

8 bands are pre-selected by the jury between now and mid March.

The jury consists of one representative from each of EBMA, IBMA, Rapidgrass Festival, La Roche, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, Central Europe and Eastern Europe. All members of the jury are musicians, event organisers or Bluegrass media specialists.

Selection Criteria are: *Band cohesion, Quality and originality of arrangements, Instrumental technique, Vocal qualities (lead and harmony).*

Stage Presence and Set Balance are also judged during the festival.

Prizes for winning bands

1st place: €2,000 cash prize offered by La Roche Bluegrass Festival and a headline concert slot in 2020 (with standard travel allowance), and an invitation to play at the [Rapidgrass Bluegrass festival](#) in Colorado in June 2020, with \$5,000 travel allowance (accommodation provided by festival).

With thanks to Rapidgrass for renewing this great prize.

2nd place: €1,000 cash prize

3rd place: €500 cash prize

PLAYING CONDITIONS AT LA ROCHE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 2019

La Roche Bluegrass Festival deals directly with acts that are invited to play the festival as headliners.

For other acts travelling from Europe, please be aware that no fees are paid to bands above the conditions stated below:

Travel allowance

Bands will be paid a travel allowance of 0.35 €/km (*0.30 in 2017*) from home address of band leader to La Roche and back as calculated by google maps (2 ways). One car per band

School Accommodation

Performing bands can stay for free for up to 4 nights (Thursday thru Sunday) in one of our 2 partner schools (breakfast included).

Rooms sleep 2 – 5 people. Bathrooms are shared.

Sheets, pillows, towels and blankets are not provided.

*Bands may invite **one partner/spouse** per musician at the price of 12€ / night / guest, with breakfast included.*

Due to numbers attending the workshop and reduced bed availability in the schools, accommodation during the week before the festival is not possible.

The festival does not cover accommodation for musicians choosing other sleeping arrangements.

There is also a free festival campsite not far from the festival for those who prefer (from Monday to Monday).

Meal tickets

The festival offers a daily allowance of meal tickets for performing musicians and their registered guest for use on the festival site. The tickets can be used to purchase hot and cold meals prepared on the festival site (including vegetarian), beer, wine and soft drinks.

They are given out each day at band reception on the festival site.

Street Festival bands are offered a free meal (musicians only) by the host bar at time of set.

The table shows the full quota of terms and conditions

Playing Venue	Playing Time	Line Check	Travel Allowance	Meal tickets	VIP tent access	School Sleeping
Main stage in contest	45	15 mins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Main stage out of contest	45	15 mins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lunchtime sessions	45	15 mins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Street Festival Wed & Fri	60	unplugged	No	No	Yes	Yes

APPLICATION TO PLAY LA ROCHE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 2019

*Please fill in this form and return it to christopherhw@mac.com before **February 10th***

*Send with **4 good quality MP3** recordings that represent the band today (sound and musicians) and a **hi-res band photo** - internet links will not be used!!*

Contest finalists will be selected (unseen) by the jury before March 9th according to stated criteria and the final programme will be announced before March 31st

Band name					
Contact person					
Home address <i>(street, city, country)</i>					
Email					
Cell phone					
Musicians & instruments					
Bio for programme notes <i>(please limit to max 5 lines)</i>					
Web site					
YouTube link to live show	<i>(optional)</i>				
<u>We want to play the Main Festival</u>					Tick Boxes
<i>You may select 1, 2 or 3 options. If you select 1 option, you will be considered <u>only</u> for that option If you select 2 or 3 options, you will be considered for all in order of (1) the contest, (2) the main stage, (3) the lunchtime sessions</i>				Band contest	
				Main Stage	
				Lunchtime stage	
<u>We want to play the Street Festival</u>					Tick Boxes
<i>As well as main festival, if selected</i>		<i>If not selected for main festival</i>		<i>Only. Not applying for main festival</i>	
Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Friday

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : FEBRUARY 10th