Application to play at La Roche Bluegrass Festival 2022

*Reminder: we are booking more headline acts this year, leaving fewer slots for open mic band applications. See the headline acts booked at [www.larochebluegrass.org](http://www.larochebluegrass.org)*

*There are still four possibilities to play:.*

1. The main stage — a few slots available for standard Bluegrass line ups
2. The town hall stage — reserved for duets and trios
3. The lunchtime stage — reserved for young and emerging talent
4. The street festival — for all bands if playing in the festival or not

## Bands playing will receive:

1. Contribution to travel costs of €0.50 per kilometer, for one car, calculated for two ways from the band leader’s home to La Roche-sur-Foron.\*
2. Vouchers for food and drinks served on the festival site for every day musicians of the band are present.\*
3. Accommodation with breakfast provided in the school dormitories for up to 4 nights.
4. Possibility to invite one guest (spouse or partner) for each musician in the band.

*\* Travel and meal tickets are not provided for Street Festival acts who get accommodation, VIP access and a meal at the bar where they play.*

## Here is an overview of the open mic playing options and conditions

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| Playing Venue | Playing  Time | Line  Check | Travel  Allowance | Meal tickets | VIP tent access | School  Sleeping |
| Main stage | 45 mins | 15 mins | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Town Hall stage | 45 mins | 15 mins | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Lunchtime stage | 45 mins | 15 mins | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Street Festival Wed & Fri | 60 mins | unplugged | No | No | Yes | Yes |

## How to apply

1. Fill out the form on the next page stating which stage(s) you are applying for.
2. Select 3 ou 4 good quality sound files (no Spotify link) of the band in its current form and, if you have it, a link to a good video recording of a live performance (Daily Motion, YouTube, etc.).
3. Add 1 or 2 hi-res photos of the band.
4. Return the completed application by email to [festival.laroche@gmail.com](mailto:festival.laroche@gmail.com) before February 20.

## About the stages

1. The Main Stage is the traditional big stage on the festival site. This stage is reserved for bands with a standard Bluegrass line up (all forms of music on the broad “Bluegrass” spectrum are accepted).  
   *Thursday to Sunday, early evening until midnight*.
2. The Town Hall Stage is a new stage on the main town square reserved for duets and trios.   
   *Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3 - 6 pm*.
3. The Lunchtime Stage on the festival site hosts one US headline act and 4 young and emerging acts. One act will be invited back to headline on the main stage next year.   
   *Saturday and Sunday from midday to 3 pm*.
4. The Street Festival is a town centre event where bands play in front of bar and restaurant terraces.  
   *Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm and Friday from midday to 2 pm*

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Deadline for applications February 20, 2022

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| Band name |  | | |
| Contact person |  | | |
| Email |  | | |
| Cell phone |  | | |
| Home address (*Street - City*) |  | |  |
| (*Zip - Country*) |  | |  |
| We would like to play on…  (select one or more as appropriate) | | | |
| The Main Stage |  | *Open to all bands* | |
| The Town Hall Stage |  | *Reserved exclusively for duets and trios* | |
| The Lunchtime Stage |  | *Reserved for young and emerging bands. See below …* | |
| The Street Festival |  | *Only if selected for another stage (state Wednesday or Friday)* | |
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| About the Band | | | |
| Web site |  | | |
| YouTube |  | | |
| CDs & Albums since 2017 |  | | |
| Musicians &  Instruments  (and ages if applying for young and emerging talent show) |  | | |
| Band description for  programme notes  *(please limit to max 10 lines)* |  | | |