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**DUDELANGE**

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## **Zeltik Festival Dudelange - 30th Anniversary Celebration**

**12. -15.03.2026**

**CCRD opderschmelz | St.Martin Chruch | Kantin**

**Dudelange, Luxembourg** - From 12 to 15 March 2026, the Zeltik Festival Dudelange celebrates its 30th edition, marking nearly three decades of dedication to Celtic music and culture.

What began 29 years ago as part a joint venture between the Town of Dudelange & the local fire brigade, has since evolved into one of the leading Celtic music festivals within hundreds of kilometers. In 1997, the “Zeltik” hosted the Celtic Celebration as well as the “Pompjeesbal” for the first time in a big tent at Place Jean Fohrmann. In 2004, the first Zeltik Prelude added another flavor to the festival.

In 2013, after the last Pompjeesbal (cause the times are indeed a changing), the Zeltik moved to the Annexe Alliance sports hall where it was held up to 2020. In 2021, in the middle of the pandemic, the festival was held at the CCRD opderschmelz, first in the parking lot, and then inside the cultural center.

In 2022, when the South of Luxembourg hosted the European Capital of Culture, the festival offered 2 editions, one around Saint Patrick and one in the summer.

Over the course of its history, the Zeltik also evolved from a one day to a 4 days event, thus welcoming even more artists and getting back to over 2.000 fans each year.

The Zeltik’s unique atmosphere, the high quality artists, the enthusiastic performances as well as a passionate and dedicated team make it an event not to be missed. To this day, the “Amicale vum Zenter Diddeleng” remains a valued partner and co-organiser of the festival, alongside the City of Dudelange’s cultural center opderschmelz.

This anniversary edition honors the festival’s longstanding history while remaining faithful to its spirit of musical discovery. The 2026 program once again brings together cherished friends, fan favorites and compelling new voices, highlighting the richness and diversity of today’s Celtic music scene.

**“Reaching our 30th edition is more than a numerical milestone – it reflects decades of artistry, friendship, and Celtic culture thriving here in Dudelange,”** says the opderschmelz Director John Rech.

# FESTIVAL VENUES

## ST.MARTIN CHURCH - THE ZELTIK PRELUDE

Set within the remarkable atmosphere of St. Martin Church, Zeltik's special Prelude concerts bring selected headliners from the line-up into an extraordinary musical setting.

Featured in this unique format are **Carlos Núñez, Kevin and Friends** from **Red Hot Chili Pipers**, **Tom & Kalissa** from **The Paperboys**, and **Brian Brody**.

Accompanied by local organist **Laurent Felten**, these performances create a powerful encounter between Celtic soundscapes and the church's historic organ.

This special concert series is made possible thanks to **Amis de l'Orgue**, whose dedication to the preservation and promotion of the church's world-renowned organ allows this exceptional musical dialogue to come to life.

## CULTURAL CENTER DUDELANGE opderschmelz

As the festival's central venue, opderschmelz once again forms the vibrant heart of Zeltik Festival Dudelange. The main hall hosts the evening concerts, presenting a broad spectrum of Celtic music – from deeply rooted traditional sounds to contemporary interpretations.

In addition, a second space within the venue, the **Display**, will be transformed into a pub-inspired setting. With its intimate atmosphere and informal character, this special stage offers audiences a close-up concert experience.

The hall will offer a selection of local beers, whiskeys as well as comfy atmosphere. The inhouse restaurant AmarCord will of course be opened too while food trucks in front the cultural center will complete the catering offer.

## ZELTIK AFTER-SHOW PARTIES AT KANTIN

On Friday and Saturday night, the celebration continues at Kantin, the city's own brewery. Following the official concert programme, selected festival artists will take the stage once more in an informal setting, offering audiences the opportunity to extend the festival experience late into the night, often leading into spontaneous and unique sessions.

# ARTISTS

**Galicia - Spain**

## CARLOS NÚÑEZ

is the world's most celebrated player of the Galician bagpipe (gaita) and a leading ambassador of Galicia's Celtic culture. His concerts combine virtuosity, imaginative arrangements and commanding stage presence. He has brought Galician Celtic music to international audiences, expanding its global reach. Extensive touring and festival appearances underline his influence. Carlos Núñez stands as a central figure in modern Celtic world music. He's one of the festival's most charismatic faces and his many appearances would earn him the title of "Godfather of the Zeltik".

**Thursday 20h00 Prelude St.Martin Church | Friday 22h10 CCRD**

Recognition: International chart success & global festival presence

Website: [www.carlos-nunez.com](http://www.carlos-nunez.com)

**Scotland**

## RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS

are the internationally acclaimed pioneers of "Bagrock." Formed in Glasgow in 2002, they fuse traditional bagpipes with rock, pop and funk elements to create a groundbreaking sound. Their music bridges folk heritage and stadium-scale energy. Spectacular, high-octane live performances have become their trademark worldwide. The band represents modern Scottish musical innovation at its most dynamic. Their first ever appearance on Mainland Europe was at Zeltik 2008.

**Thursday 20h00 Prelude St.Martin Church (Kevin & Friends) | Saturday 22h00 CCRD**

Top Distinctions : Winners of BBC When Will I Be Famous?

Website: [www.redhotchillipipers.com](http://www.redhotchillipipers.com)

**Scotland**

## SKERRYVORE

are among Scotland's most successful and beloved live bands. Their explosive fusion of traditional music, rock, pop and folk creates a powerful contemporary Celtic sound. Pipes, fiddles, accordions and whistles combine with a driving rhythm section to deliver electrifying stage energy. The band headlines major festivals, fills arenas and tours internationally. Skerryvore are widely regarded as a defining force in modern Scottish music.

**Friday 20h30 CCRD**

Top Distinctions : 3× Scots Trad Music Awards - Live Act of the Year |

Official Scottish Album Chart #1 (Tempus) | UK Folk Album Chart #1 | BBC Radio 2 New Music Playlist | SNMA Best CD / Best Singer-Songwriter

Website: [www.skerryvore.com](http://www.skerryvore.com)

France / Ireland

## THE CELTIC SOCIAL CLUB

is a seven-piece Franco-Irish collective delivering Celtic pop infused with rock and indie energy. Their concerts are immersive, high-intensity experiences driven by rhythm and raw presence. Produced by Nick Davis (Genesis, The Pogues), the band successfully captures its live power on record. Tradition serves as the starting point, yet their sound is unmistakably international and contemporary. Extensive touring and festival appearances define their career.

**Saturday 20h30 CCRD**

Recognition: Produced by Nick Davis | Extensive international touring & festival appearances

Website: [www.celticsocialclub.com](http://www.celticsocialclub.com)

Ireland

## ANDREW STRONG

rose to international fame at just 16 years old as the voice of the cult film *The Commitments*. The soundtrack sold over 12 million copies worldwide and received Grammy, BAFTA and Brit Award nominations. Since then, he has released several solo albums and performed alongside renowned international artists. His powerful voice and commanding stage presence continue to define his career. Andrew Strong remains one of Ireland's most distinctive soul voices.

**Sunday 19h30 CCRD**

Top Distinctions: Grammy Nomination | BAFTA Nomination | Brit Award Nomination

Website: [www.andrewstrong.com](http://www.andrewstrong.com)

Italy

## ACHTUNG BABIES

are widely recognized as the world's first U2 tribute band and have been touring internationally since 1993. Early on, they gained major attention through spectacular promotional initiatives and extensive media coverage. Their shows combine musical precision with passion and authentic stage presence. The band has performed throughout Europe and beyond, reaching diverse audiences. Their mission is to celebrate U2's music with respect, energy and dedication.

**Sunday 21h00 CCRD**

Top Distinctions: PIM - Italian Music Awards: Best Band of the Year

Website: [www.achtungbabies.net](http://www.achtungbabies.net)

## Canada

### THE PAPERBOYS

are a critically acclaimed Canadian world-roots band with over 30 years of history. Often referred to as the “Los Lobos of Canada,” they blend Celtic, bluegrass, Latin, folk, pop, soul and African influences into a distinctive style. Their concerts are known for spontaneity and the absence of setlists. Each performance becomes a unique musical journey. The Paperboys stand for community, energy and musical openness. They too can rely on a long and strong friendship with the Zeltik fans.

**Thursday 20h00 Prelude St.Martin Church | Friday 19h00 CCRD |**

**Saturday 22h00 Kantin After-show**

Top Distinctions: Juno Award Winner (Molinos) | 2× West Coast Music Award | Leo Award Nomination

Website: [www.paperboys.com](http://www.paperboys.com)

## Estonia

### CURLY STRINGS

are one of Estonia’s most recognized folk bands, known for their fresh blend of tradition and modern influences. Warm vocals, strong melodies and inventive arrangements meet elements of pop, classical, bluegrass and punk. The band has toured extensively across Europe, Japan and Canada and released seven albums to date. International acclaim has followed their journey for years. Curly Strings represent modern folk music with heart and character.

**Saturday 19h00 CCRD**

Top Distinctions: Estonian Music Awards - Album of the Year | 4× Estonian Music Awards |

European Bluegrass Band of the Year

Website: [www.curlystrings.ee](http://www.curlystrings.ee)

## Scotland

### RYAN YOUNG

is one of the most compelling young figures in contemporary Scottish fiddle music. Blending emotional depth with rhythmic drive and remarkable precision, he bridges tradition and modern expression with striking authenticity. His playing is intensely expressive, deeply personal, and unmistakably distinctive. A graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, he captivates audiences worldwide with performances that are both intimate and powerful. His forthcoming third album is recorded in collaboration with Irish fiddle legend Martin Hayes.

**Friday 21h30 CCRD | Saturday 20h00 CCRD**

Top Distinctions: Scots Trad Awards - Up & Coming Artist of the Year |

BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician (Finalist, twice) | BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards (Finalist) |

Folking.com Musician of the Year | WOMEX Showcase Artist

Website: [www.ryanyoung.scot](http://www.ryanyoung.scot)

## Ireland

### BRIAN BRODY

is regarded as one of Dublin's most beloved entertainers, known for his versatility and charisma. His repertoire ranges from traditional Irish songs to classic rock anthems. He has toured extensively across Europe, the United States and the Middle East. His performances are warm, humorous and highly engaging. Brian Brody combines musical quality with genuine stage presence and audience connection. Since moving to the cultural centre, the Zeltik and Brian Brody have become inseparable.

**Thursday 20h00 St.Martin Church | Friday 20h00 CCRD | Firday 22h00 Kantin After-show  
Saturday 22h00 Kantin After-show**

Top Distinctions: Awards for Entertainment & Contribution to Irish Tourism

Website: [www.briandbrody.com](http://www.briandbrody.com)

## Luxembourg

### AUTHENTICA

brings Luxembourg's folk traditions into a contemporary world-fusion context. Led by singer, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Martina Menichetti, the project merges carefully researched traditional material with original compositions. Celtic and Mediterranean influences expand the sonic landscape, creating music that is poetic, rhythmically rich and culturally vibrant. The sound feels both rooted and forward-looking. Authentica is the first Luxembourgish artist to perform at Celtic Connections in Glasgow.

**Friday 22h00 Kantin After-show | Saturday 21h30 CCRD**

Recognition: Celtic Connections (UK)

Website: [www.authentica.lu](http://www.authentica.lu)

# LINE-UP AND INFOS



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**RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS**  
**SKERRYVORE**  
**THE CELTIC SOCIAL CLUB**  
ANDREW STRONG | ACHTUNG BABIES  
THE PAPERBOYS | CURLY STRINGS  
RYAN YOUNG | BRIAN BRODY  
AUTHENTICA

Organisateurs:   

Sponsors:   

Partenaires médias:        

## TICKETS

**Festival Pass**

**50€**

## PRESS OFFICE

**Thursday**

**16€**

**Andrea Galleti | Sandy Heep**

**Friday | Saturday | Sunday** Presale **25€**

[culture@dudelage.lu](mailto:culture@dudelage.lu)

Thursday included

**Friday | Saturday | Sunday** Box office **30€**

## DOORS

**Thursday - 19h00**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday - 18h00**

## WHERE DOES THE ZELTIK FESTIVAL TAKE PLACE?

### Zeltik Prelude (thursday)

**St.Martin Church**  
1, Rue de l'Église  
L-3463 DUDELANGE

### Friday - Sunday

**CCRD opderschmelz**  
1a, Rue du Centenaire  
L-3475 DUDELANGE

### Zeltik Sessions

**Kantin**  
Place Thierry v. Werveke  
L-3475 DUDELANGE

### ACCESS

We strongly recommend coming by free public transport, either by train or by bus. There is a Schnauzelach bus stop directly in front of the CCRD opderschmelz, and Gare Usines train station is only a 5-minute walk away.

### WHERE CAN I PARK?

There are plenty of parking spaces for our visitors within a 10-minute walking distance:

- Directly at the cultural centre | Limited number of spaces
- Place Fohrmann car park | Near the supermarket
- Skatepark car park | Route de Thionville
- Am Duerf underground car park

### ARE THERE SEATS AVAILABLE?

Yes, you can either take a comfortable seat on our balcony (non-numbered seating) or of course dance in the stalls.

### IS FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE?

Enjoy the Zeltik Festival with plenty of food and drinks to keep you dancing all night! Try some of the finest Irish beers and whiskies, grab a snack from the food truck outside, or visit our on-site restaurant Amarcord.

### IS THERE A CLOAKROOM?

A cloakroom is available in the foyer of the CCRD opderschmelz.

### HOW CAN I PAY?

You can pay with Visa, Mastercard, V-Pay, American Express, Maestro, Bancomat or Digicash/Payconiq, as well as cash.

There is no ATM available on site.

## MORE INFO

Tickets, Timetable, Hotels, FAQs

[www.zeltik.lu](http://www.zeltik.lu)