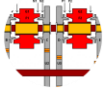


Synchromesh Resources



European & International Audio/Radio Drama and Sound Art Festivals

This is a list of European and International Audio Drama/Radio Drama and Sound Art Festivals, correct as at October 2025. They offer rich opportunities for hearing high quality and innovative work from across Europe and beyond; for networking and cultivating contacts; and for learning more about this exciting art form.

All Festivals operate in different ways so it is important to contact festivals direct to find out more about submission processes, awards, jury membership and accessibility to the listening events. We have made every effort to ensure accuracy but cannot be held responsible for information supplied by third parties.

Festival	Where	When	Website	Special Factors / Notes
UK International Audio Drama Festival	Canterbury, UK	March /April	https://radiodramafestival.org.uk/	Open-access international festival, public listening sessions in person & online.
BBC World Service International Radio Playwriting Competition	Online (UK-based)	Varies (next 2026)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5J6bfwwQ4G0044HZ5Skt33w/the-international-audio-drama-competition-2026	Global competition run with British Council. For writers outside the UK.
Grand Prix Nova International Radio Drama Festival	Bucharest, Romania	June/July	https://www.grandprixnova.ro/	Innovative radio drama competition; includes binaural and short form categories.
Prix Marulic	Zagreb, Croatia	May	https://prix-marulic.hrt.hr/	Focuses on radiophonic interpretations of old texts; international entries.

Celtic Media Festival	Rotates in Celtic nations (2026 Belfast)	June	https://www.celticmediafestival.co.uk/belfast-2026	Includes radio drama awards for Celtic & minority languages as well as English/French/Spanish/Galician.
Hearsay International Audio Arts Festival	Kilfinane, Ireland	Biennial, July	https://hearsayfestival.ie/	Covers all audio arts with strong narrative/drama strand. Immersive small-town setting.
Hörspielso mmer	Leipzig, Germany	July	https://www.hoerspielso mmer.de/	Open-air festival for audio plays, strong community focus, open competition.
Prix Bohemia Radio	Prague, Czech Republic	October	https://prixbohemia.czecz.radio/programme-6676669	Public service broadcaster festival; strong Central European focus.
Krakow Radio Play Festival	Kraków, Poland	October	https://www.radioteatr.polskieradio.pl/Festiwale-i-konkursy/Festiwali-Sluchowisk	Major Polish festival, competition for new radio dramas.
Prix Europa	Berlin, Germany	October	https://www.prixeuropa.eu/	Pan-European festival, includes audio fiction/documentary categories. ~1000 participants annually.
Fréquence Andorre – Festival de la Ràdio i les Arts Sonores	Andorra la Vella, Andorra	October	https://frequenceandorra.com/	Includes a strong “Radio Fiction” competition strand.
Prix Italia	Rotating Italian cities / Online	September–October	https://www.rai.it/prixitalia/	Prestigious broadcaster-focused competition (radio, TV, digital).
Fiction Festival (Hörspielfestival)	Cologne, Germany	November	https://www.wdr.de/k/hoerspiel/hoerspiel-festival/index.html	Organized by WDR; German-language audio drama competitions, listening & debates.
Hörspielta ge	Karlsruhe, Germany	November	https://www.hoerspielta ge.de/	Experimental/narrative audio art; both emerging & established artists.
Festival du Rayonnement du Théâtre	Paris, France	Varies	https://www.radiofrance.fr/festival-du-rayonnement-du-theatre-radiophonique	French-language radio theatre, historic + contemporary.

Radiophonique				
In the Dark Radio Festival	London, UK	Varies	https://inthedarkradio.org/events/festival/	Festival from In the Dark collective; includes documentary + drama storytelling.
Nordic Radio Drama Festival	Rotates Nordic countries	Biennial varies	(hosted by national broadcasters, no central site)	Collaborative festival of Nordic public broadcasters; showcases regional radio drama.
Documenta Urbana Radio & Audio Festival	Kassel, Germany	Every 5 years (next 2027)	https://documenta-urbana.de/	Parallel to the Documenta art fair; focuses on experimental audio + sound art.
ARS Acustica (EBU)	Europe-wide	Varies	https://arsacustica.ebu.ch/	EBU working group for acoustic art/radio drama; includes events & coproductions.
60 Second Radio	Montreal-based, online	April	https://60secondesradio.com/	International online micro-drama/audio art competition.
Radio Play Festival (Kent Drama Association)	Kent, UK	Varies (last held 2023)	https://www.kentdrama.org.uk/h_festivals.htm	Amateur/community-level festival. Cancelled in 2024; unclear future. **
Theatre of Others – Audio New Play Festival	Online (UK-based)	November (annual to 2023)	https://www.theatreofothers.com/audio-new-play-festival	Produced short-form audio plays via submissions; uncertain if still active. **
Echoes of the Past: 48-Hour Audio Drama Festival	Online (UK)	Occasional	https://audiofiction.co.uk/show.php?id=20240603-05	Short-form creation festival; podcast anthology made in 48 hrs. **
Zone Libre – Sound Art Festival	Bastia, Corsica (France)	Last known 2023 (Jan–Feb)	N/A	Sound art festival; uncertain if continuing. **
Sound Art Brighton Festival	Brighton, UK	Recent editions	https://soundartbrighton.com/festival/	City-wide installations, performances, sound walks.

Full of Noises (FON)	Barrow-in-Furness, UK	Biennial	https://www.fonfestival.org/about/	Experimental music & sound art festival with audio components.
Fort Process	Newhaven Fort, UK	2018 last known	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Process	Site-specific sonic arts festival. No edition since 2018 → may be inactive. **
Supersonic Festival	Birmingham, UK	Annual (since 2003)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supersonic_Festival_%28Birmingham%29	Experimental music & sound, includes sonic art.
SOUND/IMAGE Festival	University of Greenwich, UK	Annual	https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/activity/las/sound-image-conference-and-festival	Sound & image performances, installations, research.
Berlin Atonal	Berlin, Germany	Annual (since 2013 relaunch)	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Atonal	Major sound art + experimental festival, commissions new work.
MTF Labs (Music Tech Fest)	Rotating Europe/global	Varies	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MTF_Labs	Sound innovation + competitions (hackathons, performances).

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