



Open Call 2027-2028

Perform at the International Storytelling Festival Alden Biesen (Belgium)

Dear Storyteller,

Do you have a story that deserves to be heard? Can you captivate an audience, spark imagination, and create meaningful connections through storytelling?

The International Storytelling Festival Alden Biesen is looking for storytellers to join our upcoming editions in 2027 (13-17 April 2027) and 2028 (18-22 April 2028). We invite storytellers from across Europe to submit their work and become part of one of Europe's leading multilingual storytelling-festivals.

Every April, Alden Biesen welcomes hundreds of students, language learners and storytelling enthusiasts. Throughout the festival week, performances are held for students aged 12 to 18, adults taking language classes and people attracted to storytelling, in a unique setting that celebrates the power of stories across cultures and languages.

A distinctive feature of our festival is its multilingual programme. We present stories in Dutch, German, English, French, Italian, Spanish and Swedish, with several proficiency levels in English, French and Spanish. Native speakers play an important role in our programme, offering audiences the opportunity to experience storytelling in the richness of its original language.

Schools can choose one or more performances during the day, allowing them to combine performances in different languages (NL, DE, EN, FR). A school performance lasts 50 minutes (in Flanders, schools offer 50 minute lessons) while the evening performances for adults last between 75 and 90 minutes.

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We would love to meet you

To discover new talent and build the programme for 2027, 2028 and future festivals, we invite you to submit the Google form clicking [here](#):

Please have the following ready to upload in the google form:

- Your C.V.
- Link to a video of 10 to 15 minutes that showcases you performing in front of an audience.

Your submission will help us get to know your artistic style and determine whether your work could be a good fit for one of the upcoming festival editions. We will always consider your work with our audience in mind.

We'll regard this as a valuable addition to prospecting activities as it gives us a broader picture of the storytelling scene in different countries and it enables us to set up a talent pool for our future festivals.

Important deadline

Please submit your application no later than **23 November 2026**.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this call with fellow storytellers, networks and organisations who might be interested.

We look forward to discovering your stories and perhaps welcoming you to Alden Biesen.

Warm regards,

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