

GUITARS & FRIENDS FESTIVAL

Programme 2026

16 - 18 October 2026 | Nyon

A first of its kind in Switzerland: three unique days dedicated to songwriting, live concerts and privileged encounters between artists

Friday 16 October 2026 | Songwriters evening (acoustic evening)

Doors open: 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Concert: approx. 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

An opening live evening to launch the festival.

The story behind a song: during this evening, each artist will share their greatest hits while revealing the stories behind their creation: from the first spark of the idea to the recording of the song by other performers

Saturday 17 October 2026 | Public masterclass & concert

Doors open (masterclass): 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Masterclass: approx. 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Led by **Jeff Cohen & Charles Esten**, focusing on the mechanics of songwriting.

Doors open (concert): 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Saturday evening concert: approx. 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Each artist performs their own set, accompanied by the Dr Watson Band (GE).

Sunday 18 October 2026 | Public masterclass & local stage

Doors open: 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Masterclass: approx. 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Led by **Jeff Cohen** solo, to explore the mechanics of songwriting in greater depth.

Local artists evening: approx. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The festival gives the stage to local artists to present exclusive creations from the weekend and perform excerpts from their repertoire.

Format: each local artist will have 10 minutes on stage, for a final show of approximately 2 hours.

The Songwriting Journey is covered in a dedicated document and requires selection by application.

Schedules may be adjusted before the official opening of the festival.