

Special Benefits

- **Group liability insurance**

This is already included in the annual membership fee for full members. It covers up to ten million euros for personal injury and for damage to property.

- **Group accident insurance**

For a small charge per active member we offer full members this insurance coverage within Germany and abroad.

- **Music instrument insurance**

Within a framework agreement, the BDZ offers a special coverage within Europe.

Becoming a member

It pays well to become a member! Membership is available either as an orchestra, ensemble, single member or supporting member. Orchestras or individuals residing in countries other than Germany are welcome as members as well.

Single membership

This sort of membership is aimed at soloists, instrument teachers, artists and music lovers. Except for liability and accident insurance and the GEMA benefits, single members enjoy all the benefits offered by the BDZ, in particular music instrument insurance, and they can use the general GEMA contract rebate for their own concerts.

Ensemble membership

This kind of membership is open to ensembles and orchestras with at least four members. Under it, the club pays a special annual fee. You profit from all the BDZ's offers.

Cooperative membership (also possible as membership for residents from foreign countries)

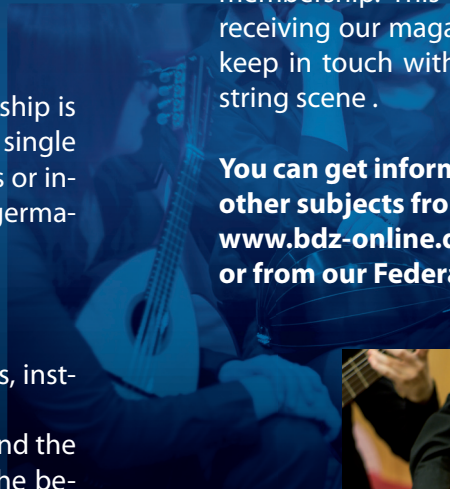
This kind of membership is for supporters and sponsors of the Federation including music schools and interested persons. This kind of membership includes the BDZ magazine "Auftakt!" and is also available for people living abroad.

Membership for residents from foreign countries

Interested persons and orchestras residing in countries other than Germany can choose this membership. This kind of membership includes receiving our magazine "Auftakt!" so that you can keep in touch with the current German plucked string scene.

You can get information about annual fees and other subjects from our website:
www.bdz-online.de
or from our Federal Administrative Office.

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The Bund Deutscher Zupfmusiker e.V. (BDZ) (Federation of German Plucked String Musicians - a registered association) is the leading specialist association for the plucked string field in Germany.

It aims at uniting, representing and looking after the interests of all music groups and persons involved in this sector of instruments:

- **People who play in ensembles and orchestras**
guitar groups, plucked string orchestras, zither ensembles, mandolin and guitar orchestras, music groups active at music schools and with private teachers;
- **Music professions**
Music teachers and specialist subject teachers, musicians, music students, tertiary music teachers, composers, music publishers;
- **Anybody else involved with plucked string music.**

What does the BDZ offer me?

- **The Federation's official magazine "Auftakt!"** (unfortunately currently only in German, but very interesting anyway.)

As a single member, you receive this magazine, which appears quarterly, free of charge. As well as reports on current events in the music scene, you get information on important plucked string-related subjects, our work at both federal and state levels, interesting reviews of recent publications and recordings, and also information about possibilities for sponsorship in various regions.

- **Considerable financial benefits**
By our framework agreement with the GEMA, the German performing rights association, copyright fees are included for member orchestras if they follow the correct procedure. Member orchestras register their concerts through the BDZ. Members receive attractive concession prices for many further education projects run by the state branches
- **Legal questions and how to run a club**

By being part of the BDZ, you benefit by information on relevant legal matters, such as those to do with clubs, agreements and music. You also get information on how to run a club successfully.

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- **Youth work**

The Federal Youth Advisory Council is always there when you need to talk about something. They are also available for special lectures or papers on particular matters. We offer webcasts on our websites - free of charge

- **Advertising for your projects**

You can publish information about your events and projects on the BDZ website as well!

- **Representing your interests and providing information**

The BDZ represents your interests and those of all German plucked string musicians in important umbrella organisations and specialist bodies and committees like for example those for the German Orchestra Competition (DOW), the competition Jugend musiziert or the Federal Association of German Orchestra Organisations. Our members benefit by getting news about new projects, competitions, financing and sponsoring possibilities. Our BDZ specialist committees (for example the Federal Music Advisory Council) regularly pass on information about things like training possibilities in Germany, instrument makers, and instrumental literature.