

**CALL FOR MUSICIANS**  
**The NRWedding Orchestra for Middle Eastern Music – Celebrating Oum Kalthoum**  
**Looking for musicians!**

The Orchestra for Middle Eastern Music is an initiative by theatre director Ariel Efraim Ashbel, working on bringing together musicians from different backgrounds, strengthening the links between the different communities through music and establishing opportunities for celebrating live middle eastern music and culture performed at a high quality in spaces where it would usually not be heard.

After a first and initial edition in Berlin-Wedding, following concerts in Berlin and Hamburg, Theaterfestival Favoriten in Dortmund and Forum Freies Theater Düsseldorf have invited Ariel Efraim Ashbel and his team to initiate a new orchestra and come together with musicians living in Dortmund, Düsseldorf and North Rhine Westphalia for celebrating the music of Egyptian singer Oum Kalthoum on two evenings in September 2018.

We are looking for musicians who have some experience with playing middle eastern music, and would like to come together with other people from all religions and nationalities to share their craft for a concert evening in honor of Oum Kalthoum. The concerts will take place at Theater im Depot, Dortmund on September, 12<sup>th</sup> and FFT Düsseldorf on September, 16<sup>th</sup>, with rehearsals during the month of August and September. An initial meeting and audition will take place on June 26 or June 27 2018 at Dortmund.

Musicians from all ages, backgrounds and nationalities are invited to contact us. Please pass this on to whomever find this relevant. We are available for further information here: [call@favoriten-festival.de](mailto:call@favoriten-festival.de)