



Welcome !

A warm welcome as a member of our Kunstkring ("Art-circle") De Kempen!

Our club has been around since 1945 and we are always happy to see new faces. We currently have about 130 members. They play an instrument (string or wind instrument, piano, harp, organ, etc.) or sing. Or they join just to listen.

Our Kunstkring revolves around the monthly music evenings. You can come and listen to others there or, if you wish, perform yourself. The performances can be ensembles or solo. It is also the evening to meet other amateur musicians in a cozy and informal atmosphere. And this way you can also find fellow players to play together outside of the evenings and, if you like, to perform together.

Our evenings are deliberately held on a different day every month so that everyone can attend a number of evenings during the year. Whether you come or not is up to you, but we would prefer to see you as much as possible!

After your registration, we will appoint a board member or a member of the Kunstkring who will be your first point of contact. He or she can help you find your way within the Kunstkring and can also help you find fellow players or find a music teacher. You can ask him or her any questions you have.

We hope that you will soon feel at home with us, whether you want to perform or just come and listen.

Below you will find some more practical information:

Well before a music evening, all members receive an email from the secretariat with the program of that evening and where the evening will take place. You will then also receive an overview of the following evenings, indicating whether there is still room for a performance. You can also find an overview of the evenings on our website.

If you would like to perform yourself, please notify the secretariat by email with the details of your piece, possible fellow players, duration and a preferred date. The board tries to accommodate this as best as possible and will always contact you about this.

We try to make the evenings as varied as possible. To keep the evenings interesting for everyone, we require a certain playing level. The board monitors this. But if you're not sure and you still want to give it a try, we also have our "podium zonder drempel" ("podium without barriers") evening.

We also have some other special evenings:

Every year we either have a 2-piano evening or a masterclass.



Anyone can register for that masterclass. The board ultimately determines the program. The Master is always a musician of top professional level. And even if you don't play yourself, it is always fun and educational to come and listen.

We also have an evening with (partially) "Open Podium", where everyone can play something spontaneously without registration and where we stretch the boundaries of chamber music (classical, jazz, folk...). Finally, we will have a special theme for one evening (folk music, innovation, etc.).

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There are several special groups specifically for pianists: they meet at each other's homes and play for each other. You can find the groups on our website. You can ask the coordinator if there's room for you.

The performances are for and by members, but you can also perform together with non-members, as long as there is at least one Kunstkring member present. If a non-member wants to perform often, we would of course like him or her to become a member! And you can always bring someone with you to get to know our association.

The evenings start at 8:00 PM and end around 10:15 PM. You are welcome from 7:30 PM and there is coffee and tea during the break.

Our evenings usually take place in the Old Catholic Church at Boschdijk 354 in Eindhoven. This intimate church has excellent acoustics for chamber music and it also houses our own grand piano.

The main entrance of the church can be reached on foot or by bicycle from the Boschdijk and by car from the Jan Duikerlaan. The door closes at 8:00 PM. Are you late? Please ring briefly and we will let you in when possible.

Once or twice a year we hold an evening somewhere else: such as at the "Academisch Genootschap" (Parklaan 93, 5613 BC, Eindhoven)

If you have not already received it, you can always request the membership list from the secretariat. This contains the names and photos of the members and their musical interests. Handy if you want to play together!

De Kunstkring De Kempen is an association with statutes and internal regulations, which can also be found on our website. Our board consists of 7 members who are elected every year in March during the General Members Meeting. They also organize the meetings.

Please also check our privacy policy on our website. It's important to know how we handle your personal data.

Another point of attention: if you unexpectedly want to cancel your membership, you must do so before January 1 of the following year, otherwise you will owe the Kunstkring the contribution for that year.

Be sure to check out our website: www.kunstkringdekempennl.nl and we are also active on social media (facebook/instagram, see link on the website).

Secretariat: secretariaat.kdk@gmail.com



Kunstkring de Kempen
podium voor muziek

We wish you a lot of fun and hope to meet you often!

On behalf of the Board,
Peter Gerretse, chairman