

No. 18 | Questions upon Questions - Preparations for the 2020/21 Winter Term

Dear Hanns Eisler School Community,

We hope you are enjoying the last hot days of this rather special summer and are already looking forward to welcoming you back to the Hanns Eisler School - at the latest when the new term begins again on Monday, October 5!

Since the beginning of the pandemic our colleagues in the administration of our academy have made it their business to always be at least two steps ahead! We returned to our desks after the summer break at the beginning of this week: preparations for the coming term are moving ahead at full speed and we hope to answer all the open questions still remaining by the time the new term starts.

At the moment we are working closely with the event and building management department to clarify the following issues for you as soon as possible:

- 1. Teaching during the winter term from October onwards: allocation of rooms in keeping with hygiene and distancing rules
- 2. Concerts and events during the winter term: once teaching rooms have been finalised, how much capacity will we have for concerts how and when can these take place? Is it going to be just us in the audience or are we going to invite a small number of guest into our buildings (as the UdK here in Berlin is planning to do)? All of you need a stage to perform on this is an essential part of the educational training we offer you. And we all want to hear and experience you on stage again again!
- 3. Entrance examinations: a total of 169 applicants from all over the world have made it through a digital preliminary round and are now eligible for the next one, which we hope to hold in person at the academy. We hope that the course of the pandemic will allow this to happen. However we are aware that a small number of applicants will not be able to travel to Berlin so we are preparing to hold these entrance exams in a hybrid format, combining analogue and digital formats for those who cannot be here in person.
- 4. Save the Date: our semester opening ceremony will be streamed live from the Studio-Saal on our website on Wednesday, October 7, at 6 pm. Join us digitally to get the new term off to a good start.

Kindest regards from the School's directorate - we are looking forward to personal encounters very soon!

Sarah Wedl-Wilson Professor Andrea Tober Hans-Joachim Völz Rector Prorector Chancellor

P.S.: A REMINDER TO EVERYONE: Please remember to submit the list of credits for all teaching and lessons that have taken place during the summer term and have been confirmed by the students.

REMINDER TO STUDENTS: Please submit your feedback on the mandatory teaching in Department D which you think you need to complete this coming term by Monday, Aug. 24, at the latest. doodle.com/poll/mfmszydzwkt8rz8m