

# Singer, Songwriter and Performer Club

Club Report 06.02.2023

## Club name

Singer, Songwriter and Performer Club (SSP Club)

## Club outline

The Singer, Songwriter and Performer club is a platform to connect EMBL musicians. It organises like in previous years virtual and live music events like Winter Concert, Mental Health concert (where we collected 1,581 Euros for refugee project and engaged with Ukrainian musicians) or musical entertainment for e.g. the Summer party this year. The club also organises and offers classes/training in audio engineering, recording and music theory and provides musical entertainment for EMBL events. A main focus of the club is the administration of the EMBL band room container which gives EMBL staff an essential place to practise, perform and connect. The investment into the band room are long term investments for future EMBL musicians and staff association events.

The Singer, Songwriter and Performer club was founded in 2019 and is based in Heidelberg. It now consists of active members (>28 EMBL members, 2 EMBL alumni and 4 external) as well as > 50 passive members who are sometimes joining the club activities (e.g. one time participants in the Winter Concert; please note that we do not count the EMBL Choir or staff from other outstations which can participate in our events).

## Activities of 2022

### Band room

EMBL staff can use the band room during breaks or in the evenings or weekends. It is used for band practices or when an instrument cannot be played in an apartment because of noise constraints or if the EMBL musician does not own or has the space for gear (e.g. drum set, e-Piano, band practice). The room contains basic equipment for common use and is ready to play as long as you bring your instrument. This includes

- Drum set
- E-Piano
- PA
- Mixer (with recording capabilities)
- Guitar amplifiers
- Music stands
- Mic stands
- Cables

for common use.

With people being on site, the band room is used ~ 3-11 times a week.

## Activities

All organised activities were online which include:

- Winter Concert Open Stage Event (~ 12 acts of ~ 20 musicians with about 100 visitors)
- Mental Health Awareness Concert (online, >300 views, > 30 musicians)  
We raised € 1.581,00 for Begegnungen in Walldorf e.V. Refugee project helping Ukrainian refugees and had Ukrainian musicians perform
- Summer fest musical entertainment. The SSP club provided musical entertainment for the whole event (afternoon and evening), used all the equipment from the band room and supported Kinderhaus with their stage as well.
- Equipment support for concerts for multiple EMBL/EMBO conferences
- How to record and stream music videos (online)
- Live Stream Concert (online)
- Meet and Connect (online)
- Introduction to the new digital mixer (online)

## Future plan with the band room

The band room is well equipped and regularly used. The equipment is an investment for the future and will be there for literally decades for future EMBL musicians.

There are two major and two minor points which would be highly recommended to be Addressed.

Firstly, the staff association PA (HK Audio LUCAS Nano 602/608i twin) needs a repair. One pole is broken and needs to be replaced. Although this is technically staff association equipment, the club is using it and would like to maintain it so it can be used in the band room

Secondly, we desperately need microphones and need to become independent from photolab for events. Therefore we should invest in vocal microphones and amp mics.

Thirdly, one of the remaining investments would be a bass amp. Currently there are private ones used, eventually we need to get a bass amp for ourselves so we can use it for our events.

## Spendings for 2022

<b>Expenses 2022</b>
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1	Hughes & Kettner Tube Amp	Tube Amp - Second Hand			€700.00		
1	Line6 Catalyst 100 B-Stock	Modelling Amp - B stock	€369.00	€310.08	€310.08		
1	Line6 LFS2 Catalyst Footswitch	Footswitch	€39.00	€32.77	€32.77		
1	Meinl Deluxe Cajon Seat	Cajon Seat	€19.00	€15.97	€15.97		
1	pro snake Bassamp Lautsprecherkabel 1,5m	Kabel for Bass amp	€14.50	€12.18	€12.18		
2	Ortega OAS-FL Amp Stand	Amp Stand	€18.90	€15.88	€31.76		
		<b>Budget 2022</b>	<b>€1,104.00</b>	<b>spent</b>	<b>€1,102.77</b>	<b>left</b>	<b>€1.23</b>

All spendings were investments into bandroom equipment.

## Planned activities for 2023

- Bi-weekly jam sessions in the band room starting from March
- Mental health awareness concert
- Bands for Summer fest
- Winter concert
- Online courses (How to record)
- On site courses (How to use the mixer)
- All activities of bands
- Maintaining the band room .

## Planned spendings for 2023

We kindly ask for support of our club and investment for the next years and generations with following purchases.

#		Info	Incl 19 % MwSt	Without taxes	Total without taxes	
2	Shure Beta 58 Set	Vocal Mics, Good and sturdy	€178.00	€149.58	€299.16	<a href="https://www.thomann.de/de/shure_sm57ic_bundle_ii.htm">https://www.thomann.de/de/shure_sm57ic_bundle_ii.htm</a>
2	Shure SM58 LC Mikrofon	Vocal Mics, Okay and sturdy	€109.00	€91.60	€183.19	<a href="https://www.thomann.de/de/shure_sm58.htm">https://www.thomann.de/de/shure_sm58.htm</a>
1	Sennheiser E906 Bundle	Amp Mic	€198.00	€166.39	€166.39	<a href="https://www.thomann.de/de/sennheiser_e_906_bundle.htm">https://www.thomann.de/de/sennheiser_e_906_bundle.htm</a>
2	Millenium DI-33 Aktive DI-Box	DI Box	€29.90	€25.13	€50.25	<a href="https://www.thomann.de/de/milleniум_dj33.htm">https://www.thomann.de/de/milleniум_dj33.htm</a>
3	pro snake TPM 15	XLR Cables	€15.50	€13.03	€39.08	<a href="https://www.thomann.de/de/pro_snake_tpm_15_417553.htm">https://www.thomann.de/de/pro_snake_tpm_15_417553.htm</a>
1	Instrumentenkabel TWEED BLACK 6,3mm Klinke, mono - 6,3mm Klinke, mono, 3,0 Meter	Instrument Cable, 3m	€10.90	€9.16	€9.16	<a href="https://www.session.de/produkt/klang-instrumentenkabel-tweed-black-6-3mm-klinke-mono-6-3mm-klinke-mono-3-0-meter/">https://www.session.de/produkt/klang-instrumentenkabel-tweed-black-6-3mm-klinke-mono-6-3mm-klinke-mono-3-0-meter/</a>
1	Instrumentenkabel TWEED BLACK 6,3mm Klinke, mono - 6,3mm Klinke, mono, 6,0 Meter	Instrument Cable, 6m	€12.90	€10.84	€10.84	<a href="https://www.session.de/produkt/klang-instrumentenkabel-tweed-black-6-3mm-klinke-mono-6-3mm-klinke-mono-6-0-meter/">https://www.session.de/produkt/klang-instrumentenkabel-tweed-black-6-3mm-klinke-mono-6-3mm-klinke-mono-6-0-meter/</a>
2	HK Audio S-Connect Pole Lucas Nano 602/608i	Replacements for PA	€178.00	€149.58	€299.16	<a href="https://www.kirstein.de/Boxenstative/HK-Audio-S-Connect-Pole-Lucas-Nano-602-608i.html?gclid=Cj0KCQIA54KfBhCKARIsAJzSrdoMTWxL8o_d9DRiqMDRbPGmU-bXNqLfk2JzD9YMrovD9Lj4bixJynQaApeCEALw_wcB">https://www.kirstein.de/Boxenstative/HK-Audio-S-Connect-Pole-Lucas-Nano-602-608i.html?gclid=Cj0KCQIA54KfBhCKARIsAJzSrdoMTWxL8o_d9DRiqMDRbPGmU-bXNqLfk2JzD9YMrovD9Lj4bixJynQaApeCEALw_wcB</a>
2	Thomann CTG-10 Clip Tuner	Tuner	€4.90	€4.12	€8.24	<a href="https://www.thomann.de/de/thomann_ctg10.htm">https://www.thomann.de/de/thomann_ctg10.htm</a>
1	Back up Money for Cables				€50.00	
				<b>Sum</b>	<b>€1,115.46</b>	

We kindly ask to support our club with a similar amount of last year, which was all carefully invested in the future of EMBL musicians. If there is leftover money end of this year, we are happy so suggest purchase of a bass amplifier (400-600 euros).

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## Member list

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H0enRn\\_FnAtgKXx40AAYnnDNoHN6MRrkKNj7OamQf20/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H0enRn_FnAtgKXx40AAYnnDNoHN6MRrkKNj7OamQf20/edit?usp=sharing)

(Filled in by Google Forms when people sign the form, like Doodle)

We only had one day to sign up our members, there are in fact more active members.

Thank you for your support