



The **Main Festival** will run from **Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th August**, with the **Street Festival** on Wednesday evening and Friday lunchtime.

Band Contest

Will feature 8 bands selected by the jury in February from submitted MP3 tracks.

2 finalist bands will play every day of the festival from Thursday to Sunday.

Prizes for winning bands:

1st place: €2,000 cash prize, prime concert slot next year at La Roche (standard travel allowance) and an invitation to play at the [Clear Creek Rapidgrass Bluegrass festival](#) in Colorado in June 2018, with an allowance of \$5,000 to help cover travel costs (accommodation provided by festival).

With thanks to Rapidgrass for renewing this great prize.

2nd place: €1,000 cash prize

3rd place: €500 cash prize

The jury will consist of one representative from each of EBMA, Rapidgrass, La Roche, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, Central Europe and Eastern Europe.

Selection Criteria are: *Band cohesion, Quality and originality of arrangements, Instrumental technique, Vocal qualities (lead and harmony).* Stage Presence and Set Balance are also judged during the festival.

The Lunchtime Sessions

Will feature 6 acts playing on the lunchtime stage in front of the food court and VIP tent from midday to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

2 bands will be US headliners (also playing the evening stage). The other 4 slots are open to new and upcoming European bands. One of them (at least) will be invited back in 2018 to play on the main stage.

Playing conditions at La Roche Bluegrass Festival 2017

Playing Venue	Playing Time	Line Check	Travel Allowance	Meal tickets	School Sleeping
Main stage in competition	60 mins	15 mins	Yes	Yes	Yes
Main stage out of competition	60 mins	15 mins	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lunchtime sessions	45 mins	15 mins	No	Yes	Yes
Street Festival Wed & Fri	60 mins	No sound	No	NO Meal in bar	Yes

Apart from invited headline acts, please be aware that no fees are paid to bands above the conditions stated below.

Travel allowance

0.30 €/km from home address of band leader to La Roche and back (2 ways). One car / band

School Accommodation

4 nights (Thursday thru Sunday) in one of our 2 partner schools. With breakfast.

Bands may invite one partner/spouse per musician (10€/night/guest, with breakfast)

Due to numbers attending the workshop, accommodation during the week before the festival is not possible except under certain circumstances, or if playing Wednesday street gig.

Meal tickets

Given each morning to performing musicians and 1 guest for use on the festival site (Thursday thru Sunday)

Street Festival bands are offered a free meal (musicians only) by bar at time of set.

Application to play La Roche Bluegrass Festival 2017

Please fill in this form and return it to christopherhw@mac.com **before February 8**

Send with 4 good quality MP3 recordings that represent the band today (sound and musicians)
(NO internet links please)

Contest finalists will be selected (unseen) by the jury before March 12th according to stated criteria
and the final programme will be announced before March 31st

Band name		
City and country of origin		
Contact person		
Email		
Cell phone		
Musicians & instruments		
Short bio for programme notes		
Web site		
YouTube link to live show	(optional)	
We would like to play	... (you may select as many as you want)	Tick Box
Main festival in competition		
Main festival out of competition <i>if not selected for contest</i>		
Main festival out of competition – <i>don't want to play in contest</i>		
Lunchtime Sessions		
Street Festival Wednesday		
Street Festival Friday		
Tick box if you want to play street festival <i>even if not selected</i> for main programme		

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : FEBRUARY 8