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SZIGET FESTIVAL

Sziget Festival is a music and cultural festival held every August in Budapest, Hungary. The festival started as a small gathering in 1993 and has since evolved into one of Europe's largest music festivals that, over six days, brings the biggest names in music from the widest variety of genres with more than 1,000 performances across 60 stages. Each summer, the festival welcomes hundreds of thousands of participants representing more than 100 nationalities. The site lies close to the city centre, allowing festival goers to explore Budapest anytime during their stay.

CASE: SUPERAR

Every year, Sziget pairs up with a charity they want to support. In 2019 and 2022, they partnered up with Superar, where the deposit of every reusable cup dropped off at a collection point at Sziget went towards supporting the Superar program. Superar also performed at the festival both years.



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ADVOCATING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH MUSIC EDUCATION

Superar is an initiative empowering children and young people from underprivileged conditions through active music-making to overcome their socio-economic boundaries. Superar uses music education as a tool for dialogue between different groups of society, advocating the importance of equal opportunities for all children. Superar sees daily artistic promotion as a promising way of reaching people of every social, ethnic, religious, political, and educational background, educating them to be self-sufficient and responsible European citizens.

Superar believes music education promotes a variety of positive outcomes. Their model is based on the idea that training every student to realise their musical potential improves their focus, motivation, creativity, and confidence. Working together creatively reinforces a sense of community, communication skills, consideration for others, tolerance, and acceptance of criticism. Cultivating these skills is a fundamental part of their model and is at the core of many socio-political and educational issues. More than 2000 children benefit from Superar, including about 27 nations in Austria, Switzerland, Slovakia, Bosnia, Romania, and Liechtenstein.



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RAISING THE PERSPECTIVES OF CHILDREN FOR LIFE

Superar's goal is to enrol many children in music education programs free of charge. The project offers children and families a possibility to connect to their city's public and cultural life, establish connections to artists and their surroundings and thus be introduced to people and ideas that would otherwise not be accessible. The most crucial goal of Superar is to raise children's perspectives for life and help them discover their potential, especially for their educational careers. Superar is constantly working on better education opportunities for children through various co-operations. They organise visits to different departments of their cooperation partners (concert halls, theatres) to introduce children to other options for their vocational education.

“ ... Music as the common language of humanity can play an essential role in the development of the personality. There is growing evidence of the benefits of a high-quality music and arts education providing benefits to children beyond musical skills itself. ”

– Judith Morvay , Program Director, Superar Hungary

Name: *Sziget Festival*

City & country: *Budapest, Hungary*

Capacity: *450,000 (over 6 days)*

Site: *Óbuda Island*

Camping: *Yes*

Number of days: *6*

Established in: *1993*

