

## Newsletter January 2026



### On to the Piano Walk 2026!

First of all, the board of the Piano Edam Foundation wishes all readers a wonderful and musical 2026!

No one knows what the new year will bring, but one thing is certain: the Piano Walk will take place again on Sunday afternoon, May 31st. We're already looking forward to it and are working hard to make it happen.

With this newsletter, we'd like to keep our pianists, piano friends, sponsors, and venue owners informed of the progress.

### 21st edition

The first Piano Walk took place in Edam in 2004. It was a great success at the time, and has since grown into a small festival with a great allure. In the attachment we send a [retrospective of last year's anniversary edition](#). The 21st edition will take place on May 31, 2026!

The goal is to give young pianists/musicians, whether studying or recently graduated from the conservatory, the opportunity to gain stage experience. Many others will also perform, from young children taking piano lessons at music school to advanced amateurs. The piano takes center stage! The programming is diverse, ensuring that a wide audience can enjoy different types of music: from classical to jazz and modern.



### Programming

Our fellow townspeople Anke Ophoff, Marcel Zijlstra (musicologist), and Micha Molthoff (violinist) are responsible for the program's composition. They maintain contacts in the music world. For example, Anke is a regular attendee of the recitals of the Piano Department of the Conservatory of Amsterdam. Several promising piano students will again perform in the upcoming edition.

### Together we make it possible!

The Piano Walk is made possible every year with the help of venue owners and sponsors!

This year, piano music will once again be played at approximately 17 locations in characteristic and historic buildings in Edam's beautiful city center: private homes, local businesses, churches, and City Hall. Without these venue owners, there would be no Piano Walk!

### Want to support us?

The event is free to ensure everyone is welcome.

The costs incurred are primarily for (travel)allowances for musicians, piano and grand piano rentals, stage rentals, and sound systems.

Fortunately, we've been supported by various sponsors, both large and small, in recent years. But every year, it's a challenge to raise the necessary funds. It would be a shame if the Piano Walk were no longer held annually. Besides being a wonderful musical event, it's also a showcase for Edam-Volendam, isn't it?

You can support us as a business owner with your name mentioned starting from just € 100.

You can also support us as an individual. For just € 10 a year, you can become a Piano Friend. And of course, you can donate more! You can find the account number or our QR code below and on our website.

### **Reinforcement needed**

The Piano Walk is looking for new board members, as several current board members have indicated they would like to pass the baton. We are looking for positions such as a treasurer and a fundraiser. We would also like a volunteer to manage the Piano Walk's social media presence. If you would like to help us, or would like more information, please email [info@piano-edam.nl](mailto:info@piano-edam.nl).

In the next newsletter, we'll announce which musicians and locations have already registered. We expect the program to be largely complete by April.

We're looking forward to a wonderful Piano Walk in 2026! How about you?

Kind regards,

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