



## What?

[United Music 75](#) is a musical challenge to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations and its International Court of Justice, seated in The Hague's Peace Palace.

Musicians can play, sing or compose an adaptation of the *Hymne des Nations*\* while challenging others to do so as well. The aim of this one-year [challenge](#) is to show solidarity and highlight the convening power of music for a common cause: **Peace through justice.**

## Why join?

We want as many musicians, representing as many nations as possible to participate in this challenge, and hope this will lead to a musical chain of submissions representing all nations by April 2022.

October 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 musical variations were presented to surprise the UN on its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 the *Hymne des Nations* was performed by the **Residentie Orkest The Hague** and harpist **Lavinia Meijer** live from the Museon. Composer **Jaap Nico Hamburger** incorporated the thematic material into the second movement to honour the spirit of the founding of the Court.

## How?

- All musicians can take part in the [#unitedmusic75](#) challenge. Musicians can play, sing or compose their own adaptation of the Hymne des Nations and share it on [#unitedmusic75](#)
- Any language, any instrument, electronically or vocal.
- Instructions can be found on [here](#)
- Videos can be uploaded on Instagram.
- For further promotion, please send your video in highest quality format directly or via WeTransfer to [team@haguetalks.com](mailto:team@haguetalks.com)

## When?

**June 26<sup>th</sup> 2020** Kick off, marking the day the Charter of the UN was signed  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> 2020** The UN turns 75 and we'd love to have your variations by then  
**December 10<sup>th</sup> 2020** Human Rights Day: Get up, stand up, put your tunes online  
**April 2021** Anniversary of the International Court of Justice in The Hague  
**April 2022** Presentation of the longest, most diverse and inspiring musical chain

## Examples and more info

- Learn more about the [project](#)
- Examples on insta [@unitedmusic75](#) as well as existing [translations of lyrics](#) and musical [notation](#).

## Partners

[Lavinia Meijer](#), [Hague Project Peace and Justice](#), [United Nations Regional Information Centre](#), [International Court of Justice](#)

\* The Hymne was written in 1913 by Jewish-Dutch composer Charles Grelinger (1873-1942) on the occasion of the opening of the Peace Palace.