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# The JBL Music Academy with Martin Garrix returns featuring global ambassador Benson Boone for the first time



**Amsterdam, 17 June 2026** – It's official. The JBL Music Academy with Martin Garrix and Benson Boone is welcoming applications for the Class of 2026. Now in its fourth year, the Music Academy program continues JBL's mission to empower emerging artists through their journey in the music industry.

Returning once again to Martin Garrix's record label in Amsterdam, STMPD Studios, the exclusive program is packed with workshops designed to help aspiring musicians, songwriters, and producers take their careers to the next level. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to learn from Martin Garrix and other leading industry figures and grow their network by connecting with other like-minded artists.

JBL is also committed to using its historic presence in the music industry to support artists beyond the program. The Music Academy has given alumni the opportunity to perform at major events like Tomorrowland Festival, Amsterdam Dance Event (ADE), and Club JBL events in London and Amsterdam.

The Music Academy's impact can be seen in the success of its alumni. Earlier this year,

Martin Garrix worked closely with alumnus, Lofin, to transform an original demo into a fully realised release, bringing in trusted collaborators Mark Otton and Frank van Essen to help bring the track to life.

Merow, an artist from the inaugural JBL Music Academy class, has also continued to build momentum since completing the program. After signing with STMPD RCRDS, she has gone on to perform around the world, building an international following with her energetic sound and dynamic live sets.

These success stories highlight the opportunities available to Music Academy participants long after the program ends, demonstrating JBL's ongoing commitment to nurturing the next generation of music talent.

"The JBL Music Academy has always been about creating opportunities," said Martin Garrix,

JBL Global Brand Ambassador. "Each year, we are inspired by the talented artists that walk through our doors, and I am very proud of the platform we have built to support their growth and success. We can't wait to meet the Class of 2026!"

Artists can apply by completing the application form and submitting a motivational video and up to three music tracks that best represent their personal sound. Applications for the

JBL Music Academy with Martin Garrix are now open to artists from Europe\*, Asia\*\*, India (excluding the state of Tamil Nadu), Australia, USA, Brazil and Argentina. The deadline to apply is August 14th, 2026. The shortlist will be announced on September 3rd, and finalists will be announced on September 24th.

To learn more about the JBL Music Academy with Martin Garrix or apply as an artist, please visit: <https://www.jbl.com/musicacademy.html>

\*Participating European countries are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

\*\*Participating Asian countries are China, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, South Korea



## About Martin Garrix

Martin Garrix, one of the youngest and most successful DJs and producers, has become a major figure in the pop and electronic music scenes. Since his breakout hit "Animals" in 2013, at just 17 years old, Garrix has headlined festivals globally, collaborated with stars like Dua Lipa, Bono, The Edge, Khalid, and Macklemore, and garnered 25 million monthly listeners on Spotify. His chart-topping tracks, such as "In The Name of Love" (2016), "Scared to Be Lonely" (2017), "Ocean" (2018), "Summer Days" (2019), and "We Are the People" (2021), have shaped the sound of modern dance-pop. Known for his high-energy performances and infectious productions, Garrix continues to connect with audiences worldwide, solidifying his place as a pioneer in electronic music. Climbing yet another rung of his ladder to stardom, he is a founder of his very own label (STMPD RCRDS), owner of a studio complex in Amsterdam, and a mentor to upcoming artists.

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