

**INTRODUCTION & CERTIFICATE
INITIATION MUSICALE WILLEMS®**

PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTION

The **Introduction to Willems® Music Initiation** and the **Willems® Music Initiation Certificate** Training are aimed at music-loving educators and teachers who wish to complement their pedagogical practices with young children or people with disabilities with an active and reflective dimension related to music, or for personal interest.

GOALS

The goals of the Introduction to Willems® Music Initiation and the Willems® Music Initiation Certificate Training are to:

- to provide autonomy to lead the musical initiation of young children in the fields of listening, singing voice, rhythm and body movement
- to give the ability to adapt the Willems® principles for day nurseries, day care centres, nursery schools or facilities for the disabled
- to prepare for the theoretical and practical tests of the Willems® Certificate of Musical Initiation

PROGRAMME

The Introduction to Willems® Music Initiation and the Willems® Music Initiation Certificate Training prepare students to practice and master the first two levels of music education established by Edgar Willems, i.e. the levels dedicated to musical initiation.

Obtaining the Certificate authorizes the recipient to claim mastery of the basics of the "Willems® Method" and marks his or her ability to give 1st and 2nd degree Willems® lessons.

The programme includes the following chapters:

1. For musicality :

- Comprehensive aural development (sound qualities, sound movement, melodic and harmonic intervals, 3-tone chords and intratonal space)
- Rhythmic and metrical sense, basics of polyrhythm, body movement and rhythmic improvisation
- Vocal culture, singing, acquisition of a repertoire of songs, melodic sense, free improvisation, modal or tonal
- Introduction to harmony, vocal practice
- Basic music theory and simple rhythmic and melodic dictations
- Musical listening

2. For pedagogy :

- Basic pedagogy course, covering topics relating to music, musical and instrumental education and the psychology of the child in musical action, based on the written work of Edgar Willems in particular
- Observation of practical lessons (live with children or on video), pedagogical progression of musical initiation (1st and 2nd degree), this progression also being tested on oneself
- Throughout the training, joint work on video extracts of practical lessons brought by the participants and filmed in the context of their activity

PROGRESS OF THE ACTION

1. Recruitment / Prerequisites

- Admission to the course is based on an application with a Curriculum Vitae and a Letter of Motivation.
- To gain access to the 2nd year towards the Willems® Certificate of Musical Initiation, the trainee's solfeggio knowledge must be attested by elementary musical studies.
- For students who do not have proof of solfeggio knowledge to present, an entrance test will be carried out including an evaluation of singing, written and oral solfeggio (melodic and rhythmic reading and dictation).

2. Duration of the course

The training takes place over 2 years with a total of 90 hours (group and individual) given on Saturday afternoons during the school year and an intensive summer course according to a schedule established in advance.

- - Year 1 / IMW Introduction and IMW1 Certificate: 24 hours of classes + 20 hours of internship if continuing in IMW2 Certificate (national meeting)
- - Year 2 / Certificate-IMW2: 40h course + 1h individual assessment + 5h exams (written & oral)

3. Access time

- The opening of a training course is conditional on a minimum of 8 participants (15 people maximum).
- A census of potentially interested people is carried out throughout the year (with the possibility of drawing up estimates for employer/OPCO funding). A review of the list of contacts is carried out in June-July for the coming season and a follow-up and registration campaign is carried out at the beginning of September, for a training start between the end of October and the beginning of January.

4. Accessibility for people with disabilities

The places where the International Willems Federation® training courses take place are mostly in accordance with PRM standards. It is essential to contact the FIW in advance so that it can anticipate and make the necessary arrangements to provide the best possible welcome.

TEACHING, TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY RESOURCES

1. The educational means

The training includes, among other things

- the presentation of practical lessons
- the collective practical implementation of the pedagogy between trainees
- collective technical work
- personal technical work on the spot or to be done between sessions
- studies of texts by Edgar Willems or other works relating to the themes addressed and to Willems® musical pedagogy

2. The technical means

The courses take place in premises adapted to musical practice and physical movement (spacious rooms, equipped with musical instruments, sound and audiovisual teaching material).

3. The means of supervision

The courses, led by the FIW Training Manager, are supervised by :

- trainers who hold the Willems® Professional Didactic Diploma (obtained after at least 10 years of active pedagogical practice and following specific training).
- trainers specialised in their field of intervention, musical or otherwise: general pedagogy, scientific research, personal development, body and movement...

MEANS OF MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION AND ASSESSING ITS RESULTS

- Attendance sheets, drawn up for each half-day of training, will be signed by the trainees and the trainer(s), justifying the completion of the said training.
- Different types of evaluations (oral or written, collective or individual, musical and pedagogical) are proposed during the training, in the 1st as well as in the 2nd year. In addition, the training programme includes the written and oral examinations for the Willems® Certificate of Musical Initiation.

=> [consult the complete programme of examinations](#)

SANCTION(S) OF THE TRAINING

- A certificate, specifying the nature, the achievements and the duration of the session, will be given by the FIW to each trainee, at the end of the 1st year of training.
- A certificate (attendance/participation and mark sheet) will be given to each student who has not passed all the tests of the Certificate.
- The Willems® Certificate of Musical Initiation is issued at the end of the written and oral examinations at the end of the second year, if the candidate has validated the practical pedagogy (video) and his/her participation in 1 training course (national or international meeting). This will also be accompanied by certificates (attendance/participation and mark sheets).

RULES

The various regulations relating to the Training Courses and the Organisation can be consulted and downloaded from the Willems® International Federation website www.fi-willems.org or sent by e-mail on request.

- Rules of Procedure / Willems® Training
- Rules of Procedure / Willems® Training Courses
- Rules of Procedure / Willems® International Federation
- Terms and Conditions / Willems® International Federation

FEE INFORMATION / CONDITIONS & OBLIGATIONS

1. Registration fees

- Prices excluding transport, accommodation and meals
- Prices subject to possible adjustments during the course
- Rates are not subject to VAT (VAT not applicable, article 293B of the general tax code)

Summary of overall cost of Willems® Introductory Music Training (as of 1 September 2021)	Private individual	OPCO
Introduction IMW: Training fees + Management fees	365 €	490 €
IMW Certificate - 1st year: Course fee + Summer course + Management fee	565 €	770 €
IMW Certificate - 2nd year: Tuition + Exams + Administration fee	715 €	980 €
Total IMW Certificate training (1st and 2nd year)	1.280 €	1.750 €
+ Annual membership at the trainee's expense: 20€ (15€ for students on presentation of proof)		

2. Cancellation conditions

- In the event of force majeure, the full amount of the tuition fees will be reimbursed after deduction of the amount of the courses taken prior to the incident, upon presentation of proof.
- Otherwise, a minimum of one third of the total amount of the tuition fees will be retained by FIW. The sum remaining after deduction of this third or of the amount of the courses followed prior to the cancellation if the amount evaluated is higher than the third, cannot be reimbursed but will constitute a credit note attributable to all of the FIW's educational activities (training courses, internships, meetings...).
- In both cases, the management fee and the annual membership fee will be retained by the IWF.

The Willems® International Federation is a non-profit organisation. The courses are self-financing. Every registration is an individual commitment for a given amount. Each payment contributes to the overall balance.

3. Mutual commitment between trainees and IWF.

- The IWF undertakes to provide all scheduled courses for the duration of the training, i.e. two years. Courses or training courses that cannot be provided will be replaced or, failing that, deducted from the annual registration fee.
- The trainees commit themselves at the time of registration to follow the training until its end and to attend all the courses, with a tolerance of 25% of absence without reduction of tariff.
- Trainees undertake to pay the full amount of the registration fee according to the payment schedule agreed upon at the time of registration.
- In case of non-payment and after the usual reminders, the file will be handed over to an independent collection service: *France-Recouvrement*.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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