



CARITASFEST 4TH EDITION

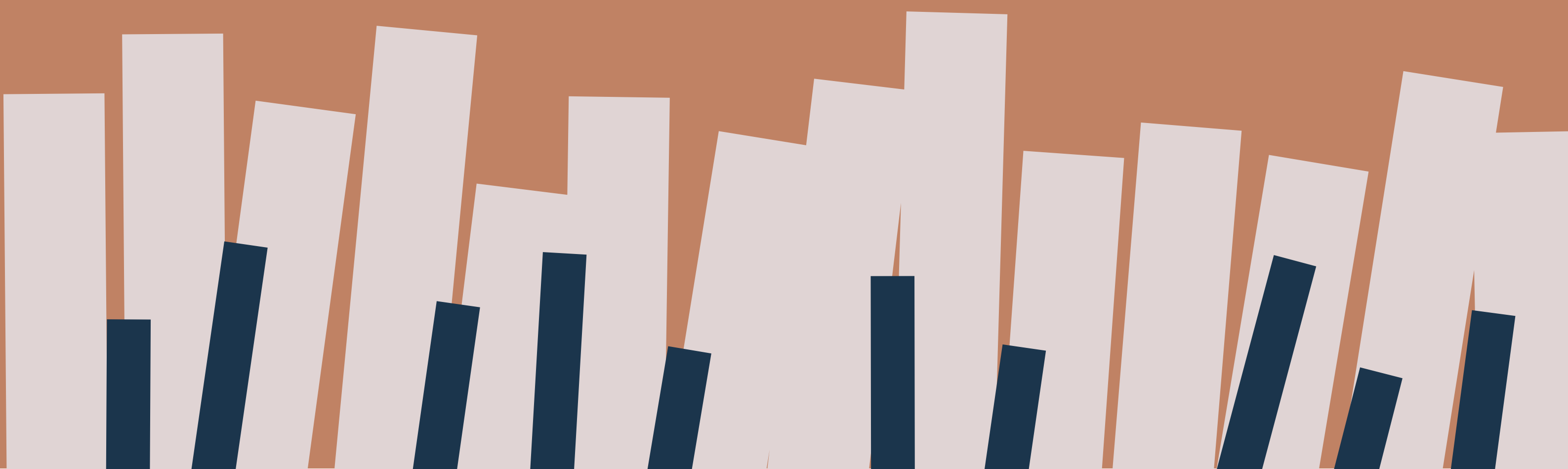
MUSIC & SONGWRITING WORKSHOP FOR INTERESTED YOUNG PEOPLE

Friday 17th April, 2026 at 08:30 - 13:30

Venue: Caritas Community Centre, Hamrun



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Information and Guidelines

Caritas Malta presents the fourth edition of Caritasfest, aimed to bring students together through projects that foster participation, reflection, and creativity. All secondary schools across the Maltese Islands are invited to take part in this initiative during the 2025–2026 scholastic year. This year's edition will revolve around the theme **Peace**, offering the students the opportunity to engage in a Music and Songwriting Workshop, and to collaborate with other students from different schools. Through this experience, young people are encouraged to use their voices to promote meaningful messages, inspire others, and drive positive change, through songwriting and music expression in our native language, Maltese. Guided by youth workers, a local musician and other guest speakers, students will explore the therapeutic nature of music and actively participate in the song writing process, concluding in a collaboratively written original song.

Aim

- Encourage self-expression through song writing and collaboration
- Promote teamwork and communication skills among the students
- Provide a platform for education for young musicians, singers, and lyricists

Applicants

- Secondary Schools must register individuals or groups of young people from **Year 9**. Not more than 4 students per school. Only a total of 50 students can participate in this workshop.
- Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- School registrations will open on the 6th of October 2025 and close on the 12th of December 2025, by noon (*Refer to how to apply section*)
- **School personnel** from each secondary school must submit the application on behalf of the participating student/students and accompany them for the seminar.
- Caritas Malta reserves the right to cancel the Caritasfest if the number of registrations is insufficient.

Consent forms

Consent forms must be submitted to Caritas Malta prior to the date of the seminar. Participants without a signed consent form will not be permitted to take part in the event. The consent form will be sent to the school once registration is confirmed, and it must be returned to Caritas Malta as soon as possible to ensure participation.

Ethical Guidelines

The fourth edition of Caritasfest is a platform for young people to express themselves through music. To ensure that all contributions during the workshop align with the values of respect, inclusivity, and ethical integrity, the following guidelines will be adhered to:

Respect and Inclusivity:

- Avoidance of language or content that could be discriminatory, offensive, or exclusionary during the song writing process.

Promoting Positive Values

- Lyrics should promote positive action, community engagement, and ethical values.
- Content that promotes violence, discrimination, harm to individuals or groups will not be allowed.

Collaboration and Celebration

- Students should seize the spirit of collaboration, learning, and mutual appreciation of each other’s creativity.

Seminar Schedule | Friday 17th April 2025

Time	Activity Description
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of students
09:00 – 09:30	Introduction by Youth Workers
09:30 – 10:30	Music as Therapy – A reflective and experiential session on how music can support mental well-being and coping with daily stress.
10:30 –10:50	Short Break
11:00– 13:15	Creative Workshop with Local Artist – A hands-on songwriting session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walkthrough of how a song is written• Group activities: students are divided into songwriting teams• Roles: verse writers, chorus creators, melody creators• Collaboration to create a full original song, supported by the artist
13:15 – 13:30	Closing Remarks by Caritas Malta Director

How to Apply

Interested schools can apply through the available link below which will be made available on Monday 6th October 2025:

- <https://forms.office.com/e/QUc2Tqv5qt>

Once all applications are received, Caritas Malta will contact the participating schools for an online informative meeting about the workshop.

Registration Deadline

CaritasMalta is calling all interested schools to submit their interest by Friday 12th December 2025, by noon. This information will also be available on Caritas Malta Website on Monday 6th October 2025:

- Link: <https://www.caritasmalta.org/>

Contact Information

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For further information kindly contact Mr Gabrijel Mansueto, Ms Kimberly Pepe or Ms Eleanor Borg on 22199000 or send an email to eleanor.borg@caritasmalta.org.

Support Fondazzjoni Caritas Malta

As you are aware, during the Caritasfest we invite you to support us by offering a donation towards the yearly Caritas Marathon which will be held in November 2025. Should you opt to donate, we will provide you with information to join us during the live Marathon happening on Saturday 1st November 2025.

<https://www.caritasmalta.org/donate/>

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