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Conservatorium Haarlem is the first music conservatory who has applied for an international 2-year associate degree program for top talented electronic music producers/DJ's and artists.

More than ten years after the E-music bachelor degree program started, Conservatorium Haarlem is once again the first music conservatory who has applied for a part-time associate degree program. An associate degree is a two-year higher education, which in regards to level, sits between the Dutch mbo-4 and hbo-bachelor degree. With this associate degree, Conservatorium Haarlem responds to a current industry demand, the demand for a high quality, part-time education for top talented electronic music producers/DJ's and artists who have already taken the first steps into their music careers. Together with teachers and industry professionals, the students are going to further build on their careers and fulfil their ambitions.

Richard Zijlma (artistic director of Conservatorium Haarlem): *"Holland has been dominating the world of electronic music for years. To maintain this leading position and pioneering role, we need to invest heavily in new talent. Knowledge of technology, producing skills, songwriting and music theory are of great importance to take Dutch electronic music to the next level. The E-music associate degree is therefore necessary to provide top talented producers/DJ's and artists with a high level of education."*

Central to the program, will be the interaction with the industry and will specifically focus on further developing the skills and creativity of the student, including marketing their own productions/brand and creating relevant (inter)national networks; along with entrepreneurship, music rights and mental coaching to give guidance on how to cope with a hectic life in the music industry. Participating in exclusive masterclasses, writers camps, music fairs and visits to festivals, clubs and studio's etc. will be a substantial part of the course and comparable to the four year bachelor degree.

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