

PIANOCEAN

A piano sailing the world

Pianocean is an artistic and sailing project, led by the piano and the voice of Marieke Huysmans Berthou. Pianocean aims to be an ambassador for free international culture, lived and shared across the seas.

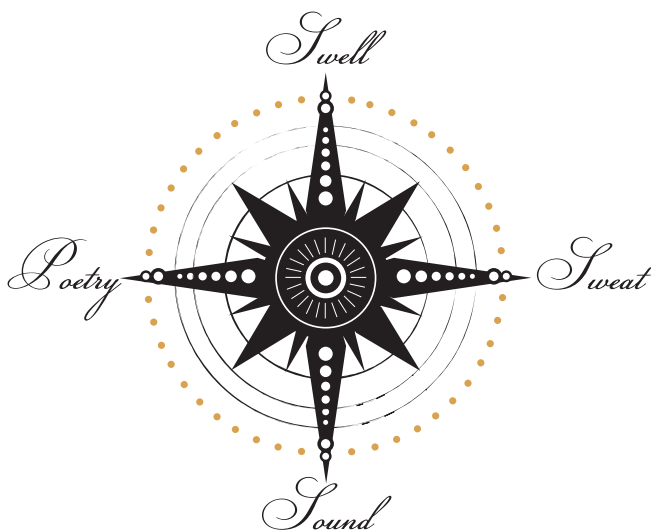
On board the sailing boat Lady Flow, the ship crew will tour the islands of the world. Islands are isolated places, open to the sea which strongly conserve their local culture.

Pianocean wishes to discover their hidden treasures.

Pianocean is a moving place of interaction and creativity designed for cultural and human worldwide collaboration.



Meeting the world by sea & music



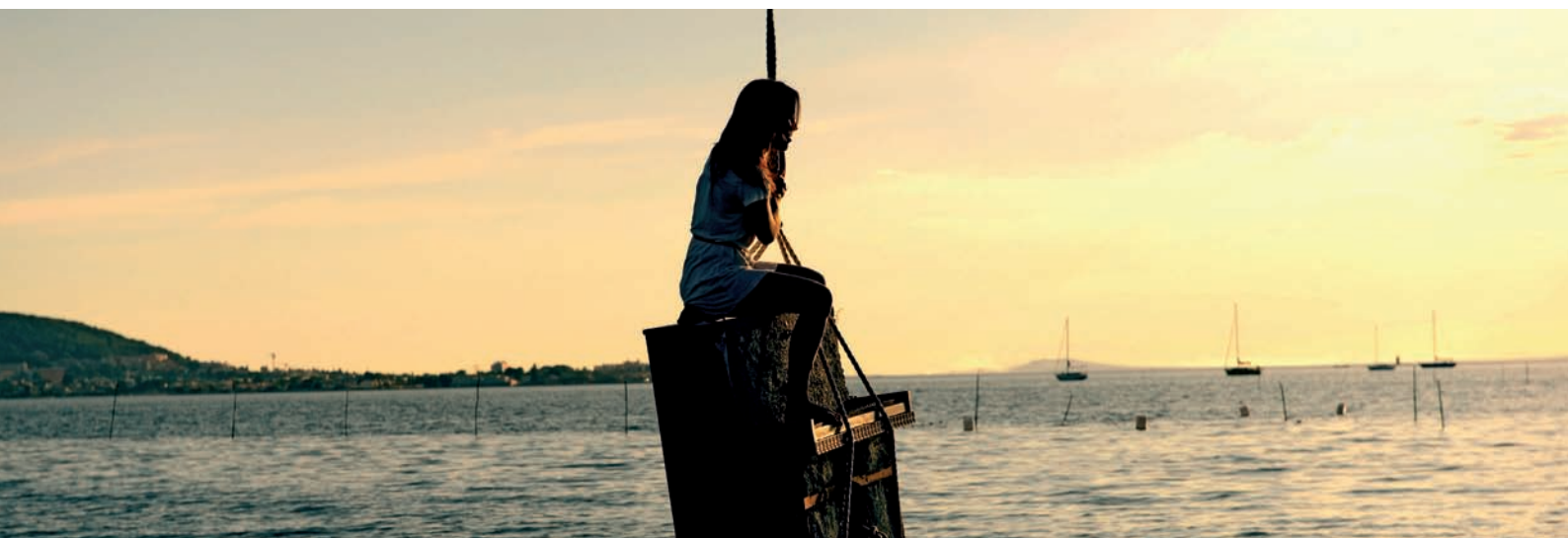
A mobile musical project

Times of navigation are built around coastal itineraries and scheduled concerts which are given on the deck while the public is on the port quay or on the beach. The boat turns into a performance area.

The pianist sings stories from her travels inspired by the journeys at sea and the previously encountered cultures.

She becomes the link between and the spokesperson for various islands heritages. Music becomes the vector of stories from these islands, reaching new communities and offering the opportunity to create new links between them. Recording is done on board, saving the collective musical memory.

Carrying stories of the islands, offering a voice to travel over the oceans



Lady Flow: a boat, a voice

Lady Flow is a 40 foot sailing boat. Unusual, strong and safe, she is the ideal sea companion for the Pianocean adventure.

The boat has been adapted to host a piano and a recording studio, facilitating the mission of Pianocean. As each concert takes place, the piano is moved from the back cabin to the deck by a lifting system which turns the deck into a stage. A full sound system has been installed on the masts to enable live shows for the public on the quay.

Marieke Huysmans Berthou is a pianist and a singer. In between concerts, fully trained for sailing and flying, she travels the world by seas and skies.



Between France and Ireland, nourished by both cultures, she has developed a poetry of voyages and humanity, in both English and French. In the same way as the Anglo-Saxon songwriters, she creates at each step a poem, from each poem music and from each note a step forward. With Pianocean she has taken the name Lady Flow to enchant us with stories of other places, other people...

If Corto had a piano...

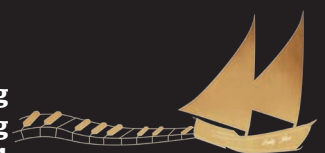
Cultural dialogue



Pianocean is a journey for cultures and heritage. At every port of call, the pianist spends time with the local population sharing their experiences and stories. Seven days are spent on each island, sharing and discovering, wherein the Pianocean crew adapts to the islanders rhythm of life and their traditions.

With the assistance and contribution of the local community, the crew creates a meeting place that facilitates multidisciplinary and intergenerational creation. A space for expression where everybody is invited to tell their stories and culture. The results of these exchanges are collective musical compositions, testimony of each island heritage. Studiocean allows the recording and spreading by Lady Flow during her land & sea tours. A concert with the participation of islanders is organized at the end of each stay.

Pianocean tells us what happens afar, to inform what happens here



Welcome Lady Flow for a magical experience

The captain dresses with her costume, the piano lifted on deck, the public gathered on the quay...
Already, music from afar plays and spirits travel with melodies.

Fully equipped with its own lighting and sound system for an audience of up to 200 people, Lady Flow is autonomous to play concerts (only requires access to electricity). If a larger audience capacity is required, it is possible to link the Lady Flow to a larger external sound and light system



A concert is like a voyage on the sea, with its calms and its storms

Festivals, concerts, nautical events, private events...
Offer your public an original & unique concert.

To organise a concert and/or to request further information, please contact us.
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Come on Board

Every culture has strong roots and flourishes when in contact with others. We invite you to take part in the exciting adventure that is Pianocean.

This odyssey is already underway, the piano is on board, the first step has been achieved... For this reason, we invite you to come on board and participate in the success of this amazing project.

Pianocean is accessible and open to everyone.



**Businesses, public organisations, foundations,
people of the world...**

Join the crew and help us realise this unique adventure!

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