

December 2010

" Our NEW Newsletter!"



YOU are of course **the first** to get your hands on "it", fresh-off-the-press! New guestroom photo, new design, new lay-out, and thereby simply **clearer**...Our creative experts had **great ideas** here! Do you like our new format **just as much**?

One thing has naturally stayed the same: the entire **team** behind this effort – and with it, the **distinctiveness** of your **Hotel AUSTRIA newsletter**...

"Pre-CHRISTMAS-Magic"



For a few days „Pre-Christmas-Angels“ have been quite busy to decorate all floors beautifully! This year our undoubted „**Heaven’s workshop expert**“ is Mrs. Karin. She conjures one magic Christmas decoration after the other with her special skills and extraordinary creativity.

Take a little bit of your time and admire these Pre-Christmas signs! Who knows - possibly you can hear bells ringing somewhere ...

„**CERTIFICATE of EXCELLENCE**“ - for Hotel AUSTRIA!

TripAdvisor is an **international online platform for rating hotels**. Over 270,000 tourism-based services / operations are rated by guests worldwide.

There are at least **343 hotel operations in Vienna**. In all categories, **Hotel AUSTRIA** is at the **15th place overall** and is the **top-ranking hotel under the 3-star category!** Through your above-average ratings, we’ve received a special recognition from TripAdvisor just a few days ago: the **“Certificate of Excellence for the Year 2010”!** To **all of our guests**, we all simply wish to say **“thank you”**...



“A true ARTIST – at Hotel Austria!”



Until now, only a few people knew this for a fact. Our Mrs. Weiss-Reyes is also a true ARTIST “at the side”!

She has also been an impressive painter for many years now... Just a short while ago she even had a (really small) part of her artwork presented during a vernissage event at Vienna’s first district.



You can admire six of her paintings displayed since a few days ago in our TV lounge and breakfast hall.

„Current HAPPENINGS / EVENTS in Vienna in December 2010“



Interested in music, theater, the opera, museums, or exhibitions?

We’ll be happy to **keep you informed** about all the dates / schedules and perhaps even let you in on **a few secrets** too...

New Year’s Eve 2010/11

Vienna is THE city of bon vivants. This is particularly true on New Year’s Eve when the old town is given over to exuberant celebration and dance – when high spirits abound, whether at gala dinners, prestigious balls, concert halls or chic bars.

On 31 December, **Vienna's old city center** transforms into a giant party zone: Top entertainment is guaranteed by the **New Year's Path**, which winds its way from City Hall through the narrow lanes of the city center.

Along the New Year's Path, dozens of gastronomes serve you punch and culinary treats. Eleven stations provide humorous entertainment with a show program, waltzes, an operetta, rock, pop and folk music as well as a DJ



line-up. The Vienna Dance Schools offer crash courses in the waltz, and a large **fireworks** display draws the crowds to the **Prater**.

A unique New Year's atmosphere can also be enjoyed on a boat trip along the Danube, at the Imperial Ball in Hofburg Palace and at New Year galas held in City Hall and the city's leading hotels. The Majestic Emperor train, a "palace on rails", allows you to ride into the New Year in luxurious style, while the Vienna **State Opera** once again stages its traditional performance of Johann Strauss' "**Die Fledermaus**".

New Year's Day in Vienna will be greeted in classic fashion with a morning "hangover cure" brunch - featuring the Vienna Philharmonic's New Year's Day concert on a big screen - in front of City Hall.

www.wien-event.at

Winter in the MQ



Things get hot in the MuseumsQuartier from 11 November, even on the coldest of winter days. This is ensured by special punch creations in the new ice pavilions, the curling lane and a varied program with DJ sounds and all sorts of action.

The **MuseumsQuartier** in Vienna is not only a popular place to meet in summer. During "**Winter in the MQ**", the inner courtyard is transformed into an atmospheric winter location. Sophisticated **punch specialties** are served in the six **new ice pavilions** to warm visitors up. **Video projections** on the façades bathe the MQ in a very special light.

DJs provide a diverse mix of music for **warming sounds** during "Winter in the MQ". There's a great throng every year at the popular **curling lane**. The pond of the MuseumsQuartier hosts the "Winter Race" - with remote-controlled cars.

At the "**Cool Kids**" event on 5 December, there's a special program for children and families for the whole day. If you're looking for Christmas gifts, why not have a rummage through the **WeihnachtsQuartier** from 26 to 28 November, where designers offer interiors, ceramics, glass, fashion and jewelry for sale.

11 November - 23 December 2010

MuseumsQuartier (MQ) Mo-Fr from 4.00 pm, Sa & So from 2:00 pm

www.mqw.at/winter

Musical Christmas

Uwe Kröger and other musical stars of the Vereinigte Bühnen set the "musical" mood for Christmas at six concerts in the Ronacher.

The popular **festive Christmas concerts** of Vereinigte Bühnen Wien (the city's largest musical producer) will be held again this year during Advent. At the "Musical Christmas in Vienna 2010", musical stars such as Caroline Vasicek, **Carin Filipčić**, **Uwe Kröger**, Rasmus Borkowski, **Wietske van Tongeren**, Dennis Kozeluh and others will enchant and delight the crowd. There are also a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, the Christchild and reindeer.

Accompanying **music** will be provided by the orchestra of the Vereinigte Bühnen. On the program: **popular Christmas songs** and **rarities** from around the world to get you in the mood for the best time of year in an emotional and lively way - including classics such as **"White Christmas"** and **"Let it snow"**.

Tickets: Tel. +43 1 58 885

www.musicalvienna.at



Dates:

3 December 2010, 7:30 pm - 4 December 2010, 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm

5 December 2010, 6:00 pm - 18 December 2010, 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Rodin and Vienna

This autumn, the Belvedere is presenting an exhibition that shows the creative works of famous sculptor Auguste Rodin and his relationship with Vienna.

Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) was a corresponding member of the **Viennese Secession**. In this function, his works have been on view in the famous Art Nouveau building since 1898. The Belvedere also acquired numerous exhibits by the Frenchman from this time. Around **30 of Rodin's works** will be on view in the exhibition "Rodin and Vienna" from October 2010 to the beginning of February 2011. For example, the Belvedere is showing "The Burghers of Calais", "Eva", "**Balzac**", the terracotta design for the monument for Victor Hugo and a portrait bust of the author. The show, comprising a total of 60 exhibits, will be supplemented with **selected loaned works** and **historic photographs**.



Rodin is considered an important **pioneer of the Modern era**. He set new standards in the area of statuary art and sculpture by trying out new forms of presentation. For example, he dispensed with a plinth for the "The Burghers of Calais", presenting the group of figures at the eye-level of the viewer instead. Moreover, the figures can be looked at from all sides, discarding the previously normal frontal view. Rodin saw his art as a bridge between yesterday and tomorrow.

1 October 2010 - 6 February 2011

daily from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Weds 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

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