

May 2010

With an unexpected SWING in the mornings...



Would you rather just not YET look in the mirror?

“WHERE in the world are the toothbrushes and toothpaste again?!”

“Actually, I’d really like to just go BACK to bed right now...!”

All these are about to end now!

We’ve just started building authentic CORIAN washbasins with extra-LAAARGE toiletry surfaces in our bathrooms...

Doesn’t matter if the night was too short!

Just imagine standing right there; TOUCH the nice surfaces...

And NOW look at the mirror –

That COULD only be a day that begins in full swing!

## Our MARATHON-Man - Wolfgang Döller!

We don’t know exactly how long he’s been training for the **Vienna City Half-Marathon**. For a few weeks now, Wolfgang Döller has been foregoing taking the metro and runs “plain and simple” to Hotel Austria!

Even though his **6-month-old daughter keeps some of his nights short**, he adamantly keeps up with this running program!

He ran the half-marathon in an UNBELIEVABLE 1 hour and 46 minutes!

NOW we know why Wolfgang Döller can answer all your questions and concerns with so much ENERGY!

P.S.:

If you want to run as well next year –

Just talk to him – perhaps you can receive a **personal training plan** from our **Marathon-Man...**



“Vienna – up close and personal”



This time we'll take a closer look at: **Historic bridges and fountains**

**You can walk over 1,716 bridges** ... at least you can in Vienna. Vienna actually has four times as many bridges as Venice - 10 over the Danube, 32 over the Danube Canal, 40 over the Wien River, 271 U-Bahn bridges and many more. The U-Bahn developed from the metropolitan railway designed by Otto Wagner, which required the construction of several bridges. These constructions may have been built for purely technical reasons, but were designed down to the smallest detail and are therefore definitely worth seeing. They mark the cityscape of Vienna to this day.

Small but mighty is the **Konstantinsteg** in the Vienna Prater, which was opened in 1873 and is therefore the **oldest bridge in Vienna**.

Just as interesting in terms of their architecture are **the many historic fountains** that dot Vienna's streets and make it one of the most livable cities in the world. The Vermählungsbrunnen fountain (1729) in the Hoher Markt is one of the most important Viennese fountain monuments of the Baroque period. The Donnerbrunnen fountain (1739) in the Neuer Markt also has an interesting history: the naked figures (allegories of the Danube's tributaries) were removed soon after Empress Maria Theresia established the Chastity Commission. Today, they are to be found in the Baroque Museum in the Lower Belvedere. The Pallas-Athene Fountain (1902) in front of the Parliament building, the Andromeda Fountain in the Old City Hall, the Austria Fountain on the Freyung and the Memorial Fountain to Empress Sisi in the Volksgarten are also worth a visit.

The more than **700 drinking fountains** and **54 monumental and memorial fountains** are all situated on central squares and are ideal quiet points to take a pause.

## Current EVENTS in Vienna in May 2010



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

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

## Vienna Festival Concerts 2010

**The Vienna Festival's music festival is one of the traditional highlights of Vienna's concert calendar, featuring top-flight international orchestras, world class conductors and soloists and great works.**

This year's Wiener Festwochen music programme is dedicated to the Viennese composer Alban Berg, as 2010 marks both his 125th birthday and the 75th anniversary of Berg's death. The central works of Alban Berg's oeuvre are his two operas Wozzeck and Lulu. Due to their compositional perfection and close ties to the seminal literary works that inspired them, these operas are considered outstanding testimonials and innovations of 20th-century music drama.



14 May – 20 June 2010

[www.festwochen.at](http://www.festwochen.at)

## Art fairs in Vienna



In May, Vienna is the meeting place for art lovers from around the world who come to visit the Viennafair and art austria.

The **Viennafair** will be held for the sixth time in 2010 and presents a **mix of established and up-and-coming Austrian and international galleries** with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe. Gallerists will display their newcomers in the exhibition area "Zone 1". Around **120 galleries** from right around the world will participate in this year's Viennafair. The fair will have a few new features: For the first time, the Viennafair will be open until 9.00 pm on Friday, 7 May 2010. And the special exhibition "**Borrowed Time**" will show an extensive programme of video and film.

The exhibition series "**curated by\_vienna**", opened within the context of the Viennafair, is also dedicated to the topic of "art&film". From 6 May to 5 June 2010, **20 exhibitions in 20 galleries** will address the question "What interests contemporary artists in film?" Each of the 20 exhibitions will be curated by a **prominent artist**. For example, **VALIE EXPORT** will be deployed for the Charim gallery in Vienna.

Artworks from the 20 th century are the topic of the **art austria** art fair in the MuseumsQuartier. The event, which is being held this year for the third time, has established itself as a **special fair for Austrian art of that century** and offers collectors and interested parties a special art offering.

### Messe Wien

6-9 May 2010

[www.viennafair.at](http://www.viennafair.at)

### curated by\_vienna

6 May-5 June 2010

[www.curatedby.at](http://www.curatedby.at)

### art austria

27-30 May 2010

quartier21 MuseumsQuartier,

[www.art-austria.info/](http://www.art-austria.info/)

## Television as an art form

The MUMOK thematizes the artistic debate on the mass medium of TV with the exhibition "Changing Channels. Art and Television from 1963-1987".

On view are works by **Andy Warhol**, **VALIE EXPORT**, **Yoko Ono** and **John Lennon**, **Ant Farm** and **Arnulf Rainer**. The entire MUMOK Factory is turned into a screen for the TV show "Andy Warhol's TV", whose 42 episodes were also broadcast on MTV and presented by stars such as Grace Jones, Jerry Hall and Debbie Harry.

The exhibition, which runs until June, shows works that **discuss the social influence** as well as the economic, technological and **social mechanisms** of this medium. The period covered is **from the 1960s to 1980s**.

### **Changing Channels. Art and Television from 1963-1987**

**March 5 - June 6, 2010**

[www.mumok.at](http://www.mumok.at)



## **Baroque Parks and Gardens in Vienna**



**Whether it is the park of the Schönbrunn Palace, the Palace Garden of Belvedere, or the Augarten – the mixture of baroque magnificence and the beauty of nature provide a nice contrast to a stroll in the Old City and leave an unforgettable impression!**

### **Park at Schönbrunn Palace**

Stroll down long avenues between artfully trimmed hedges, passing statues, fountains and splendid flower beds - maybe towards the **Palm House** from 1882, the largest in Europe, to the **Maze**, the Japanese Garden, or up the hill to the **Gloriette**, where you can enjoy a wonderful view in a Viennese café . A splendid baroque garden awaits you in the formerly private imperial gardens next to the palace, along with a unique collection of cacti in the **Desert Pavilion** from 1904. Visitors to the **world's oldest zoological garden** can enjoy the colorful activities of exotic and regional animals. You can admire the variety of the species and their habitats in the [Schönbrunn Zoo](#).

### **Park at Belvedere Palace**

One of the most significant gardens in Europe, this baroque garden (year-round, free admission) was constructed by Prince Eugen von Savoyen in about 1700. In the upper Belvedere you can experience the flowering of **4,000 alpine types of plants** from March to August - in the **world's oldest alpine garden**, founded by the archduke Johann 200 years ago. Regional and exotic plants are featured in the nearby **Botanical Garden**.

### **Augarten**

The Augarten is a public park with a size of 52.2 hectares that has the **oldest baroque garden in Vienna**. It is located in the second Viennese municipal district. Arranged in the French style, the garden offers not only a ground-floor area with elaborate flower landscapes but also an extensive network of shady avenues lined with chestnut trees, elms, lime trees, ash trees and maple trees. However, as is the case in nearly all of Vienna's state gardens, night-time visits are not possible since the five park gates are closed (from dusk to early morning - the seasonal hours are displayed on metal signs at the gates). The Augarten is also home to a wide range of facilities such as the Vienna Boys' Choir in the Augarten Palais, the [Augarten Porcelain Manufaktur](#), the Augarten Contemporary and the Film Archive Austria.

### **Schlosspark Schönbrunn**

[www.schoenbrunn.at](http://www.schoenbrunn.at)

**Schlosspark Belvedere**

[www.belvedere.at](http://www.belvedere.at)

**Augarten**

[www.bundesgaerten.at](http://www.bundesgaerten.at)

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