

## November 2012

### “360° Panorama Tour of Vienna – Now on our HOME PAGE!”



The **Schönbrunn Palace**, the **Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral)**, the **Parliament**, the **Albertina**, the **Rathaus (City Hall)**, **Prater**, and so on and so forth...

We’ve put over 40 recorded panoramas of Vienna’s most world-famous buildings, churches, squares and museums on our webpage for you!

Go to [www.hotelaustria-wien.at](http://www.hotelaustria-wien.at), click on “**Pictures & Videos**”, and then select “**360° HD Panorama Tour Vienna**”:

You can immediately explore fascinating panorama recordings **in brilliant HD quality** – not only as 360° views, but also from above, below, and whichever way you want!

### “Warm in bed – in our Winter Down Comforters!”

In early October, we’ve already thought of using our heating system so you can also feel comfortable at night. The **late summer sun** however continued to indulge us and the **air-conditioning** still runs in some of our **Comfort Guestrooms!**

Autumn however will certainly start anytime...

That’s why we’ve already brought some of our **cuddly, soft, feather-light and, most of all, warm winter comforters** to your rooms.



Open the windows in the evening, breathe in deeply and finally, cover up to your noses with your down comforter!

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Even with below zero degree temperatures, you’ll **still feel comfortably warm...**

### “Our Housekeeping Ladies – Now also elegantly ‘Framed!’”

Have you ever been so pleased with your **spanking clean room** or with your **sparkling clean bathrooms** – and yet have never even seen your housekeeping lady?

Now you’ll be able to admire a **freshly-framed photograph** on your floor hallway: that is none other than “**she**” – **your “kindred spirit” on your guest floor!**



Now you are certainly going to recognize “your” housekeeping lady wherever and whenever you see her!

## “Current and upcoming EVENTS / HAPPENINGS in Vienna in NOVEMBER 2012”



Interested in music, theater, the opera, museums, and 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...**

### Christmas markets

**From mid-November to Christmas, Vienna's prettiest squares transform into magical Christmas markets. The aroma of Christmas bakery items and hot punch creates a pre-Christmas atmosphere.**

At the traditional **Vienna Magic of Advent, the Rathausplatz becomes a shining fairytale land.** The 150 or so sales stands offer Christmas gifts, Christmas tree decorations, sweets and warming drinks. The trees of the surrounding City Hall park are festively decorated and radiate in a sea of lights. There are lots of offers here for children in particular.



Not far away is the **Christmas village on Maria-Theresien-Platz**, situated between the Museum of Fine Arts and the Natural History Museum. Over 60 stands offering traditional handicrafts and original gift ideas are set up here during Advent. The romantic **Christmas village in the Old AKH** is also a popular meeting point during the run-up to Christmas, especially for the younger crowd.

The **Old Viennese Christmas Market on Freyung** in the city center is committed to tradition. A Christmas market was held here as early as 1772; today, it is a place to buy handicrafts, glass decorations, traditional cribs and ceramics. Festive Advent music can be heard on the square from 4.30 pm. Top-quality handicrafts can also be purchased a couple of steps further along at the **Am Hof Advent Market.**

The **cultural and Christmas market in the Ehrenhof in front of Schönbrunn Palace** offers romance in front of an imperial backdrop, and is converted into a New Year's market after Christmas. The atmospheric market offers traditional handicrafts, hand-made Christmas decorations and an extensive children's program, including Christmas workshop. The **Advent market in front of Belvedere Palace** is also held in an imperial ambience.

An alternative **Christmas market on Karlsplatz** provides the opportunity for contemplation. There is bound to be a Christmas gift amongst the numerous handicrafts on offer. There's also lots to discover in the idyllic little lanes of the **Christmas market on Spittelberg**. Experience is the word at the **winter market on Riesenradplatz**. There are children's adventure rides, musical live acts and a humorous show program here until 6 January.

### **Vienna Christmas Market**

**17 November - 24 December 2012**

daily from 10.00 am to 9.30 pm, Fr & Sa until 10.00 pm

24 December until 5.00 pm

Rathausplatz, 1010 Vienna

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

### **Christmas Village at Maria-Theresien-Platz**

**21 November - 26 December 2012**

daily from 11.00 am - 10.00 pm

24 December, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm

25-26 December, 11.00 am - 8.00 pm

Maria Theresien-Platz, 1010 Vienna

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

### **Christmas Village at Belvedere Palace**

**23 November - 23 December 2012**

Mo-Fr 11.00 am - 9.00 pm

Sa, Su, hols. 10.00 am - 9.00 pm

Prinz-Eugen-Straße 27, 1030 Vienna

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

### **Christmas Village at Altes AKH**

**17 November - 23 December 2012**

Mo-Fr 2.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Sa, Su, hols. 11.00 am - 10.00 pm

Alserstraße/Spitalgasse, Hof 1, 1090 Vienna

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

### **Old Viennese Christmas Market**

**23 November - 23 December 2012**

daily from 10.00 am - 9.00 pm

Freyung, 1010 Vienna

[www.altwiener-markt.at](http://www.altwiener-markt.at)

### **Am Hof Advent Market**

**16 November - 23 December 2012**

Mo-Th 11.00 am - 8.00 pm, Fr-Su 10.00 am - 8.00 pm

Am Hof, 1010 Vienna

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

### **Cultural and Christmas Market & New Year's Market, Schönbrunn Palace**

**24 November - 26 December 2012**

daily from 10.00 am - 9.00 pm

24 December from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, 25-26 December from 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

**New Year's Market from 27 December - 1 January 2013**

daily from 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

Schönbrunn Palace, 1130 Vienna

[www.weihnachtsmarkt.co.at](http://www.weihnachtsmarkt.co.at)

### **Advent Market on Karlsplatz**

**23 November - 23 December 2012**

daily from 12.00 noon - 8.00 pm, food until 9.00 pm

Karlsplatz, 1010 Vienna

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

### **Christmas Market on Spittelberg**

**15 November - 23 December 2012**

Mo-Th 2.00 pm - 9.00 pm, Fr 2.00 pm - 9.30 pm

Sa 10.00 am - 9.30 pm, Su & hols. 10.00 am - 9.00 pm

Spittelberggasse, Schrankgasse, Gutenberggasse, 1070 Vienna

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

### **Winter Market on Riesenradplatz**

**17 November 2012 - 8 January 2013**

Mo-Fr 12.00 noon - 10.00 pm

Sa & Su 11.00 am - 10.00 pm

24 December noon - 4.00 pm, 31 December + 1 January noon - 2.00 am

trade until 8.00 pm

Riesenradplatz, 1020 Vienna

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

<http://www.wintermarkt.at/>

## **Voica Mania**



The a cappella festival is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary under the motto "Stimmkunst at its best" ["Vocal art at its best"]. Thirty-five groups and soloists from sixteen countries activate their vocal chords for audiences from 9 November to 9 December.

The international best of the best clear their throats at Voice Mania with classic, jazz and rock-pop surprises, and demonstrate charmingly witty repartee.

A cult ritual at the opening on 9 November 2012 is "**Balcanto**": ten vocal artists (formations) sing on balconies in the city center, in St. Peter's Church and then in the House of Music - with free admission. On request, a number of vocal acrobats accompany passers-by along part of their way, singing and in the groove. - Vocal art at eye level to take away.

As part of the anniversary program for 2012, celebrated a cappella stars, such as the legendary **Real Group** from Sweden, the **Cantabile** quartet from London and the sensational bands **Basta** and **Maybebop** from Germany, invite you to join the celebrations. Also on the list is countertenor **Edson Cordeiro**, the world wonder over four octaves from Brazil. **Urstimmen** and **GlasBlasSing Quintett** present the a cappella theater of the future. Vocal theater and slapstick stars from Voice Mania's past come together exclusively for the "Long Night of the A Cappella": the unpronounceable **U-Bahn Kontrollöre in tiefgefrorenen Frauenkleidern** and **Montezuma's Revenge**. The festival closes with the **Beatboxing Comedy Show** by KaiRo.

Numerous performances are given over 18 days at House of Music, Vindobona, Metropol, Theater am Spittelberg, Konzertcafé Schmid Hansl and in the Minorite Church.

### **9 November - 9 December 2012**

Various venues

Tickets and information: Tel. +43 1 526 13 85

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

<http://www.voicemania.at/>

## **Viennale turns 50**

**Austria's biggest film festival celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and offers film highlights from around the world from 25 October to 7 November. Oscar prize-winner Michael Caine and former Viennale director Werner Herzog are expected to attend as guests of honor.**



Every year, the Viennale brings current feature and documentary films to Vienna, which would otherwise not be screened in the country's cinemas.

This year, on the **50th anniversary**, there is a particularly large number of them: in 14 days, around 300 selected feature, documentary and short films will be shown. Also included are worthwhile commercial **works from the USA** such as "Rampart" with Woody Harrelson, "Killer Joe" with Matthew McConaughey or "Dark Horse" with Christopher Walken. A number of cinematic pearls from Portugal are also waiting to be discovered this year, including by director Miguel Gomes. A small special shows works by the unknown Portuguese film-maker Manuel Mozos. **Contributions from Austria** are also represented.

An homage is dedicated to the **Oscar prize-winner Michael Caine**, who himself will grace the Viennale as a guest. A retrospective at the Film Museum shows the film creations of **Fritz Lang**. The Viennese-born director created masterpieces such as "Metropolis", "M" and the Dr. Mabuse films, in addition to many unknown works. Another special is dedicated to the eerie, and shows well-known horror films such as "Alien" (Ridley Scott), "The Hills Have Eyes" (Wes Craven) and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (Tobe Hooper).

As always, the Viennale is a showcase for popular **parties and premieres**. Most of these take place in the



**festival headquarters**, which this year are located in the temporarily vacant **corporate headquarters of Austrian Post** in the 1st district (Postgasse 8/Dominikanerbastei 11).

**25 October - 7 November 2012**

Various cinemas in Vienna

The complete Viennale program can be downloaded online from 16 October:

[www.viennale.at](http://www.viennale.at) <http://www.viennale.at/>

## Naked Men at the Leopold Museum



**The Leopold Museum is showing lots of bare skin in the exhibition “Naked Men” running from October 2012 until January 2013.**

Nude women are not a rarity in fine arts; many exhibitions have already dealt with this topic. But **naked men** have been neglected up until now. That will change with the show at the Leopold Museum: Including works of top-class artists the exhibition "Naked Men" spans the period from the Enlightenment in the 18th century until the present, supplemented by important reference works from ancient Egypt, Greek vase painting and works from the Renaissance. The presentation will show **different artistic approaches** to the subject, competing ideas of the ideal male model as well as changes in the concept of beauty, body image and values.

Beginning with Ancient Greece as a standard and a pretense for later sexually explicit images, the exhibition then addresses the depiction of bathing men at the end of the 19th century. Another focus is on the nude self-portraits of the Expressionists **Egon Schiele** and **Richard Gerstl** as well as the change in the perception of naked men after 1945.

On display are works by Albrecht Dürer, Peter Paul Rubens, Paul Cézanne, Auguste Rodin, Gustav Klimt, Edvard Munch, Giovanni Giacometti, Egon Schiele, Maria Lassnig, Andy Warhol, Alfred Hrdlicka, Günter Brus, Robert Mapplethorpe, Keith Haring, Heimo Zobernig and others.

**October 19, 2012 - January 28, 2013**

[www.leopoldmuseum.org/](http://www.leopoldmuseum.org/)

<http://www.leopoldmuseum.org/>

## 25 years of Wien Modern

**The Wien Modern festival turns the city into an international platform for current developments on the art scene from 22 October to 16 November. New music, including original performances and premieres, can be heard at sixteen performance venues: from the Konzerthaus to the Musikverein to the Theater an der Wien.**

Wien Modern is celebrating its **25th season in 2012**. The festival offers a broad platform for the many current forms of music and links these with dance, performance, the visual arts, film and video.

The **opening at Theater an der Wien** is dedicated to the **composer Olga Neuwirth**, who is represented with numerous works in the anniversary season. Another focal point is dedicated to the exceptional artist **John Cage**. Festival co-founder Lothar Knessel is responsible for a special **anniversary concert series**.

Wien Modern gathers the **most important ensembles of New Music** in Austria and plays in concert halls and auditoriums **across Vienna**. The Wien Modern StudioNights in Café Heumarkt, the **festival lounge, are legendary**.



**New music** is sometimes perceived as being a bit puzzling. However, active debate can make the unusual comprehensible. The Wien Modern festival is an **invitation to familiarize oneself** with the music that is being composed today. Discussions are held in a series of talks, while interested individuals are introduced to the music of the present day in workshops.

**22 October - 16 November 2012**

16 performance venues across Vienna

Program, information, tickets: [www.wienmodern.at](http://www.wienmodern.at)

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