

December 2015

„Our unique Hotel Austria ADVENT WREATH!“



Last week, Mrs REYHAN and Mr RICHARD were particularly busy creating our very **special and unique Advent Wreath** in time for the first Sunday of advent. With a diameter of TWO (!) metres around our fountain in the dining room, there is none like it across all of Vienna.

This year, new colours were chosen - **stylish silver and white** which contrast beautifully with the green of the pine boughs. In the warm glow of the first candle - which has already been lit - and all the other decorations in the house of Mrs TAO DU and Mrs KHOON, the run-up to Christmas at HOTEL AUSTRIA is well under way.



„53rd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (!!) - of particularly loyal guests from Switzerland!“

WHAT a jubilee - these days, they have become very rare indeed!

Mrs Adelheid and Mr Ruedi Aregger from Switzerland, have not only been **very special and particularly loyal guests** at HOTEL AUSTRIA for **more than 13 years!** But they both celebrated **their 53rd (!!) wedding anniversary a few days ago in our hotel!**

They are both **ENERGETIC** and very **ACTIVE** every day, always **CURIOUS**, **CHEERFUL** and in **GOOD** spirits - bonding qualities for a lifetime of happiness! **TOGETHER** with our jubilee couple, we were privileged to raise a glass of sparkling wine on the occasion of their anniversary!



Once again our **VERY BEST WISHES** FOR YOUR 53rd (!!) WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

„The Christ Child has come slightly earlier this year....“

...and lets our breakfast room **shine in a special glow** in time for Christmas. Allow yourself to be dazzled - not only has our advent wreath **colour been redesigned**, the breakfast room itself will very soon **CHANGE** its appearance!

You can read more about this in the winter issue of our newsletter.



„Current and upcoming EVENTS in Vienna in November 2015“



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...

New Year's Eve 2015/16 in Vienna



At the change of year, the whole of Vienna is given over to partying and dancing. The New Year's Eve Trail in the Old City is the highlight. A great ambience can be enjoyed as much at a gala dinner or festive ball as it can at a concert, the opera, in a hip club or a sophisticated bar.

Superb exhibitions and a dazzling array of events, concerts, operas, operettas and the hit musicals "Mary Poppins" and "Mozart!" promise a New Year's Eve program brimming with excitement throughout the day and night.

On December 31, Vienna's old city center transforms into a giant party zone: From 2 p.m. in the afternoon to 2 a.m. the following morning, top entertainment is guaranteed by the New Year's Eve Trail in the city center, at City Hall Square and in the Prater. Along the **New Year's Eve Trail**, dozens of gastronomes serve you punch and culinary treats. Numerous stations provide entertainment with a show program, waltzes, an operetta, rock, pop and folk music as well as a DJ line-up. Especially popular is the classical area on Graben. The Vienna Dance Schools offer crash courses in the waltz on Stephansplatz. A large **firework display** will be held on City Hall Square and in the Prater at midnight.

A unique New Year's atmosphere can also be enjoyed on a boat trip along the Danube, at the New Year's Eve Ball at the Hofburg Vienna (Imperial 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.

Joseph Cornell's "Fernweh"



The next retrospective of a modern master in the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna will be an exhibition of Joseph Cornell's work.

Joseph Cornell (1903-1972) was one of the most original and influential sculptors, painters and experimental film-makers of the 20th century. His works had far-reaching influence on subsequent generations of American artists - from Robert Rauschenberg to Jasper Johns and Andy Warhol. Although he never left the USA, he had an unbelievable knowledge of the world, especially of Europe. The exhibition entitled "Fernweh" shows his

familiarity with European culture and history as well as his "relationship" with many important European personalities.

The show in the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna (KHM) presents more than 80 of his works: collages, films, objects and above all many of his famous, artistically constructed "boxes". As a passionate collector, Cornell created his own collection of curiosities - as emperors and kings had done before. That's why a special display case containing objects of Cornell will also be on display in the Kunstkammer of the KHM in order to emphasize this relationship. Cornell's objects come from antique stores, flea markets, junk shops or were found as flotsam and jetsam. Cornell used the arrangements of these objects in an attempt to capture how the universe functions and what was going on in the minds of the most important personalities in the fields of natural sciences, literature, visual art, theater and music.

On 11 and 12 November 2015, the Austrian Film Museum presents a comprehensive retrospective of the short films that Cornell made between 1935 and the 1960s. Cornell is considered a pioneer of Found Footage cinema and also one of the most secretive figures of New American Cinema in the post-war era.

Joseph Cornell: Fernweh, 20 October 2015 - 10 January 2016

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Guide to happiness



Graphic designer Stefan Sagmeister shows what makes people happy with the help of videos, prints, sculptures and installations in the MAK.

Stefan Sagmeister left nothing out when putting the exhibition together: his search for the ultimate happiness led from meditation to cognitive therapy and the taking of mood-enhancing medications. He processed his experiences into the "Happy Show", which can be seen at the MAK. The whole building on the Ringstrasse is involved - from the Hall of Columns

and the MAK Design Laboratory to the staircases, elevators and even the toilets.

Videos, prints, informational graphics and sculptures document Sagmeister's experiments on himself. Interactive stations invite visitors to join in: they can push buttons, draw happiness symbols on strips of paper, sample the artist's favorite chocolate and get neon logos glowing on an interactive bicycle. The theme of Sagmeister's exhibition is a colorful pallet of parameters for happiness, such as religion, money, marriage, sex and the relationship between the number of sexual partners and the degree of satisfaction.

Hailing from Bregenz, he is one of the most important international graphic designers of our time and currently lives and works in New York.

Stefan Sagmeister: The Happy Show, 28 October 2015 - 28 March 2016

MAK - Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art

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