

## MAY 2017

### Our city-bikes are ready to roll!

„Our hotel AUSTRIA - CITY BIKES are again ready to roll!“

Do YOU also want to visit and **get to know Vienna** by "having fun whilst getting fit at the same time"? Our **comfortable high-tech CITY BIKES** are eagerly waiting for new "RIDES"!



- **„THROUGH THE CITY“**  
(Passing St. Stephen's Cathedral, the moat, the Vienna State Opera...!)
- **„AROUND THE RING“**  
(All sights on the ring road...!)
- **„DANUBE BIKE PATH“**  
(from the City up to the National Park Donau-Auen/Lobau...!)
- **„VIENNA VALLEY BIKE PATH“**  
(From the Naschmarkt to Schönbrunn Palace, and perhaps further...!)

Our bicycles can be hired for a half or whole day. Our front desk staff will be glad to take your reservation, and will also provide you with a helmet and cycling map, and help you plan your tour.

## „NEW FITTINGS for BATHTUBS, SHOWERS, and SINKS!“

Our PROFESSIONAL in-house technician, **Mr SASA** has been installing new, **PREMIUM FITTINGS** in our bathrooms for the last few weeks.

Components with **upscale design, the latest technology, and most importantly, the highest quality** are being fitted **for your CONVENIENCE...**



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## ONCE AGAIN: „Mr PHILIPP - Our MARATHON Runner!“



Last year, our night receptionist **Mr Philipp** FELT the **Reichsbrücke**, the **Prater Hauptallee**, the **Viennese Ringstraße**, the **Heldenplatz**, and the **Hofburg** beneath his running shoes!

Between exams at the University, scientific pursuits AND nightshifts, Mr Philipp has somehow found the time to train...

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your **SECOND HALF-MARATHON, Mr Philipp!!**

**Especially considering** your new **PERSONAL BEST!**

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„IN SSL WE TRUST!“

**We have** acquired an **SSL certificate** for our **website!**

While **SSL** may really stand for “**Secure Sockets Layer**”, it can also be interpreted as “**Safe Surfing Lane**”.

Not only do we guarantee the best room rates for **DIRECT BOOKINGS** via **OUR website** – we also offer **MAXIMUM SECURITY** for your communications!

**Any** incoming request is **encrypted** and receives a quasi-**digital fingerprint** through this certificate!



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„Current and upcoming **EVENTS** in Vienna in May 2017“

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...

# Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert

**The Vienna Philharmonic, conductor Christoph Eschenbach and soprano Renée Fleming invite you to enjoy musical delights in Schönbrunn Palace park on 25 May. Admission is free!**



At the Summer Night Concert, the Vienna Philharmonic play open-air in Schönbrunn Palace park and to the familiar high standard. What is unusual is that they play this concert, held each year since 2004, with free admission: it is a way for the famous ensemble to give around 100,000 visitors and the global TV audience a special experience.

Like every year, the guest conductor and soloists grace the concert with their participation. The baton for the 2017 Summer Night Concert is held by the German conductor and pianist **Christoph Eschenbach**. At his side for the Summer Night Concert in Schönbrunn: the internationally successful American soprano and opera diva **Renée Fleming**.

## Program

- **Antonín Dvorák:** Carnival. Overture, op. 92 // "Za štíhlou gazelou", Aria of Armida from "Armida", op. 115 // Song to the Moon from "Rusalka"
- **Peter Iljitsch Tschaikowsky:** Adagio. Pas d'action and Waltz from "Sleeping Beauty" Suite, op. 66a, No. 2
- **Sergej Rachmaninow:** Sumerki (Twilight), op. 21, No. 3 // Ne poy, krasavitsa, pri mne (Sing not to me, beautiful maiden), op. 4, No. 4 // Vesenniye vodi (Spring waters), op. 14, No. 11
- **Engelbert Humperdinck:** Prelude to "Hansel und Gretel"
- **John Williams:** Hedwig's Theme from "Harry Potter"
- **Igor Strawinsky:** Danse infernale, Berceuse and Finale from "L'Oiseau de feu" ("The Firebird"). Ballett Suite

**Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert Schönbrunn 2017, 25 May 2017, 8.30 pm**

Alternative date in case of bad weather: 26 May 2017

Admission is free, no reservations required

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

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## Music Festival in the Konzerthaus



**The International Music Festival in the Konzerthaus offers a great selection of diverse musical moments starting on 7 May 2017. One element of the festival focuses on the work of Pierre Boulez. Also at the event are classical stars such as soprano Anja Harteros, baritone Gerald Finley, violin virtuoso Joshua Bell, pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard and organist Cameron Carpenter.**

A top-class festival is held at the Wiener Konzerthaus every two years: The International Music Festival, now in its 38th year, with over 40 events and a festival within the festival.

Fourteen concerts are dedicated to the French composer and conductor Pierre Boulez, who died in 2016 - almost all of his works will therefore be performed. Boulez felt a particular sense of attachment to the Konzerthaus all his life - he was a guest here on 41 occasions and provided audiences with some unforgettable moments. The opening concert of the Music Festival with works by Boulez and Smetana is played by the Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Daniel Barenboim.

Great musical variety is reflected in the rest of the program: In addition to symphonic works ranging from Debussy to Mahler and Brahms (interpreted amongst others by the Wiener Symphoniker), chamber music can also be heard, such as a Early Music by Jordi Savall and his ensemble Hespèrion XXI. Virtuoso soloist and song evenings can be experienced, including with the soprano Anja Harteros, baritone Gerald Finley, pianists Rudolf Buchbinder and Pierre-Laurent Aimard as well as the unconventional organist Cameron Carpenter.

To mark the 200th anniversary of the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (mdw), the Aufspiel festival will be held on 15 June: Music will be made in all rooms and foyers of the Wiener Konzerthaus at 40 fabulous performances. Outstanding artists will be there, such as a Franz Welser-Möst, mdw graduate Elisabeth Kulman, the brass band Mnozil Brass as well as highly talented students of the mdw. – A brilliant festival with the stars of today and tomorrow.

**38th International Musical Festival, 7 May - 23 June 2017**

# Vienna Festival 2017



**From 12 May, the Vienna Festival will be showing five weeks of contemporary stage art: 44 productions from 28 countries - above all performances, as well as musical theater, drama, dance and a new club culture element. Jude Law brings Hollywood flair.**

The first Vienna Festival edition of the new artistic director Tomas Zierhofer-Kin serves up a brand new program and new performance venues. He brings lots of different genres and artists to Vienna and aims at "merging performance, music, visual art and theater into a spaceship of art that connects the past and future to each other."

The Vienna Festival gets under way at Vienna's City Hall Square on 12 May. The free open-air concert has delighted thousands of people year after year and is broadcast around the world. Mistress of ceremonies and hostess of the musical show is Conchita.

In duets and unusual arrangements, together with the orchestra Wiener Symphoniker, Conchita meets some of Vienna's most interesting musicians:

- Harri Stojka
- Lylit
- Molden/Resetarits/Soyka/Wirth
- MoZuluArt
- Russkaja
- Yasmo & die Klangkantine.

The three new elements include the discourse section "Academy of Unlearning", offering talks and activities with free admission.

The second element, the "Performeum", presents different performance genres on an Austrian Federal Railways site in Vienna-Favoriten, including the "House of Realness", which works with queer identity and aesthetics.

Schloss Neugebäude is the stage for "Hyperreality", a small sub-festival for club culture as the third new element. Sounds from the clubs and the electronic scene can be heard here, with guests including Holly Herndon, Merzbow and Forest Swords.

**Vienna Festival 2017, 12 May - 18 June 2017, various venues**

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

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## Symphonic open-air concert

**On 8 May, the Wiener Symphoniker give a festival concert on Heldenplatz: The fifth Festival of Joy. The occasion is the anniversary of the capitulation of the Nazi regime in 1945. Introductory speeches are followed by a select program of music. Admission is free!**



The day of liberation from National Socialism was 72 years ago: The Allied troops had won. The Second World War was finally at an end.

The Wiener Symphoniker, one of Vienna's best orchestras, and the Austrian Mauthausen Committee (MKÖ) extend an invitation - supported by other organizations - to a festival concert on the historical Heldenplatz. Host Katharina Stemberger leads through the program, which also includes speeches and the broadcast of video messages.

The universal language of music, which is at the center of the event, is intended as an expression of the commitment to democracy and freedom in Austria. Ádám Fischer conducts the Wiener Symphoniker. The event is opened with a premiere by Kurt Schwertsik: The Austrian composer created "Hier und Jetzt!" (Here and Now!) specially for the Festival of Joy. This is followed by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy and Ludwig van Beethoven, including the "Ode to Joy" to finish with.

The celebrated Finnish soprano Camilla Nylund has been secured as soloist. The young, prize-winning Viennese violinist Emmanuel Tjeknavorian performs Mendelssohn Bartholdy's violin concerto.

**Festival of Joy 2017, Monday, 8 May 2017, 7.30 pm**

Admission is free! Held whatever the weather.

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

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# Genussfestival



**At the beginning of May, the Vienna Stadtpark will be turned into a place of epicurean delights: The "Genussfestival" will be a showcase for select culinary specialties from Austria.**

Escargots and wine from Vienna, gray poppyseed oil from the Waldviertel, Carinthian honey, saffron from the Wachau,

spicy cheese from Vorarlberg: At the Vienna Culinary Festival from 12 to 14 May 2017, Austria's best food producers and small manufactories invite you to enjoy and taste specialties in one of the city's most attractive parks. The 190 exhibitors in the park will be joined by numerous organic products in the "Origin Marquee" and tasting sessions offered directly by agricultural producers. A chef also serves up tasty treats in the marquee. The Culinary Festival is being held for the tenth time in 2017.

## **Genussfestival. 12-14 May 2017**

Fr 11.00 am - 9.00 pm, Sa 10.00 am - 9.00 pm, Su 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Free admission

[www.genuss-festival.at](http://www.genuss-festival.at)