

Vienna: Mozart, Strauss and DJ Sounds

Night after night in Vienna, music fans are treated to live classical music. The Vienna concert schedule includes thousands of events of various sizes and genres over the course of the year. No other city has been home to so many composers – Mozart, Mahler, Haydn, Beethoven and Johann Strauss, the Waltz King, all worked in the city. The Vienna Philharmonic and the Vienna BoysChoir set a world-leading benchmark, while the State Opera House and the Golden Hall at the Musikverein are among the world's leading venues. Traditional strengths endure to this day – the electronic sound pioneered by local musicians and leading DJs enjoys worldwide popularity.

Vienna is the world capital of music: the New Year's Concert by the Wiener Philharmoniker thrills millions of TV viewers in over 90 countries each year. The Vienna Boys' Choir, which has its own concert hall called "MuTh" in the Augarten, celebrates its success on every continent. And the Wiener Symphoniker causes a sensation. Vienna has two world class concert halls, the Musikverein and the Konzerthaus. The city is also the ideal setting for a high-caliber range of festivals covering everything from ancient music at Resonanzen to contemporary compositions at Wien Modern. The Vienna Festival and the Summer Nights concert by the Vienna Philharmonic are among the other highlights of the annual program. The stars of tomorrow can be seen at 1,300 events of the mdw – University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna – one of the best music universities in the world.

The world-famous Vienna State Opera offers performances 300 nights a year and a different billing virtually every day. The Theater an der Wien has established a name for itself as “the other” venue for opera and is noted for premieres of compositions ranging from the baroque to the contemporary. The Volksoper presents classic operas, lively operettas and countless musicals in German. Fans of musicals can look forward to “Rock Me Amadeus – The Falco Musical” in the Ronacher Theater, as well as “Rebecca” in the Raimund Theater and “The Phantom of the Opera” from March 2024. Summertime entertainment is celebrated every evening on the square in front of the City Hall - with free music films and a wide range of culinary delights.

Numerous music festivals are dedicated to specific genres just waiting to be discovered: the Accordion Festival presents the amazing diversity of the instrument, Vienna Blues Spring is the world's longest-running blues festival, the Africa Days present world music, and Wien im Rosenstolz the Wienerlied. The KlezMore Festival is all about Jewish klezmer music, the Vienna Jazzfloor invites visitors to 130 concerts in nine of the city's clubs, while Voice Mania is totally committed to a-cappella music.

Such creative musical surroundings make Vienna a hotbed for contemporary musicians. Clubs such as Fluc, Pratersauna and Grelle Forelle play the electronic sound of local musicians such as Ogris Debris and HVOB, who also cause a sensation around the world. The musical styles are more diverse than ever:with Bilderbuch, Wanda and Co., a new generation of German-language pop has become established.

The pop festival brings the latest trends in Austrian music to the stage on Karlsplatz. The soundtrack for the Gürtel Nightwalk is laid down by bands at the vanguard of the indie and electronic

scene. The Danube Island Festival, Europe's largest open-air festival with free admission, pulls in well over two million visitors each year with acts from a host of genres on the billing. Vienna's club festival Waves Vienna presents more than 100 live acts ranging from alternative to electronic to Rock over three days. www.vienna.info

“Music” facts and figures

- Vienna State Opera: a different billing on 300 evenings every year, attendance rate of 86 % (Source: www.bundestheater.at/de/holding/zahlen-im-uberblick/)
- New Year's Concert by the Vienna Philharmonic: millions of TV viewers in 90 countries (Source: www.wienerphilharmoniker.at)
- The Vienna Boys Choir is the oldest boys choir in the world (founded in 1498) and was added to UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list in 2017. 100 active Viennese choristers make up four concert choirs that perform in front of almost half a million people at roughly 300 events every year. (Source: wsk.at/ueber_uns/biografie)
- The mdw – University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna holds fourth place in the QS University Ranking 2023. (Source: www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2022/performing-arts)
- The only preserved Viennese residence of Mozart in the Mozarthaus Vienna
- No other city was home to so many composers: Mozart, Mahler, Haydn, Beethoven, Strauss, Schubert ...
- Most successful German-language musical "Elisabeth", with a total audience of 11 million in twelve countries. (Source: Vereinigte Bühnen Wien (United Stages Vienna), www.musicalvienna.at/de/spielplan-und-tickets/spielplan/production/919/ELISABETH-Konzertante-Auffuehrung)
- Curiosity of the Viennese song: Vienna is the only city with its own musical genre
- Danube Island Festival: Europe's biggest music festival with free admission (Source: www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20220525_OTS0130/alles-zum-dif22-4-areas-14-inseln-11-buehnen-600-stunden-acts)
- Film Festival at Vienna's Rathausplatz: Europe's biggest culture and food festival with more than 750,000 visitors annually. (Source: www.filmfestival-rathausplatz.at)
- ImPulsTanz: Europe's biggest festival for contemporary dance (Source: www.impulstanz.com/)
- 2,000 hours of dancing enjoyment each year at 450 balls during Vienna's ball season. Source: Austrian Economic Chamber, www.wko.at/wien/news/ballsaison-2023--die-liebe-zu-den-baellen-bleibt-auf-hohem-ni)
- 640 bars, dance clubs and discos. (Source: Austrian Economic Chamber, Annual Statistics for 2022 : wko.at/statistik/BranchenFV/)