



Mediaservice "Summa Cum Laude" Youth Music Festival 6th to 11th of July 2018, <u>www.sclfestival.org</u>

12th Summa Cum Laude Festival: A festival bridging the continents with music

Europe's largest international youth music festival for choirs, orchestras and symphonic bands will be held under the patronage of the Austrian Federal President and the Austrian Commission for UNESCO for the eleventh time from the 6th to the 11th of July 2018 in the most beautiful concert venues in Vienna and its surrounding regions.

Almost 1.500 young musicians from all over the world make the SCL Festival one of the most important festivals of its kind in Europe. During 5 days a huge variety of orchestras, choirs and symphonic bands will perform in Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland, as well as in the neighbouring countries Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Italy and Germany.

Musikverein, Konzerthaus and MuTh – high profile venues

The musical youth of the world will present itself to the Central European audience at more than a dozen venues, including Vienna's most important musical and cultural institutions: Musikverein, Konzerthaus, House of Music, St. Stephan's Cathedral, MuTh the Wiener Prater and for the first time on the summerstage of Langenlois castle.

The guests will be welcomed to Austria and Vienna in Vienna's landmark, St. Stephen's Cathedral, where the groups from all over the world will be introduced to each other. A special emphasis will be on the concert series in the MuTh - the concert hall of the Vienna Boys' Choir. From the 7th to the 9th of July concerts will be staged during the entire day at the perfectly equipped concert hall of the MuTh. The pairwise performing choirs, orchestras and bands come from Australia, Canada, Philippines, Singapur, China, Chinese Taipei, Israel and several European countries and promise highly inspiring concerts. The visit of the MuTh concerts - nestled in the green oasis of the Viennese Augarten - is an excellent opportunity for visitors to experience the festival in all its diversity. The young participants will also take part in special workshops at the University of Music and Performing Arts, taught by renowned music educators.

Competition in the Golden Hall with International Juries

The 7th and the 8th of July are characterized by the musical competition in the Golden Hall of the Vienna Musikverein. The juries who evaluate the winners in the four categories of choirs, orchestras, special ensembles and symphonic bands come from several nations and consist of renowned experts.

Final concert at the Vienna Konzerthaus

Tuesday, July the 10th at 5 pm will see one of the highlights of the festival: the prize-winners from all categories of the competition will show off their skills in a colourful and unique musical event on the stage of the Great Hall of the Vienna Konzerthaus – a concert which is unique even in the musical capital of Vienna.

In a festive ceremony the young musicians will finally be seen off with lasting impressions of the cultural diversity of Vienna.

More information:

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