



**Summa Cum Laude**  
International Youth Music Festival Vienna



**Mediaservice "Summa Cum Laude" Youth Music Festival**  
1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2016, [www.sclfestival.org](http://www.sclfestival.org)

## **10<sup>th</sup> Summa Cum Laude Festival: Big anniversary for a festival bridging the continents with music**

Austria'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 tenth time from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 in the most beautiful concert venues in Vienna and its surrounding regions.

Around 1.300 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 and the Czech Republic.

### **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 and Vienna City Hall.

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.

This year a special emphasis will be on the concert series in the MuTh - the concert hall of the Vienna Boys' Choir. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Singapore, Japan, China 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 "Grammy" winner Erwin Ortner**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, such as "Grammy Award" winner Erwin Ortner.

### **Final concert at the Vienna Konzerthaus, farewell in the Vienna City Hall**

Tuesday, July the 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 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 colorful 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 in the festival hall of the Vienna City Hall the young musicians will finally be seen off with lasting impressions of the cultural diversity of Vienna.

## **Knowledge Adventure: Mobile Filming**

One of the many highlights of the festival will be a workshop held together by the Vienna Forum for Educational Exchange and an international Team of TV experts where participants will learn the essentials of filmmaking. With their newly acquired knowledge the brand-new filmmakers will immediately start producing.

### **More information:**

Contact: [office@sclfestival.org](mailto:office@sclfestival.org)

Official homepage: [www.sclfestival.org](http://www.sclfestival.org)

All Vienna concerts: [www.sclfestival.org/concerts2016.htm](http://www.sclfestival.org/concerts2016.htm)

SCL-Logo and pictures: [www.sclfestival.org/press\\_logos.htm](http://www.sclfestival.org/press_logos.htm)

Impressions (3 min. music film): [www.sclfestival.org/impressions.htm](http://www.sclfestival.org/impressions.htm)

Links to the concerts:

Gala Winner's Concert: <https://konzerthaus.at/konzert/eventid/54076>

MuTh Konzerte: [http://www.muth.at/programm/?show\\_id=854](http://www.muth.at/programm/?show_id=854)