

Press release:

The 2021 Salzburg Easter Festival: new dates and programme

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2 April - 5 April: Christian Thielemann, Anna Netrebko, Antonio Pappano

The 2021 Salzburg Easter Festival is scheduled to take place on Easter weekend. Christian Thielemann, the Artistic Director of the renowned Festival, and Nikolaus Bachler, the new Intendant in Salzburg, have put together a new programme in which many of the long-announced artists will be presenting a variety of works in partly new constellations.

Three concerts under the baton of Christian Thielemann

'Our top priority was to defy the virus and to use our music to send out a powerful signal to the world', says Christian Thielemann. He will be opening the Easter weekend with Mozart's Requiem. He will also be conducting the Staatskapelle Dresden in a concert with music by Edvard Grieg and Ludwig van Beethoven, and in a Gala Evening with Anna Netrebko, Golda Schultz and Yusif Eyvazov.

'For several months now', says Nikolaus Bachler, 'we have been in consultation with the relevant authorities and with the representatives of our supporting institutions, Mayor Harald Preuner and Wilfried Haslauer, Governor of the federal province of Salzburg. We were faced with several problems, such as entry regulations and issues of how to rehearse. I am especially delighted that we have now found a way forward after all, and have conceived a Festival programme that is in part quite new, and of which we are hopeful that it will go ahead'. As was already decided last November, a limited number of the 2,000 tickets available per performance will be sold, in order to maintain the current distance rules.

The programme in overview

Good Friday, April 2, Choral Concert: Christian Thielemann and the **Staatskapelle Dresden** will open the Salzburg Easter Festival with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem in d minor (K. 626). **The Bachchor Salzburg** will sing alongside the soloists **Golda Schultz, Szilvia Vörös, Sebastian Kohlhepp** and **Alexander Tsymbalyuk**.

Easter Saturday, April 3, Orchestral Concert Thielemann: Denis Matsuev, one of the most in-demand pianists of his generation, will play Edvard Grieg's Piano A minor Concerto. The same concert, under the baton of **Christian Thielemann**, will include Ludwig van Beethoven's Eroica.

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Easter Sunday, April 4, Orchestral Concert Pappano: On Easter Sunday, the Easter Festival will welcome **Sir Antonio Pappano** to the podium of the **Staatskapelle**. He will conduct Maurice Ravel's *Ma mère l'oye* and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 2 in C major. **Hilary Hahn** will play Mozart's A-major Violin Concerto.

Easter Monday, April 5, Gala Concert: The Easter Festival will with a Gala Concert featuring **Anna Netrebko**, **Golda Schultz** and **Yusif Eyvazov**, who were supposed to sing in Puccini's Turandot. They will be joined by the **Staatskapelle Dresden**, once more under the baton of **Christian Thielemann**.

Advance ticket sales

- **Advance bookings for Patrons** are possible with immediate effect, until 26 February with an e mail to karten@ofs-sbg.at, or phone +43 / (0)662/8045-361.
- **Individual tickets** may be bought by e mail and telephone as of 2 March. The **Webshop** will also go online on this date.
- As of 15 March, tickets can be bought **directly at the Ticket Office** at Herbert-von-Karajan-Platz 11.

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