

Press Release of the Salzburg Whitsun Festival

Contract Extended: Cecilia Bartoli remains Artistic Director of the Salzburg Whitsun Festival through 2026



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(SF, 28 August 2020) Cecilia Bartoli will remain Artistic Director of the Salzburg Whitsun Festival through 2026. The agreement extending her contract was signed today by her and the Salzburg Festival's directorate.

"It fills me with great joy to continue our fruitful artistic collaboration with Cecilia Bartoli for the entire duration of my own contract," Artistic Director **Markus Hinterhäuser** emphasized.

"Together with the wonderful team of the Salzburg Festival, we have been able to present outstanding artistic highlights during the past years, and have found an enthusiastic audience for our endeavours. I am delighted to extend our inspiring collaboration with Markus Hinterhäuser for another five years," said **Cecilia Bartoli**, Artistic Director of the Salzburg Whitsun Festival.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Salzburg Whitsun Festival had to be cancelled. With *Roma aeterna*, Cecilia Bartoli focuses the 2021 Salzburg Whitsun Festival on Rome, the Eternal City. Rome inspired poets, composers, film-makers and painters as a multi-faceted metropolis: for 150 years, Rome has been the capital of modern Italy, but has retained its contradictory identities, one of proud splendour and the other of decadence and decay.

The programme of the 2021 Salzburg Whitsun Festival can be found here:

<https://www.salzburgerfestspiele.at/karten/kalender?season=9>

The press kit on the 2021 Whitsun Festival is available here:

<https://www.salzburgerfestspiele.at/presse-2/presstexte>

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