

Press Release of the 2021 Salzburg Festival



Artistic Director Markus Hinterhäuser, Festival President Helga Rabl-Stadler, Siemens General Director Wolfgang Hesoun and the Executive Director of the Salzburg Festival, Lukas Crepaz. Photo: SF/Neumayr/Leo

(SF, 26 July 2021) For at least three years, with an option for two more, Siemens will remain a main sponsor of the Salzburg Festival, i.e. through 2026. The corporation was a project sponsor from 1995 to 1998 and has been a main sponsor since 1999. Support from Siemens enables the Salzburg Festival to offer free access to performances to an extent unique throughout the world. The Siemens Festival>Nights have been the world's largest public screening of classical music since 2002, celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. Approximately one million people have already experienced these broadcasts of historical and current Festival performances on Kapitelplatz free of charge. A wonderful ambiance and a fascinating programme make the Siemens Festival>Nights an annual fixture of the Salzburg Festival summer.

“Sponsors like Siemens guarantee the diversity of the Salzburg Festival’s programming. Especially in economically uncertain times such as these, this new contract gives us financial stability, and the Siemens Festival>Nights are a gift to opera lovers from around the world,” Festival President Helga Rabl-Stadler expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Directorate.



20-year anniversary of the Siemens>Festival>Nights: Christoph Takacs (ORF State Director for Salzburg), Festival President Helga Rabl-Stadler, Siemens General Director Wolfgang Hesoun and Jan Mojto (Managing Director of Unitel). Photo: SF/Marco Borrelli

After registering for specific seats, visitors can attend the public screenings free of charge between 24 July and 29 August 2021. This year, a novelty awaits, the Siemens Breakfast>Concert: every Saturday at 10 am, selected concerts of the Salzburg Festival will be shown and can be accompanied by breakfast at the restaurant tent. Children and teenagers have the possibility of experiencing a colourful mix of child-appropriate operas and ballets during the Siemens Children's>Festival. The Siemens Festival>Nights are presented by the Salzburg Festival, Siemens Austria, UNITEL and ORF Salzburg.

Four productions from the current Festival programme will be shown:

- The Vienna Philharmonic under Andris Nelsons on 14 August, 10 am
- *Don Giovanni* on 15 August, 8 pm
- The Vienna Philharmonic under Christian Thielemann on 21 August, 10 am
- musicAeterna 1 under Teodor Currentzis, 28 August, 10 am

The broadcast series begins on 24 July with Hannes Rossacher's film *Jedermann Remixed*, a performance of Hofmannsthal's classic which never took place in this form: splicing various recordings from several decades, the result resembles a jigsaw of cultural history, with protagonists ranging from Alexander Moissi to Nicholas Ofczarek. *Jedermann* will also be featured on four further evenings, specifically the 1983, 2004, 2013 and 2020 productions.

The programme offers something for every imaginable taste: for example, there is Richard Strauss' *Elektra* from the past Festival summer, *Salome* (2018), *L'Italiana in Algeri* (2018), *Orphée aux enfers* by Jacques Offenbach and Verdi's *Aida* of 2017.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* will be shown in three different productions – from 2018, 1997 and 1991.

Festival history is revived with Karajan's production of Bizet's *Carmen* of 1967.

The Siemens Festival>Nights end on 29 August with an Anna Netrebko special, when the audience may vote for its favourite among five opera productions.

Due to current regulations, admission is only possible with assigned seating. Seats can now be booked via <https://www.siemens.at/festspielnaechte/de> or <https://tickets.orf.at/>. The “3G rule” applies for admission to the Festival>Nights. Facemasks must be worn during admission until the screening begins and after until you have left the premises.

Further information on the safety measures can be found here:

<https://www.siemens.at/festspielnaechte/en/covid-19-massnahmen.html>