

Vienna: Mozart, Strauss and DJ Sounds

Night after night in Vienna, music fans are treated to live classical music. The Vienna concert schedule includes thousands of events of various sizes and genres over the course of the year. No other city has been home to so many composers – Mozart, Mahler, Haydn, Beethoven and Johann Strauss, the Waltz King, all worked in the city. The Vienna Philharmonic and the Vienna BoysChoir set a world-leading benchmark, while the State Opera House and the Golden Hall at the Musikverein are among the world's leading venues. Traditional strengths endure to this day – the electronic sound pioneered by local musicians and leading DJs enjoys worldwide popularity.

Vienna is the world capital of music: every year, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's New Year's Concert delights 50 million TV viewers in more than 90 countries. The Vienna Boys' Choir, which has its own concert hall called "MuTh" in the Augarten, celebrates its success on every continent. And the Wiener Symphoniker are making quite a name for themselves. The city has two concert halls of international standing, the Vienna Music Society (Musikverein) and the Konzerthaus. The city is also the ideal setting for a high-caliber range of festivals, whether it be ancient music at Resonanzen, contemporary compositions at Wien Modern, the Vienna Festival or the Summer Nights concert by the Vienna Philharmonic. The stars of tomorrow can be seen at 1,300 events of the mdw – University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna – one of the best music universities in the world.

The world-famous Vienna State Opera offers performances 300 nights a year and a different billing virtually every day. The MusikTheater an der Wien has established a name for itself as "the other" venue for opera and is noted for premieres of compositions ranging from the baroque to the contemporary. The Volksoper presents classic operas, lively operettas and countless musicals in German. Fans of musicals can also enjoy "Rock Me Amadeus – The Falco Musical" at the Ronacher and "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Raimund Theater. Summertime entertainment is celebrated every evening on the square in front of the City Hall - with free music films and a wide range of culinary delights.

Numerous music festivals are dedicated to specific genres just waiting to be discovered: The Accordion Festival presents the amazing diversity of the instrument, Vienna Blues Spring is the world's longest-running blues festival, the Africa Days present world music, and Wien im Rosenstolz the Wienerlied. The KlezMore Festival is all about Jewish klezmer music, the Vienna Jazzfloor invites visitors to 130 concerts in nine of the city's clubs, while Voice Mania is totally committed to a-cappella music.

Such a musical and creative atmosphere is an ideal breeding ground for contemporary music: clubs such as Flucc, Pratersauna and Grelle Forelle play the electronic sounds of local musicians such as Wolfram, Ogris Debris and HVOB, who are also making waves on the international scene. The musical styles are more diverse than ever: with Bilderbuch, Wanda and Co., a new generation of German-language pop has become established.

The pop festival brings the latest trends in Austrian music to the stage on Karlsplatz. The soundtrack for the Gürtel Nightwalk is laid down by bands at the vanguard of the indie and electronic scene. The Danube Island Festival, Europe's largest open-air festival with free admission, pulls in well over two million visitors each year with acts from a host of genres on the billing. Vienna's club festival

Waves Vienna presents more than 100 live acts ranging from alternative to electronic to Rock over three days. www.vienna.info

“Music” facts and figures

- Vienna State Opera: a different billing on 300 evenings every year, attendance rate of 86 % (Source: www.bundestheater.at/de/holding/zahlen-im-uberblick/)
- Vienna Philharmonic New Year’s Concert: 50 million TV viewers in 91 countries (Source : EBU Report February 2024)
- The Vienna Boys Choir: the oldest boys choir in the world (founded in 1498). The training and choral traditions of the Vienna Boys’ Choir have been inscribed on the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Austria. 100 active Viennese choristers make up four concert choirs that perform in front of almost half a million people at roughly 300 events every year. (Source: [Vienna Boys’ Choir](#))
- The mdw – University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna was ranked fourth in the [QS University Ranking 2023](#).
- The only preserved Viennese residence of Mozart in the Mozarthaus Vienna
- No other city was home to so many composers: Mozart, Mahler, Haydn, Beethoven, Strauss, Schubert ...
- Most successful German-language musical “Elisabeth” with 11 million viewers in twelve countries (Source: [Vereinigte Bühnen Wien](#))
- The unique Wienerlied: Vienna is the only city with its own musical genre
- Vienna Blues Spring: The world’s longest-running blues festival, March 20 to May 31 every year (Source: viennabluesspring.org)
- Danube Island Festival: Europe’s largest open-air festival with free admission (Source: [Danube Island Festival](#))
- Film festival on Rathausplatz: Europe’s largest cultural and culinary festival with more than a hundred thousand visitors every year (Source: www.filmfestival-rathausplatz.at)
- ImPulsTanz: Europe’s biggest festival for contemporary dance (Source: www.impulstanz.com)
- 2,000 hours of dancing enjoyment at 450 balls every year during the Viennese ball season (Source: [Vienna Chamber of Commerce](#))
- 625 bars, dance clubs and discos. (Source: (Source: Vienna Chamber of Commerce, Annual Statistics 2023)