



Innovation and nostalgia

The Sound of Time: The südtirol festival merano . meran 2023

Classical highlights meet the sound of the present, outstanding musicians present unusual interpretations of legendary standards, and the unjustly forgotten is rediscovered and provides surprises. Under the motto "Innovation and Nostalgia", the südtirol festival merano . meran 2023 presents an exquisite and varied programme at attractive venues, where music knows no boundaries.

Anne-Sophie Mutter with her "Virtuosi" (05.09), for example, presents the "black Mozart" Joseph Bologne, spanning an arc of music history from the Baroque masters Bach and Vivaldi to a nonet for two string quartets composed by André Previn for this exceptional ensemble. Schumann's romantic piano concerto can be heard twice this year and yet sounds different on each of the two concert evenings, and **Daniel Hope & Friends** (15.09) juxtapose ballads and dances from Ireland with stylised folk music from the Renaissance and the great repertoire cabinet of the Baroque at Castle Tyrol.

From 24 August to 20 September 2023, the südtirol festival merano . meran offers 26 top concerts. The festival calendar comprises seven "brands" assigned to different locations: the symphonic programme ("classic") in the Kursaal, chamber music in the Pavillon des Fleurs ("matinée classique"), jazz and cross-over projects in the Municipal Theatre and in the Kursaal ("colours"), baroque music in the Palais Mamming and in Merano churches ("barocco"), a cappella concerts ("vox humana"), the "mystica" series and the "young artists portrait" in the castles and churches of the Merano region. In addition, the new format "open theatre" is a free concert as a gift to the city of Merano, as a thank you to a loyal audience - above all - as an invitation to a younger generation to experience music live.

Symphonic music is the heart of the festival. On 24 August, the **Mahler Chamber Orchestra**, conducted by **Daniel Harding**, opens the 38th edition of the festival with **Daniil Trifonov**, praised as "the most incomprehensible piano talent of the past decades". The **Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra** under **Jukka-Pekka Saraste** travels with the young British pianist **Martin James Bartlett** (29.08) and the **Bavarian State Orchestra**, led by General Music Director **Vladimir Jurowski**, brings piano virtuoso **Yefim Bronfman** for its guest performance (07.09).

The **Royal Philharmonic London** performs with its music director **Vasily Petrenko** and violinist **Sergei Krylov** (12.09) and the **Japan National Orchestra** with conductor and pianist **Kyohei Sorita** (18.09) plays a programme ranging from Dimitri Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto to Tchaikovsky's String Serenade. The 2023 season ends with a Nordic concert with **Kristjan Järvi** and the **Baltic Sea Philharmonic** (20.09), in which Igor Stravinsky's dazzling "Firebird" flies boldly and exuberantly through the Kursaal - a rousing musical monument on which the midnight sun casts its dim light.

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